

Printing PS Files

QUARK XPRESS 4.11 FOR THE PC

Creating “clean” pdf files requires proper set-up of print drivers as well as print dialog box information. This segment details the proper set-up of print dialog box information when using Quark XPress on the PC. Information on current print drivers, their use and installation can be found on our web site. Use of specified print drivers and ppd’s are to ensure pdf’s are “generic” and don’t contain device specific information that may result in output errors. Correct print dialog box information ensures all necessary information is accurately included when postscript (.ps) files are created. Please review the information on our web site concerning the proper set-up and use of Adobe Acrobat Distiller.

Before creating PS files from your application, double-check these items:

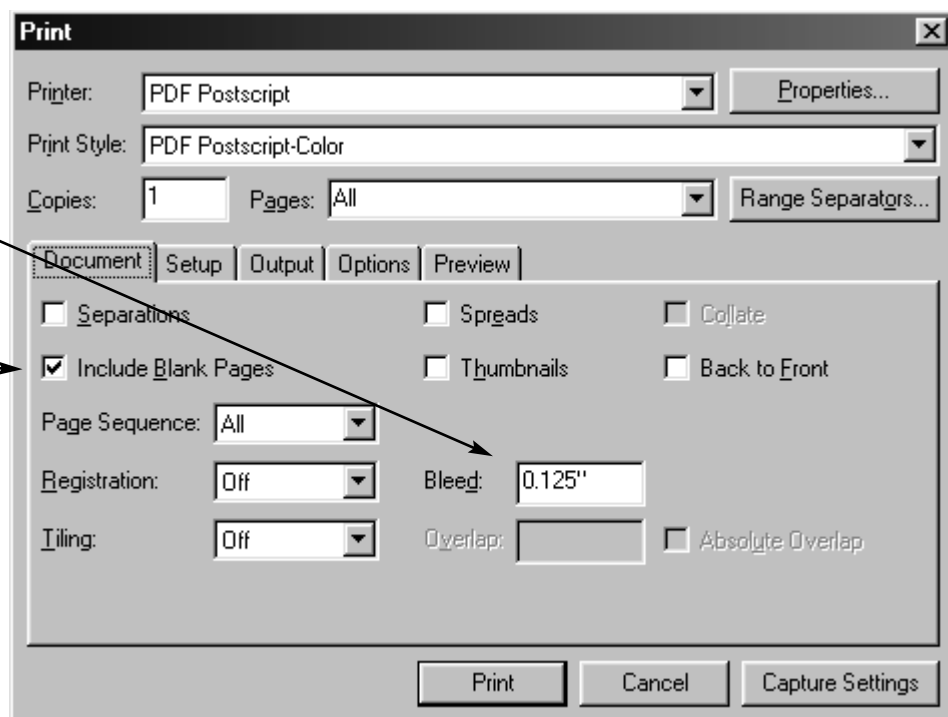
- Make sure that the correct print driver and ppd is installed and currently selected.
- Make sure your document is set to the correct trim size with bleeds extending at least 1/8" beyond trim.
- Make sure fonts are loaded and contain both printer and screen fonts; including fonts used in imported eps graphics.
- Make sure all graphics and images are high resolution and properly linked.
- All grayscale photos must be in grayscale format (not CMYK or RGB).
- Make sure color photos are in CMYK format (not RGB).
- Make sure unused colors have been deleted from the color palette, and all used colors are designated correctly (as spot or process CMYK build, no RGB).

The “Apogee.ppd” is a post script printer description which Bang Printing can provide to you. Although it is not absolutely necessary, it will help to ensure clean and usable postscript files. After receiving this file, the “Apogee.ppd” should be placed along with the other ppd’s used by Quark.

This example is based on a 6x9 4-color document with bleeds.

