

IMPORTPS – An ALDUS Compatible Import Filter for PostScript™ and PDF Files

1 Introduction

This document describes the installation of importps.dll, the PDF and PostScript import filter for Windows NT/2000/XP and 9x/ME. Importps is not a stand-alone program that converts PDF or PostScript to Word or Powerpoint directly. Instead you can import a single page of a PostScript or PDF file as graphic "picture" into an opened Office document or into any other application that supports the ALDUS import filter interface. Currently known to me are:

- MS Office 95/97/2000/XP - <http://www.microsoft.com>
- Paint Shop Pro - <http://www.jasc.com>
- PhotoLine - <http://www.ciebv.com>

If you come across others and know how to install additional filters, please tell me.

2 Prerequisites

- You need to have installed GhostScript, the best free PostScript(TM) interpreter. GhostScript and Gsview can be found at: <http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/index.html>

3 Installation of importps

- Copy the importps.dll and the wemf.fmp file to a directory of your choice, but both files to the same one.
- If you have a license.reg (you can get one by registering as described in section 7) also merge this into the registry by double-clicking on the license.reg file. You can use the importps without license, but all colors will be distorted and all "e"s will be replaced by "\$"s.

The license entitles the registered user to use importps. The license is not transferable to other users.

4 Application specific notes

4.1 MS Office 95 / 97 / 2000 / XP

4.1.1 Registration at Office

Put the following lines in a file (say mso.reg) (a template can also be found in the importps.zip archive)

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REGEDIT4
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Shared Tools\Graphics Filters\Import\PS]
"Extensions"="wps pdf"
"Name"="importps"
"Path"=" C:\\temp\\importps.dll"
;
```

and adjust:

- the suffices/extensions you want to associate with the importps.dll. Note, this association is used within Office only. It doesn't overwrite any associations for the Windows-Explorer.
- the path to where you stored the file importps.dll

Then double click on this (the mso.reg) file.

If you want to read .eps files as well using importps it needs a bit more since MS-Office has an own import filter for .eps files reading just the preview part. Start regedit and go to the key

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Shared Tools\Graphics Filters\Import\EPS.
Rename this to XEPS and also change the Extensions attribute to xeps.

4.1.2 Usage

Open a document (.doc, .ppt, ...) and do "insert -> graphics -> from file "

4.2 *Paint-Shop-Pro*

4.2.1 Registration for PSP

Enter the following lines into you WIN.INI.

```
[MS Graphic Import Filters]
PS via importps=C:\temp\importps.dll,ps
PDF via importps= C:\temp\importps.dll,pdf
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Under Windows-NT it might happen that this entry in the WIN.INI does not make the filter visible to PSP. This happens if your WIN.INI is mapped to the registry. Check the key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\IniFileMapping\win.ini

If this exists, you have to follow the link given there to the key for the WIN.INI and insert the above values as string values in a key named MS Graphic Import Filters.

4.2.2 Usage

Open the file via "File->Open".

4.3 *PhotoLine*

4.3.1 Registration for PhotoLine

Same as for Office 95/97/2000

4.3.2 Usage

Open the file via "File->Open".

5 Known problems and limitations

- Same as for pstoeedit (<http://www.pstoeedit.net/pstoeedit/>). Notably:
 - clipping is not fully supported
 - only a subset of all PostScript raster operators is supported
 - PDF files protected by password cannot be opened even if the password is known.

6 Liability

The author and the developer of this software will not take any responsibilities for any damages that may occur with the use of this software and the related documentation. The files contained in importps.zip are distributed "as is" and without any expressed and implied warranties. The user assumes the entire risk of using the software and the related documentation.

7 Distribution

The evaluation version of this application may be distributed free of charge as long as it remains unmodified and all parts of the package are being kept together. This includes distribution via CD-ROMs, BBS and the WWW.

8 Reporting bugs

Please report bugs and problems (and also success) to <mailto:wglunz@pstoedit.net>

9 importps Registration

Registration fee: \$40

If you would like to register importps, you can do the registration online on the Internet at <http://www.shareit.com/programs/102570.htm> . Alternatively, you can go to <http://www.shareit.com> and enter the program number there: 102570. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can register via phone, fax or postal mail. Please print out the following form, and fax or mail it to:

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E-Mail: register@shareit.com

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Registration form for importps

Program No.: 102570

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Company: _____

Street and #: _____

City, State, postal code: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

How would like to receive the registration key/full version?

e-mail - fax - postal mail

How would you like to pay the registration fee of \$40:

credit card - wire transfer - EuroCheque - cash

Credit card information (if applicable)

Credit card: Visa - Eurocard/Mastercard - American Express - Diners Club

Card holder: _____

Card No.: _____

Date of Expiration : _____

Date / Signature _____
