

## Carrying PostScript in X.400 and MIME

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## [1](#). Introduction

This document describes methods for carrying PostScript information in the two standard mail systems MIME and X.400, and the conversion between them. It uses the notational conventions of [[BODYMAP](#)], and the conversion is further described in [[MIXER](#)].

Two ways of carrying PostScript in X.400 are described. One is using the FTAM Body Part, and one uses the Extended Body Part originally described in [RFC 1494](#).

The FTAM method is recommended.

## **2. The PostScript body part**

Carrying PostScript in X.400 as an Extended Body Part was originally defined in [RFC 1494](#). This specification carries that work forward now that [RFC 1494](#) is obsoleted by [[BODYMAP](#)].

The following Extended Body Part is defined for PostScript data streams. It has no parameters.

```
postscript-body-part EXTENDED-BODY-PART-TYPE
    DATA                OCTET STRING
    ::= mime-postscript-body

mime-postscript-body OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
    { mixer-bp-data 2 }
```

## **3. The PostScript FTBP**

The PostScript FTBP is identified by having the `FileTransferParameters.environment.application-reference` set to `id-mime-ftbp-postscript`.

The definition is:

```
id-mime-ftbp-postscript OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
    { mixer-bp-data 6 }
```

## **4. The Application/PostScript content-type**

In MIME, PostScript is carried in the body part "application/PostScript", which is defined in [RFC 1521](#).

## **5. MIXER conversion**

X.400 Body Part: Extended Body Part, OID `mime-postscript-body` MIME Content-Type: `application/postscript` Conversion Type: No conversion

The two representations of PostScript both contain a single stream of octets. This stream of octets can be copied with no problems between the representations. No other data needs to be converted.

## **6. MIXER conversion**

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## **7. OID Assignments**

The first OID is also defined in [[BODYMAP](#)].

```
POSTSCRIPT-MAPPINGS DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
EXPORTS -- everything --;

IMPORTS
    mixer-bp-data
        FROM MIXER-MAPPINGS

id-mime-postscript-body OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
    { mixer-bp-data 2 };
id-mime-ftbp-postscript OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
    { mixer-bp-data 6 };

END
```

## **8. Security Issues**

The issues concerning PostScript and security are well discussed in [RFC 2046](#). No additional security issues are identified by this memo.

## **9. Trademark Issues**

PostScript is a trademark of Adobe Systems, Inc.

## **10. References**

### [MIXER]

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