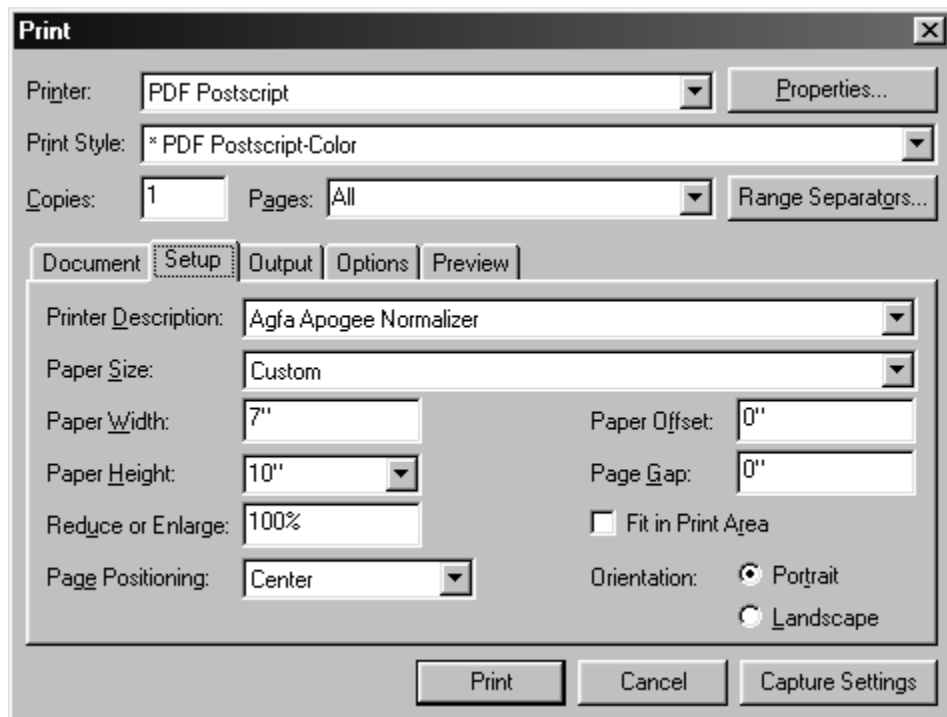
- NOTE: If your project has NO BLEEDS, leave “Registration” set to off.
- If your job HAS BLEEDS, set “Registration” to “Centered.”

- Bleed should be set at .125". (This is OK even if your document does not have elements that bleed.)
- Include Blank Pages must be selected.
- Tiling must be “Off.”

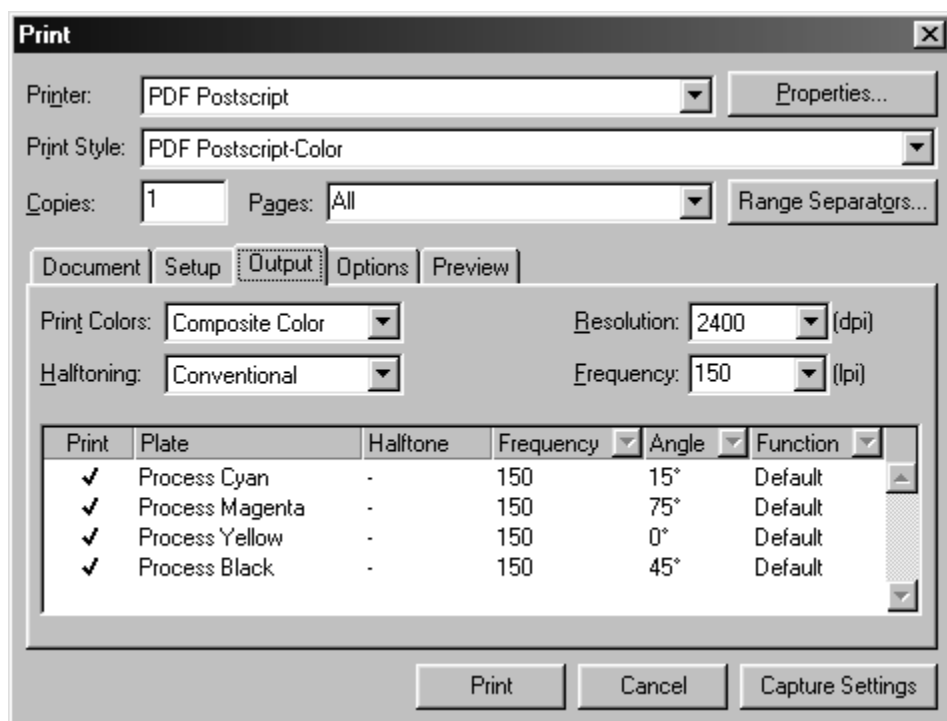


Set all specifications in the Setup tab as shown below with the exception of "Paper Width" and "Paper Height."

