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PosterJet® 7

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This virtual printer port is automatically installed during the installation procedure of PosterJet.

Installing PPDs

A PPD (PostScript Printer Description) is installed like a common printer driver under Windows using the section "Printer" in the control panel. The complete procedure is described in detail in the PosterJet help system.

Additionally there is a support document about the PPD installation (Setting up PPDs).

Printing from the application

There is a workshop in the PosterJet help system about printing from an application and a support document "Printing from the application".

The PosterJet Printer Port

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PosterJet 7 uses a slightly different printer port that is not compatible to the printer port of PosterJet versions up to 6.57. The two ports are incompatible and in some cases influence each other. In order to work properly with PPD printers with PosterJet only one printer port should be active. There are two possibilities to ensure this.

Uninstalling older PosterJet versions

Assumed that the user would like to work with the latest PosterJet- and PPD-versions, it is recommended to uninstall older PosterJet versions after you have uninstalled the PPD printers. This is done by the Windows control panel in the section "Add or remove programs" or by using the PosterJet shortcut-folder ("Uninstall PosterJet") in the Windows start menu.

Important

Before performing the described uninstall procedure make sure to delete all PosterJet PPD printers from your system. To do this open in the Windows control panel the section for adding and removing printers and delete all PosterJet PPD printers (by default they have the extension "...by PosterJet" in their name).

After this procedure it is ensured that the older PosterJet version could be removed completely.

Uninstalling all older printer versions

In most cases it is sufficient to uninstall older versions of the PosterJet PPD printers before installing the new PosterJet version. To perform this procedure open in the Windows control panel the section for adding and removing printers and delete all PosterJet PPD printers (by default they have the extension "...by PosterJet" in their name).

The old PosterJet Printer Port should now be disabled and should have no effect to the newly installed ports.