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

Status:	UNCONFIRMED	**Reported**:	2010-12-22 04:13 PST by Timo
Whiteboard:			
Keywords:		**Modified**:	2011-02-28 03:08 PST (History)
Product:	Firefox	**CC List**:	4 users (show)
Component:	General		
Version:	unspecified	**See Also**:	
Platform:	x86 Windows 7		
		blocking2.0:	---
Importance:	-- normal (vote)	**status2.0**:	---
Target Milestone:	---	**blocking1.9.2**:	---
Assigned To:	Nobody; OK to take it and work on it	**status1.9.2**:	---
QA Contact:	general	**blocking1.9.1**:	---
		status1.9.1:	---
URL:			

Depends on:

Blocks:

Show dependency tree / graph

Attachments			
Adobe Distiller printer output (108.82 KB, application/pdf) 2010-12-22 08:37 PST, Kevin Brosnan		*no flags*	Details
PDFFactory Output from FF4B12 - Image not Txt (619.75 KB, application/pdf) 2011-02-28 03:07 PST, Stefan Phosub		*no flags*	Details
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Timo   2010-12-22 04:13:45 PST   Description

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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
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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.

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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.
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Kevin Brosnan   2010-12-22 08:36:10 PST   Comment 1

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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.
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Kevin Brosnan   2010-12-22 08:37:04 PST   Comment 2

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Created attachment 499300 [details]
Adobe Distiller printer output
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Anthony Engel   2011-01-09 19:02:35 PST   Comment 3

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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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Stefan Phosub   2011-02-28 03:04:52 PST   Comment 4

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I have the same Problem with Beta12 still.
Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:2.0b12) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/4.0b12

When I print from Firefox 4 (any Beta since 7 when I entered Beta) I get an PDF
Output with an Image in it. Unter Firefox 3.6 I get searchable Text in the PDF.
IE also produces searchable Text in the PDF. I tested in different Computers
Windows XP 32.bit, Windows7 32-bit, Windows 7 64-bit and different PDF Creators
PDFFacotry, PDF Creator, Adobe Distiller) all produce the same PDF Output with
Image instead of Text.
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Stefan Phosub   2011-02-28 03:07:33 PST   Comment 5

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Created attachment 515581 [details]
PDFFactory Output from FF4B12 - Image not Txt
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