

## Re: crystal report print to file

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- *From:* "gerry" <[germ@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:germ@xxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Thu, 16 Feb 2006 09:29:45 -0500
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i'm not sure which report object you are using – adobe com control I assume ?

I am using the .NET CrystalReports ReportDocument which does not expose Driver or Port properties.

After some digging it looks like this is not a CR issue but is something that was built into windows by design ( what the %^&\$&^ were they thinking ? ) there is no way to print to file from a program without the savetofile dialog being displayed to the user.

I have decided to use GhostScript for now, since this won't be used in a distributable app ( for now anyway ) this dependancy is not that big of a deal.

Gerry

"Iain Sharp" <[iains@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:iains@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:gjp8v1t7f5s6qribs9b31fu4fso85uihm8@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:gjp8v1t7f5s6qribs9b31fu4fso85uihm8@xxxxxxxxxx)

In the selectprinter operation, there are three parameters. Driver, Printer, Port. You should be able to set the port. I'm not sure if you can set the port to the filename and have it print.

I don't use VB to do this, so I'm not sure the exact code, but there's a drivername, printrname and portname attached to the report object, you can see what they are set to after doing the manual print to file.  
Iain

On Thu, 16 Feb 2006 06:30:08 -0500, "gerry" <[germ@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:germ@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Hi Iain,  
sorry but i really have no idea what you are referring to.  
– I cannot locate a 'port' property anywhere in the CR ReportDocument object hierarchy  
– I assume that by 'file box' are you referring to the 'Print To File' dialog ? if so, the whole point of this question was how to print to

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programatically – ie. no user intervention.

Gerry

"Iain Sharp" <iains@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:mqi8v19a1lj08elrqc17jtoarue48167c@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:mqi8v19a1lj08elrqc17jtoarue48167c@xxxxxxxxxxxx)

printtofile sets the port. Use the port property to set the port.  
(Offhand, I don't know if the port should be FILE to get the  
file box,  
or the filename you wish to export to. )

Iain

On Wed, 15 Feb 2006 11:14:14 -0500, "gerry"  
<germ@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

no , export only supports a specific set of  
export formats.  
I would like to have the report saved to disk  
a as a tiff, which is

not a

supported format – note that there are NO  
supported image file export  
formats ( double doh! )  
manually i can print to a fax printer and  
specify 'print to file' to  
generate a tiff file.  
but, as i said, the crystal ReportDocument  
PrintOptions does not

expose a

PrintToFile property so there appears to be  
no way to do this  
programatically :-(  
Gerry

"Iain Sharp" <iains@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote  
in message  
[news:j7r5v1ptjo25154qlol1qg2va2nlplv0603@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:j7r5v1ptjo25154qlol1qg2va2nlplv0603@xxxxxxxxxxxx)

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On Wed, 15 Feb 2006  
02:33:32 -0500, "gerry"  
<germ@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote:

Since the  
CrystalReport  
ReportDocument  
apparently  
lacks a

PrintToFile

option

( doh ! ),  
does anyone  
know of any  
way print a  
report to a  
disk

file

programmatically  
?

Gerry

It's export to file. Check out  
Exportoptions.

Iain