

BullZip PDF Printer

What it does

The BullZip PDF Printer allows you to create PDF documents from just about any Windows application, including Word and Excel. The program installs as a virtual Windows printer. Creating a PDF document file simply involves “printing” to the BullZip virtual printer from the application you are using.

There are a number of similar free programs, but BullZip is outstanding because of its reliability and broad set of features. These include: PDF password protection, encryption, watermarking, file appending/prepending, metadata editing and, most importantly, the ability to choose different levels of output quality.

The only downside with BullZip is that it requires the free open-source program Ghostscript Lite, to operate. However, this is a feature of many free PDF writers, not just BullZip. Ghostscript Lite is downloaded automatically as part of the BullZip installation process.

Installation

Download the program using the download link at the bottom of this article.

Unzip the file you downloaded to your desktop by clicking/double clicking on it.

The ZIP archive contains only a single file: “BullzipPDFPrinter_5_0_0_609.exe”.

Double-click the EXE file to start the installation.

Select English as the language and press “OK” and then “Next.”

Read and accept the licensing agreement and then click “Next.”

Accept the default installation folder and then click “Next.”

Accept the default Start Menu shortcut name and then click “Next.”

Check the box “Create a desktop icon” and then click “Next.”

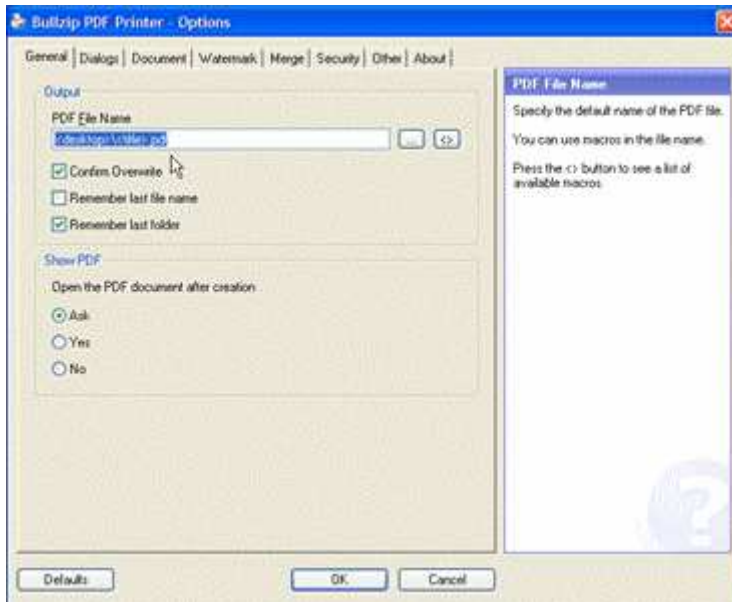
Check the box “Download and install Ghostscript Lite,” because this is needed by BullZip in order to function correctly.

Click the “Install” button and, when the installation completes, click the “Finish” button.

Installation may take a few minutes, because the 5MB Ghostscript Lite program needs to be downloaded.

Usage

Double-click the BullZip icon on your desktop to bring up the BullZip options control panel.



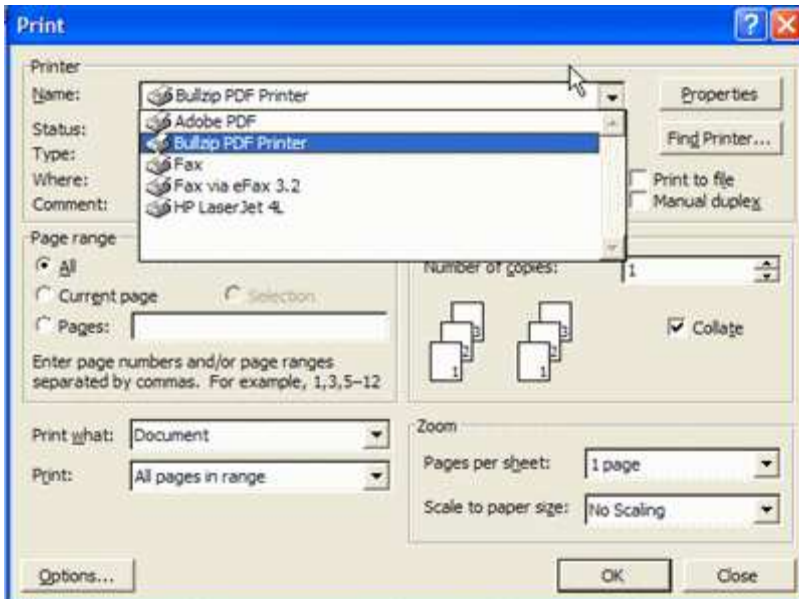
You can use this control panel to change default quality settings, password protection, encryption, etc. Most of you will not want to change the default settings unless you have special needs. That’s because almost all these settings can be changed at the time you create your PDF files.

Close the options control panel, and let us now create a PDF document.

Open Microsoft Word or whatever program you use for creating documents.

Open an existing document in the program and we will create a PDF file from this document.

Select File/Print, and you will see that BullZip PDF is now one of the printers available.



Select BullZip PDF Printer from the list of available printers and click “OK.”

Now an options panel will open:



At this point, you can select PDF quality, watermarking, password protection and other PDF features as required. You can also prepend and append PDF pages to your PDF document.

Click “Save,” and in a few seconds your PDF document will be created and saved in the location you nominated.

BullZip

Website: <http://www.bullzip.com>

Download Link: <http://www.bullzip.com/products/pdf/info.php>

License: Freeware

Operating Systems Supported: Windows 2000/XP/Vista

Additional Software Required: Ghostscript (download link provided on their website - free under GPL license)