

Printer_PostScript

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Chapter 1

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1.1 Printer: PostScript

ImageFX supports printing to PostScript printers. Most high-resolution printing service bureaus have standardized on the PostScript page description language for printing complex documents. Even though printing bitmapped images as PostScript can take many times longer than other methods, it is still important to provide support for this format.

One of the major reasons to use PostScript is to take advantage of high-resolution printing service bureaus. In such a case, you want to record the printer output into a disk file, rather than send it out one of your computer's I/O ports. When you click the Save button, ImageFX puts up a file requester allowing you to specify a path and a filename for the PostScript code output. This file can then be taken, on disk, to the service bureau or sent via modem. Images prepared as EPS graphics files should also be saved in this fashion.

Since PostScript printing is almost always closely tied to the concept of a page, it may be necessary to tell ImageFX something about the output page format, so that the PostScript code prints correctly. This is particularly true when creating EPS format files. Clicking the Page Setup... button produces the PostScript Page Setup subpanel. Please consult the manual for a detailed description of the various control options in this subpanel.