

RE: Change Printed Font

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Hello Pete,

I've been working with the a2ps command and I'm having a problem setting the margin. When I do a # a2ps --list=defaults it returns that margin is set to 0, but when I view/print the ps file it looks to have about 1/2 inch margin (1/4" margin is what I prefer), and any attempt to set --margin=any# doesn't have any affect on the margin.

Here is the command that I'm using:

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# a2ps -R -B --lines-per-page=100 --borders=no --output=fname.ps  
fname.txt
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Thanks

Richard

-----Original Message-----

From: redhat-list-admin@redhat.com [<mailto:redhat-list-admin@redhat.com>]

On Behalf Of Pete Nesbitt

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2004 10:20 PM

To: redhat-list@redhat.com

Subject: Re: Change Printed Font

On February 4, 2004 08:53 am, Richard Ottinger wrote:

- > *Does anyone know of a way to change the font that is printed out when*
- > *you print a text file (lpr -Pprintername filename) from a terminal? Or*

- > *if its possible? I'm in console mode (not X windows). I'm using Red*
- > *Hat 9 with CUPS.*
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- > *I'm upgrading a Red Hat 5.2 machine which seems to have a completely*
- > *different font that prints from which RH 9 prints.*
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- > *The reason for upgrading the 5.2 machine is to also upgrade a database*

- > *that issues lpr commands to print reports. The reports are HUBAR!*
- > *(HOSED UP BEYOND ALL RECOGNITION), and there's too many to reformat.*
- >
- > *I noticed the Printer Configuration utility program in X that will*

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- > *allow you to edit a printer and in the Queue Options tab change the*
- > *cpi and lpi (will not let me change font type) which will get the font*

- > *close to the same size but there's still a noticable difference in the*

- > *Font type thats printed.*
- >
- > *Thanks,*
- > *Richard*

If your printing to a postscript printer, use a2ps. Have a look at the a2ps man page. It can be confusing but it also does a lot of stuff. It work I use a alias of 'print' to run something like "fold -s <file>|a2ps" which gives me nice font size, duplex, a header etc. It can be used to print multiple sheets on one page by reducing the text, handy for reviewing a long script and the like.

There are a lot of options and the defaults are not what you would want, but it is a great tool to be familiar with, same with fold. Let me know if you need a hand with it.

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