

PrintMe, version 1.2i

Send any file to Print Manager
(for Windows 3.1)
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Printing One File

Owning a much better printer than your friends has its disadvantages. You have to print their very important correspondence that must look striking. They prepare documents on their computers and print to file instead of a printer (which they don't have anyway). Of course the print file is always HUGE.

You can print such a file using a DOS window and typing (for example):
COPY /B TEST.PRN PRN:

Printing in this manner is awfully slow (especially on very good printers, don't ask me why) and life in other windows crawls, no matter how fast your machine is.

Solution: Start PrintMe, select a print file and Print Manager will print it in the background.

That's all. You don't even have to delete the file afterwards, Print Manager does it for you.

Printing All the New Files in a Directory

While a DOS application is printing in a DOS window you can't open another DOS window with another DOS program and another print job.

Solution: Tell PrintMe to watch over a specific directory and when a new file appears in it, send it immediately to the printer. You can redirect printing from every DOS application to this directory. PrintMe will send all new files to Print Manager and printing will be done in the background from all DOS windows.

Installation

The ZIP packet contains the following files:

PRINTME.EXE	The program
PRINTME.HLP	The help file in HLP format
PRINTME.TXT	The help file in TXT format
CMDIALOG.VBX	The library
THREED.VBX	The library

PrintMe also needs the VBRUN300.DLL library. If you don't have it on your disk, you should be able to download it from your nearest BBS.


Extract files from the ZIP packet and copy them to the following directories:

PRINTME.EXE	The directory of your choice
PRINTME.HLP	The same directory as PRINTME.EXE
PRINTME.TXT	You don't need this file
CMDIALOG.VBX	\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory
THREED.VBX	\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory
VBRUN300.DLL	\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory

PrintMe creates the file MAZZ.INI in the WINDOWS directory.

Using PrintMe

Printing One File:

1. Start PrintMe.
2. Choose *File/Choose* from the menu
or click the following icon 
or press CTRL+P.
3. Choose a file from disk. You may choose many files one after another.
4. Wait until the last file is printed, and then quit PrintMe.

Printing All the New Files in the Directory (for the first time):

1. Start PrintMe.
2. Choose the *Options/Open INI* file from the menu.
3. NOTEPAD starts with the file MAZZ.INI loaded.
4. Make the following corrections in the [PrintMe] section:
After WatchDirectory= type in the name of the directory with the print files. Example:
WatchDirectory=c:\TEMP
after Files= type the pattern for print files. Example:
Files=*.prn
Read more about it in the [Settings in the INI file](#).
5. Save the file (*File/Save* from the menu) MAZZ.INI.
6. Choose *Options/Reread INI file* from the menu.
7. Choose *Options/Watch for new files*.
8. The program will keep a lookout for the new files in the specified directory.
You can end its duty with choosing *Options/Watch for new files* again.
9. Wait until the last file is printed and then quit PrintMe.

Printing all new files in the directory:

1. Start PrintMe.
2. Pull down the Options menu and if *Options/Watch for new files* isn't checked, choose it.
3. The program will will watch for new files in the specified directory.

You can end its duty with choosing *Options/Watch for new files* again.

4. Wait until the last file is printed and then quit PrintMe.

Settings in the INI File

The program creates the file MAZZ.INI in the WINDOWS directory when you run it for the first time and inserts the following lines in the PrintMe section:

```
[PrintMe]
Backup= 0
Directory=K:\TEMP
Editor=NOTEPAD.EXE
Watch= 0
WatchDirectory=C:\TEMP
Interval=40
Files=*.prn
```

Explanation:

Backup

0 - the program won't make a backup copy of a file before sending it to the Print Manager; 1 - the program will make backup file with the BAK extension. If you have selected the file 0001.PRN, PrintMe will create its twin 0001.BAK. Print Manager will delete the original, but you will still have the copy.

Directory

Name of the last directory you chose files from.

Editor

Name (and path, if needed) of editor for editing the file MAZZ.INI.

Watch

0 - don't watch for new files; 1 - watch for new files.

WatchDirectory

Name of the directory to watch.

Interval

Time in seconds after two checks in the directory to be watched (60 seconds maximum).

Files

The name (or pattern) of print files.
Usually *.prn.
. prints every file in the directory.

Examples:

1. You would like the program to send all files from C:\PRINT directory to Print Manager and check for new files every 30 seconds:

```
Watch=1
```

```
WatchDirectory=C:\PRINT  
Interval=30  
Files=*.*
```

2. You would like the program to send just the file with the name D:\TEST\MIKE\TEST.PRN to Print Manager. It should check for it every 10 seconds:

```
Watch=1  
WatchDirectory= D:\TEST\MIKE  
Interval=10  
Files=TEST.PRN
```

Rules of the Game

1. Print Manager deletes the file after printing it! PrintMe can make a backup copy. Read more in [Settings in the INI file](#).
2. The program must remain in the memory until the last file is printed. You can minimize it and put it somewhere under the rug (aka Program Manager).
3. Choose only print files and not every file that comes your way. Print files are files in which printing to the printer was redirected.
4. A file can be sent to Print Manager just once during one session with PrintMe. If you already sent TEST.PRN, you can't send it again. If it is really a new and totally different file, quit PrintMe and run it again.
5. This program is for experienced Windows users only!
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