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Bug 620916 - PDF printing with a PDF-printer not working optimally

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Status: UNCONFIRMED **Reported:** 2010-12-22 04:13 PST by Timo

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Product: Firefox **CC List:** 3 users ([show](#))

Component: General **See Also:**

Version: unspecified **blocking2.0:** ---

Platform: x86 Windows 7 **status2.0:** ---

Importance: -- normal ([vote](#)) **blocking1.9.2:** ---

Target Milestone: --- **status1.9.2:** ---

Assigned To: Nobody; OK to take it and work on it **blocking1.9.1:** ---

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Depends on:

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Attachments

Adobe Distiller printer output (108.82 KB, application/pdf)
2010-12-22 08:37 PST, Kevin Brosnan

no flags

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Timo 2010-12-22 04:13:45 PST

[Description](#)

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:2.0b8) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/4.0b8
Build Identifier: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:2.0b8) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/4.0b8

In Firefox 4 printing seems to have changed in a way that negatively impacts PDF printing. I tried using Acrobat Distiller, FreePDF, PDFCreator, NitroPDF Pro. Changes to Firefox 4 seem to make it impossible to pass of text to a ghostscript style PDF printer rather it hands off all the text as images which makes the PDF files much larger and none searchable. Is there a way to disable this behavior in Firefox 4 so that works like it did in 3?

I tested with a completely new profile and a new installation. No extra extensions, themes or plugins are installed.

Reproducible: Always

Steps to Reproduce:

1. Open a webpage with text (any)

2. Print with any PDF-printer (for example: Acrobat Distiller, FreePDF, PDFCreator)
3. open PDF-file in PDF-viewer (any, for example: Adobe Reader, Fxit, Sumatra)
Actual Results:
All the text is as image which makes the PDF files much larger and none searchable

Expected Results:
Text should be searchable.

As a workaround I have foubnd this: Run Firefox 4 in Safe Mode, which disables all addons. The PDF when printed will be searchable and very low in size.

The key now is to find out which addon is breaking this function. Hope others can do some testing and shed some light on this.

Kevin Brosnan 2010-12-22 08:36:10 PST

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Works for me - Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:2.0b9pre) Gecko/20101219 Firefox/4.0b9pre and Distiller 9.4.0195. Created a searchable pdf of this bug report.

Kevin Brosnan 2010-12-22 08:37:04 PST

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Adobe Distiller printer output

Anthony Engel 2011-01-09 19:02:35 PST

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I have had this issue with Firefox 4.0b8 as well. (Maybe this has already been fixed in FF 4.0b9pre.)

As an example, the Firefox legal page printed in FF 3.6.13 produces a 99 kb PDF printed in Acrobat, while FF 4.0b8 produces a 3.7 MB PDF printed in Acrobat. I experiences this when printing from FF 4.0b8 on two different computers.

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