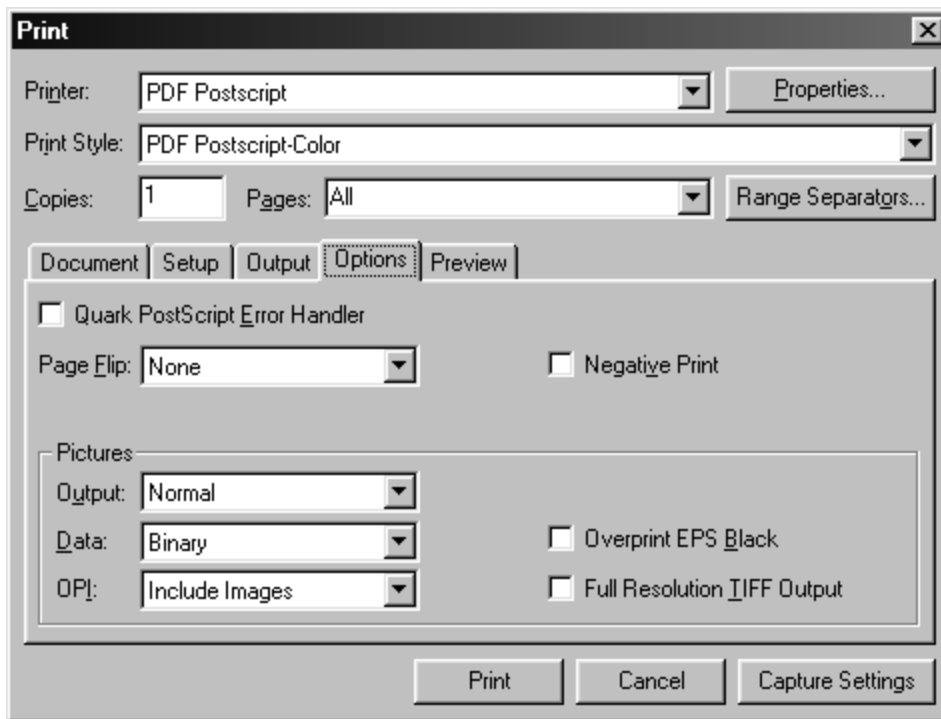
- If your project has NO BLEEDS, set the custom size at exactly the same width and height as the trim size.
- If your job HAS BLEEDS, set the custom size at 1" wider and taller than the actual trim size of your job.



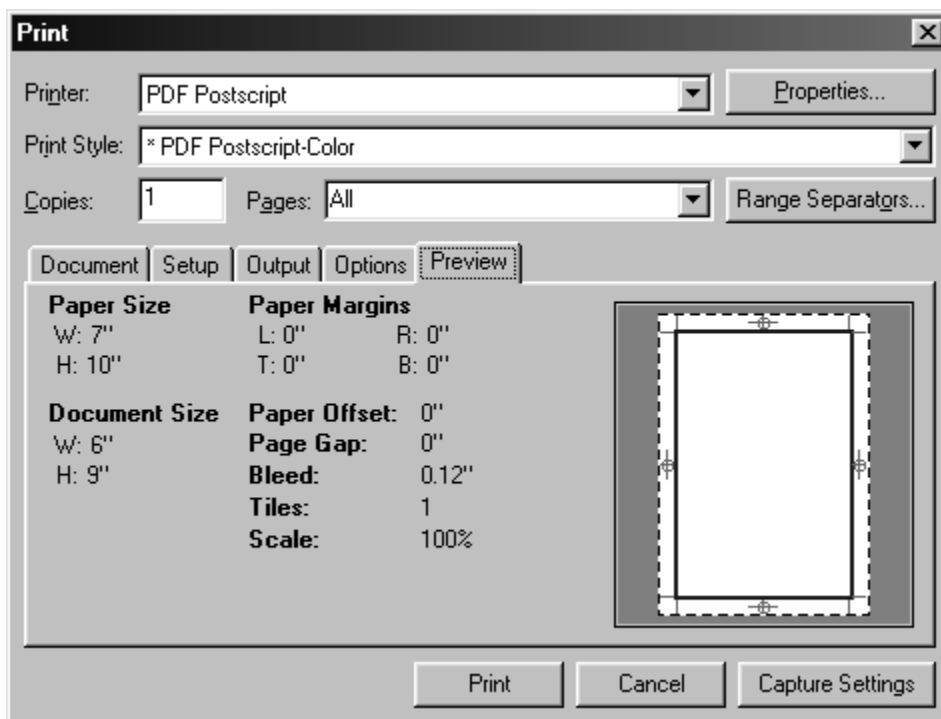
Set all specifications on the "Output" tab as shown regardless of whether your project is printing 4c, uses spot colors, or is a combination of both. If your job is black only, the print color can be changed to "grayscale".



Set all specifications in the Options tab as shown below.



The "Preview" tab will roughly show how the information will be printed on the designated page size. The sample below shows a document with bleeds. If your document were correctly setup to not include bleed, the additional paper size and crop marks would not appear.



- Click "Print" and Quark will prompt you to name the file and designate a place to save it. When you click OK, it will begin writing the postscript file. The time required to perform this function will depend on the number of pages as well as the number and size of graphics. We suggest naming postscript files based on the pages they contain (ex: i-x, l-50).

- When built to these specifications, postscript files will contain all necessary information about text, fonts and graphics. When these postscript files are run through Adobe Acrobat Distiller, a PDF (Portable Document

Format) file is generated which will be viewable. This enables you to check and print your files to ensure that they are as you intend them to print. In addition, compression is available within Distiller which will make the PDF file significantly smaller than its corresponding postscript file without loss of quality. Please review the information on our web site regarding PDF file creation.