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How to convert SPL file (Windows Spooling File Format) to PDF file?



Hi,

My Company has developed an PrintManagement Software. We get information from Windows Spooler.

I was looking into the "PCL Page Counter SDK" and I have a question.

Can I save a copy of a document sent to a printer (an PCL or PS or SPL, etc.) and convert it to PDF, so the IT administrator can really see what end users have printed?

Can I do that with "PCL Page Counter SDK"?

Thanks

Customer

Thanks for your message, "PCL Page Counter SDK" hasn't an option to convert spooling jobs to PDF files, however, you can use following products to finish this task,

1. Use VeryPDF PCL Converter to convert PCL Print Jobs to PDF files,

http://www.verypdf.com/app/pcl-converter/index.html

2. Use VeryDOC Postscript to PDF Converter to convert Postscript Print Jobs to PDF files,

https://www.verydoc.com/ps-to-pdf.html

We hoping above products will useful to you, you may download them from our website to try.

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-----Hello,

Well, I will try to explain what we need, and you can see if you guys can help us. Actually our Page Accounting Software do the following steps:

- 1- Pauses every job sent to windows spool
- 2- Retrieves some information from windows spooler (username, document name, number of pages, etc.)
- 3- "Ask" to the database if the current user has rights to Print (quota, permissions of printing in a specific printer, etc.)
- 4- If user has rights, than the system resumes the job, if not, the system deletes the job from the spool.

We need to add a functionality to our system, the possibility of save the job to see what users have printed. We have implemented a routine that saves the job in SPL extension (*.SPL) and I have adapted a SPL Viewer made in Visual Basic to see the content of the SPL file... turns out that many SPL files cannot be seen by this SPL Viewer, so we think of using an external plugin to transform the SPL file in PDF... the question is, will VeryPDF PCL Converter and VeryDOC Postscript to PDF do this? They can transform SPL files (Windows Spool files) in PDF?

Thanks!	
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Thanks for your message, SPL is just a common name, in fact, SPL is contain PCL, Postscript, EPS, SPL-EMF and RAW formats, a SPL file may also combined by several of above formats, e.g., a SPL file may contain both PCL and PS two formats.

VeryPDF has following technologies,

1. Convert PCL file to PDF file by our PCL Converter application,

https://www.verydoc.com/pcl-converter.html

2. Convert Postscript file (or EPS file) to PDF file by our PS to PDF Converter application,

https://www.verydoc.com/ps-to-pdf.html

- 3. Convert SPL-EMF file to PDF file by our custom-build application (*SPL-EMF to PDF Converter Command Line*), we haven't a ready software to convert SPL-EMF file to PDF file yet, but if you need this software, we can develop it to you at additional development cost,
- 4. The RAW format is a special binary data format which used by some special printer only, the most printers are not use this data format.
- 5. Complex SPL format which contain both PCL and PS formats, we haven't a ready software to support this type of SPL file yet, but we can develop a software to parse/convert this type of SPL file to PDF file, for example, we can extract each page from this complex SPL file, convert them to

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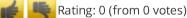
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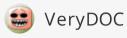
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>>We are considering purchasing a Developer's License for the Spool File Page Counter SDK. We are just starting internal tests. So far it is performing very well. We are also continuing to look for alternatives, because the Spool File Page Counter SDK is missing 2 features we would like.

>>1. Save pre-viewable copies of the spool files, or allow us to access the rendered page data (so we can save them out ourselves).

Yes, "Spool File Page Counter SDK" can't save a viewable copy for spool files, if you wish view the spool files, you may use PCL-Converter to convert these spool files to PDF or image files first, then you can view them easily,

http://www.verypdf.com/app/pcl-converter/try-and-buy.html

>>2. Support Microsoft's XPS spool files.

>>Your suggestion to use PS-To-PDF is feasible, but not optimal. Since we are already using the bRenderToPDF option of the Spool File Page Counter SDK (to get color page counts) it would be much more efficient to be able to have it save or give us access to the rendered page data.

Yes, "Spool File Page Counter SDK" is not support XPS file format as input format yet, "PS-To-PDF" is not convert XPS file to PDF files, if you wish convert XPS files to PDF files, you may use our "VeryDOC XPS to PDF Converter" product,

http://www.verydoc.com/xps-to-pdf.html

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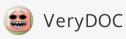
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VeryPDF has released a SPL to PDF Converter Command Line software, which can be used to convert from SPL, EMF-SPL, XPS, PCL, PXL (PCL-XL), Postscript, EPS, PRN, PDF files to PDF files, you can download the trial version of SPL to PDF Converter Command Line from this web page,

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