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Re: Does anyone know what program do professors use for creating PDFs?

Originally Posted by **flyingpig** ▸

So what do my professors use? I know it sounds like "how am I suppose to know?" kind of question, but just in general what do professors use?

Yes, you're right. That really is down to personal choice.

I have no idea.

Just look for either a plugin or independent software. There's no requirement you use the same software.

Originally Posted by **Archosaur** ▸

I find that, as a general rule of thumb, if you ever think one of Newtons laws is wrong, don't tell anyone.

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Re: Does anyone know what program do professors use for creating PDFs?

Originally Posted by [jarednjames](#) >

Additional: You can download Latex for windows and use it directly apparently.

You can? Is there a free one?





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Re: Does anyone know what program do professors use for creating PDFs?

Originally Posted by [flyingpig](#) >

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It is free.

<http://www.latex-project.org/>

LaTeX is a high-quality typesetting system; it includes features designed for the production of technical and scientific documentation. LaTeX is the de facto standard for the communication and publication of scientific documents. LaTeX is available as free software.

Originally Posted by [Archosaur](#) >

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Re: Does anyone know what program do professors use for creating PDFs?

You seem to have some misconceptions about what .pdf is: it's just a container for (fairly reproducible) documents and pictures.

It sounds like you want to use your word processor (Word, WordPerfect, Pages) to generate .pdf documents. The best I have found is PDFCreator (the open source one, not the other one that somebody attached a pricetag and copy protection to). It acts just like a print driver in Windows:
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/pdfcreator/>

LaTeX requires you to learn some basic LaTeX scripting. That's what most engineering and science profs at my university use. However, sometimes you just want something quick and dirty--that's where a .pdf printer comes in handy.

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Re: Does anyone know what program do professors use for creating PDFs?

In my lab, we use LaTeX on Windows and Linux systems. TeXLive for *nix, and I believe MikTeX for Win (with TeXnicCenter).





 Y, 10:12 PM

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jtbell

Re: Does anyone know what program do professors use for creating PDFs?

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Originally Posted by **flyingpig**

So what do my professors use?

Ask them! 😊

As for me, I use a Mac. The ability to "print to PDF" is built into Mac OS, and is available in all applications that use the standard Mac OS printing dialog, as far as I know.

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