

Filters

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Convert PICT 1.1 now has four filter services for converting PICT images. These services can be used with NeXTSTEP 3.0 or later.

The idea behind the filters is to allow you to convert PICT images to eps images from within some other application, without needing to manually launch Convert PICT. Note that none of these place items in the Services menu. They all are invoked automatically.

When you invoke a filter service, the Convert PICT application will be launched, and it will convert the PICT image in the background. This conversion can take a while, so be patient during the process.

Three of the filters are essentially identical. Each allows files with a particular extension (PICT, pict, and macpict) to be seen and opened from the Open file panel of another application. Thus, NeXT's Preview application will show a file named 'foo.PICT' in its open panel, and will allow you to open it (where it will be converted to eps automatically by Convert PICT).

The fourth filter allows you to have a PICT image on the pasteboard, and to paste it into an application that ordinarily accepts only eps images. Thus, if you have a PICT on the pasteboard (see below), you can simply choose 'paste' from preview's Edit menu. Convert PICT will then filter the image so Preview can display it.

Note that not all applications support Filter services fully (e.g. Preview does, but IconBuilder does not). Thus, you may not be able to use these filters with all applications. Also, note that every time you resize an image opened from the file system, Preview will ask Convert PICT to re-filter the image (which makes resizing slow).

The only source that I know of for copying PICT images onto the pasteboard is ARDI's Executor application coupled with some additional application under it. The means, presently, you'll only find the paste filter useful if you use that application.