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### TOPIC -----

I saved a print task to a PostScript file, and now I can't print that document in anything other than code. How can I retrieve the file in its original format. The file originated in FileMaker Pro and was saved in PostScript to be placed in a Word document.

### DISCUSSION -----

Once a file is printed to a PostScript file, there's no way to reverse the process and generate the original document. Basically, the PostScript file consists of instructions that just image a page, and doesn't contain any information such as file format or data structures that defined the file.

But you should be able to print the document represented by the PostScript file. Standard PostScript files are in a standard ASCII text format. You can use the LaserWriter Utility to download PostScript files to the LaserWriter.

If the file was saved as an EPS (Encapsulated PostScript) file, then any program that reads EPS files can import the image into a document. Bear in mind that an EPS file doesn't contain modifiable elements. Some programs such as Aldus PageMaker allow you to place the EPS file on a page, crop it, move it, but not modify it.

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