

LF tip: Using Acrobat 7 with kde and kprinter



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Abstract:

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Problem

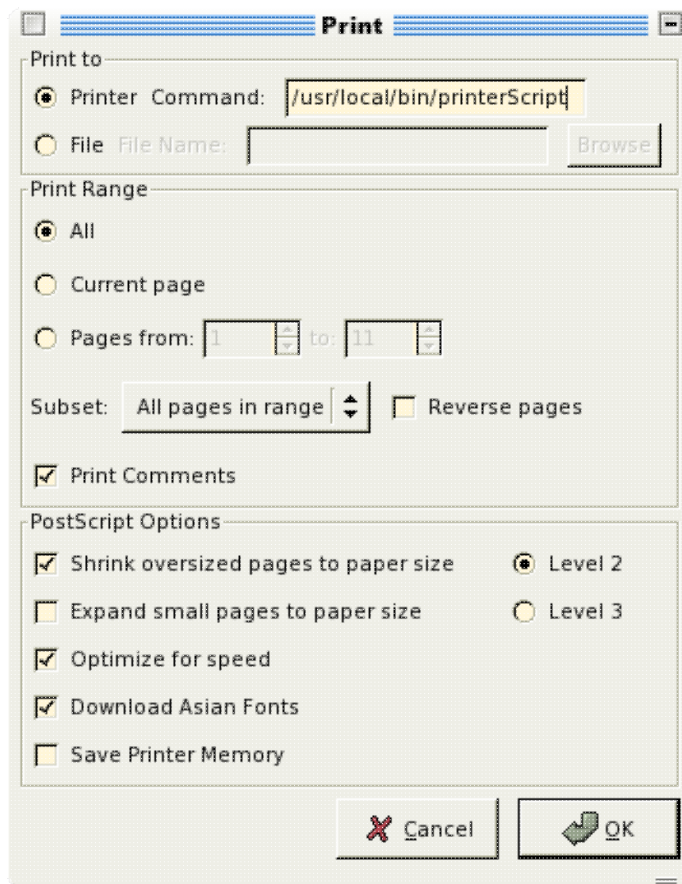
Acrobat 7 is available and is a nice PDF viewer. Unfortunately, when printing it removes the output file before the KDE system (kprinter) has completed the print job.

Solution

Put a script in between which creates a temporary file for the postscript output and removes it afterwards.

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#!/bin/sh
# save this as /usr/local/bin/printerScript
# and make it executable with: chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/printerScript
## create temporary file
tmp="/tmp/postscript-print-$$ps"
[ -f "$tmp" ] && exit 1
## save the file to a new name which will not be deleted by acroread.
## the first argument is the file name of the postscript file
cp "$1" $tmp
## start the KDE printer frontend on this file
kprinter $tmp
## clean up afterwards
rm -f $tmp
##
```

Here is a screenshot of the printer config panel in acroread:



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