

Exporting PDF files from Topspin

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Often, it is useful to have digital copies of your spectra as PDF files. It is not difficult to export PDF from Topspin. You can either create postscript files directly from the active window of topspin and convert using the linux program ps2pdf or create pdf files directly using the plot editor.


Once you've created the pdf you can either email the file to yourself or use a flash drive to move the file.

From the active window of Topspin

#1) Make sure your data is fully processed (peak picked, integrated, etc.) and you are happy with the way the spectrum looks in the display window. Click File -> Print.

#2) Choose print active window option in Print popup.

#3) Click print to file button in next popup. Click print.

#4) There is a final popup window that lets you choose where to put the file. Click  button to select your home directory. Your home directory is the ONLY place you are authorized to store files. Give your file an appropriate name. In my case it may be jtd-1-14.ps. Make sure you use the .ps extension. Click OK.

#5) Click OK in the Page Setup popup.

#6) Open a shell.

#7) Type "ps2pdf your_file_name.ps your_file_name.pdf". In my case I would type "ps2pdf jtd-1-14.ps jtd-1-14.pdf". If you didn't save the postscript file in your home directory you'll have to navigate to the appropriate directory before using ps2pdf.

From the Plot Editor

#1) Make sure you are happy with the way the spectrum looks from the Plot Editor. From the Plot Editor menu, select File -> Print.

#2) Click the "Setup" button. Choose Acrobat PDF for the printer type and letter for the paper size. Click the OK button.

#3) Click the "To File" button. Say OK to the default sampling rate of 360 dpi.

#4) Put your filename into the selection box. Be sure to use the .pdf extension. You must leave the path in the selector box, so it should say something like "/home/your_user_name/test.pdf". In my case, I would type /home/justin/jtd-1-14.pdf.