WHAT DOES "SMARTFREEPDF" DO ?

SmartFreePdf is a freeware which can produce PDF files from scratch.
It runs on Windows XP and NT.
This help file that you are currently reading has been produced with SmartFreePdf.

Below is another exemple of what can be done with this program.

This is a small database about rockets : The left part shows the index : By clicking one of the choices (here : Titan) you have direct access to the page, by hypertext link.

Warning : This program is provided "as is" without any type of warranty.

QUICK START

Here is you control panel :

If you are in a hurry to try by yourself, just do the following :

- Type any text on the scratch-pad (white area located just left of the control panel)
- Optionally select some part of your text, and **put** some **color** (Use 4 colored buttons at the 6th row)
- Optionally select some part of your text, and put **BOLD** or *ITALIC* attributes (Use buttons at the 5th row)
- Optionally select some part of your text, and select another size for the font (Use Edit box at the 8th row). Default is 11 cpi.
- Push the PDF button and watch your work.

Obviously, the PDF reader must be installed on your computer. The last version of this free reader can be obtained at Adobe web site : http://www.adobe.com/

ADDING TEXT

You can either type-in your text directly onto the scratch-pad, paste it directly from an outside source, or even open directly an existing RTF file.

In the last two cases, you have to take care of the following :

- SmartFreePdf V1 only recognizes **3 types of fonts** (Times New Roman, Helvetica and Courier). Therefore, after you paste your text, push the "Select all" button and choose one of those 3 fonts)
- SmartFreePdf V1 does not put an automatic **carriage return** if your line is too long : You have to do this carriage return by yourself (Enter key), otherwise the end of your long line will be lost.
- SmartFreePdf V1 ignores **underscores** : If you paste text with underscores, the text will be ok, but the underscore attribute will be lost.

The default font is Times New Roman, 11 characters per inch.

If you select a part of your text (by left clicking and dragging the mouse), you can change its color (Red, blue, green, black), its attributes (Normal, bold, italic), its font type (Times New Roman, Helvetica and Courier) and its size (1 to 1637 cpi) by action on the right button or edit-box.

There are also four buttons to cut, copy, paste and undo/redo :

As you are typing your text onto the scratch-pad, the page count increases. Each time you cross the border of a page (792 pixels long) the background color of the scratch-pad toggles between white and light blue.

The current page number (the one where the caret is currently located) is indicated **in red** in the control panel.

ADDING PICTURES

To add a picture do the following :

1- Put your cursor where you want the picture to be

2- Depress the button

3- Select a Jpeg file

Warnings : Pictures have to be inserted by the above methode. If you paste images from the clipboard, or if you have pictures included in an outside RTF file, you will see them on the scratch-pad but they will not be inserted in the produced PDF file.

If you want to **remove** an inserted picture, select it by dragging the mouse and depress the Delete key on your keyboard. The area selected must include one extra character on both sides of the picture, as indicated here : otherwise, the picture will not be deleted.

PRODUCE RTF AND PDF CODES

Any time, you can depress the PDF button :

This will :

- Save the contents of the scratch-pad in a **RTF file**
- Produce the **PDF file**

You will be asked for a PDF file name. If you type for instance "MyFile.pdf", the RTF file will automatically be saved as "MyFile.rtf"

You can reload this file latter on, by using the button

While the PDF file is being produced, you will see the following pop-up :

Type in your data (or leave it blank).

Annotation is the little yellow pad that will open when double-clicked, in the PDF reader :

It will be hidden if you uncheck

On the right side, you can type-in a caption for each page of your PDF document.
Those labels will be used for the hyperlink index. You can also leave the default values (Page 1, Page 2...)
All those data will be saved in a .PAR file, for instance "MyFile.par".

VARIOUS TYPE OF FONTS

This text is written using a Times New Roman font

This text is written using a Times New Roman font bold

This text is written using a Times New Roman font italic

This text is written using a Times New Roman font italic bold

This text is written using a Helvetica font

This text is written using a Helvetica font bold

This text is written using a Helvetica font italic

This text is written using a Helvetica font italic bold

This text is written using a Courier font

This text is written using a Courier font bold

This text is written using a Courier font italic

This text is written using a Courier font italic bold

This text has a size of 35 cpi

This text has a size of 7 cpi

This text has a size of 12 cpi

This text has a size of 66 cpi

FEEDBACK

This program is not perfect, it has some limitations indicated above, but still, it can produce nice pdf files at no cost.

If you have constructive criticisms, if you meet bugs, or simply if you find this freeware usefull, please give a feedback : **alainlecomte@free.fr**

Enjoy!

Other freewares from the same author :

- **FastUse** (Program launcher + screen capture program + scratch pad + telephone directory + post-it + perpetual calendar). Run on Windows 95/98/2000/XP/NT.

- **SmartDB** (Program to produce easy-to-use databases, to include photos, crypte data, print, put filters, import/export to/from Excel). Run on Windows 95/98/2000/XP/NT.