

How to Create Cheap PDFs

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Introduction

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<http://www.aexx.net/Arcane/doctopdf/>

Unlike Microsoft Office, Corel's Word Perfect Office **DOES** support PDF creation straight out of the box. You can download a 30 day evaluation copy of Word Perfect at

<http://corel.com>

Of course, what started this whole journey into PDF-land was a desire on my part to create PDFs cheaply. So buying a whole new office suite, even if that suite doesn't carry the Microsoft logo, kind of defeats the purpose. There is a different suggestion: use OpenOffice. OpenOffice comes with a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation manager, and a drawing program. The latest version of OpenOffice - OpenOffice 1.1 - even comes with PDF and Macromedia Flash export.

Oh, and OpenOffice is completely free. You can download it at

<http://www.openoffice.org>

If downloading and installing a whole new office suite doesn't sound too appetizing, fear not. There are many other PDF tools we recommend!

For online document conversion (a la Adobe's createpdf.adobe.com), we recommend goBCL at

<http://www.gobcl.com>

and an entirely different Carnegie Mellon's TOM Server at

<http://wheel.compose.cs.cmu.edu:8001/cgi-bin/browse/objweb>

Both services appear to be free, but Carnegie Mellon's can be a bit flaky at times.

If you have Postscript files that you would like to convert to PDFs online, we recommend PS2PDF at

<http://www.ps2pdf.com/convert/index.htm>

If you'd rather download and install a PDF converter on your computer, you have a BUNCH of options. There is a free converter called "Gymnast" at

<http://www.oakworth.demon.co.uk/gymnast.htm>

The registration code is in the yellow box at the top of the page.

And, if you're willing to ditch Windows together [or partition your computer so that you can run multiple operating systems], you can try Mandrake Linux 9.1, it comes with a built-in PDF printer driver. Other flavors of *nix may offer the same features. Check around.

References

Links to PDF Resources:

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