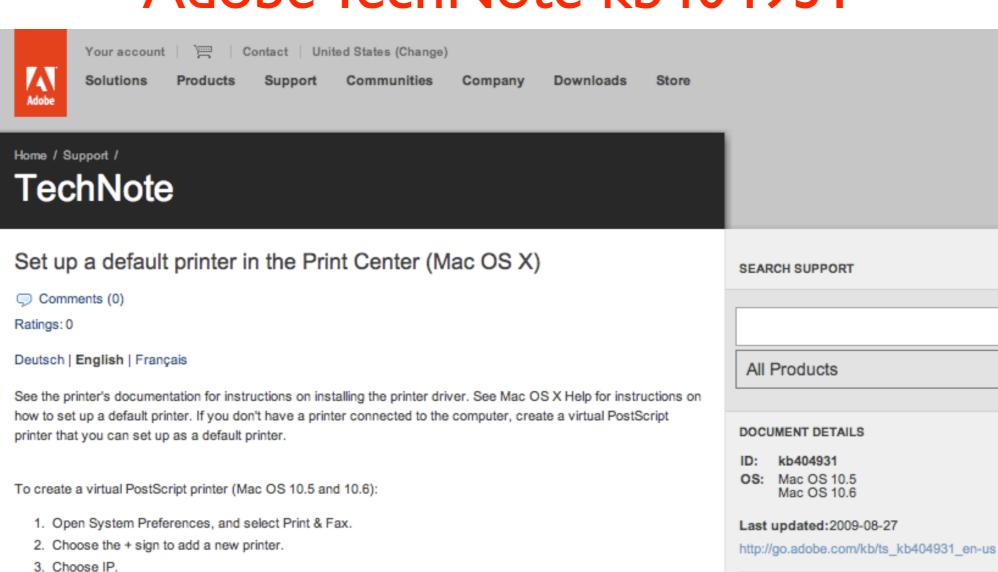# Generic PostScript Printer for Mac OS X

▸ The good news:

- There is a generic PostScript printer for Mac OS X!

▸ The bad news:

- No one is using it.

▸ It is, of course, trivial to install and takes less than a minute to accomplish as the Generic PostScript Driver comes out of the box with Mac OS X in the PPD library.

▸ Follow the instructions in the Adobe TechNote `http://kb2.adobe.com/cps/404/kb404931.html`

▸ Once installed, print using Save as PostScript from the PDF pull down, but with the localhost (Generic PostScript) printer selected.

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Set up a default printer in the Print Center (Mac OS X)

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See the printer's documentation for instructions on installing the printer driver. See Mac OS X Help for instructions on how to set up a default printer. If you don't have a printer connected to the computer, create a virtual PostScript printer that you can set up as a default printer.

To create a virtual PostScript printer (Mac OS 10.5 and 10.6):

1. Open System Preferences, and select Print & Fax.
2. Choose the + sign to add a new printer.
3. Choose IP.
4. In the Protocol pop-up menu, choose Line Printer Daemon - LPD.
5. In the Address field, type in **localhost.**
6. After Generic PostScript printer displays in the Print Using field, click Add.
7. Close out of the Print & Fax preference or Quit System Preferences.

To create a virtual PostScript printer (versions of Mac OS previous to 10.5)

1. Start Print Center, and click Add Printer.
2. Choose LPR Printers from the Printer Type menu, and then choose Using IP or IP Printing from the pop-up menu in the Printer List dialog box.
3. In the LPR Printer's Address box, type localhost.
4. Choose Generic PPD or, if you know what printer you'll eventually be printing to, a particular PPD file from the Printer Model menu.
5. Click Add (disregard any No Valid Location warnings).

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