

Notes on installing and using "PDFwriter": an open source PDF printer for OS X

There are times when a TournamentSR printout would be more useful as a PDF file. For example, wrestler lists could be emailed if there was some way to get "Print", "Contestants by team..." to generate a PDF document instead being printed on paper.

Fortunately, there are free PDF "printer" driver programs that can be used to achieve this. While several are available for Mac OS X systems, we've found PDFwriter to be the easiest to configure and use. This manual shows how to download, install, and configure PDFwriter.

We've successfully used version 1.2.1 of PDFwriter on OS X Snow Leopard (10.6) and Yosemite (10.10). It should work on other versions as well.

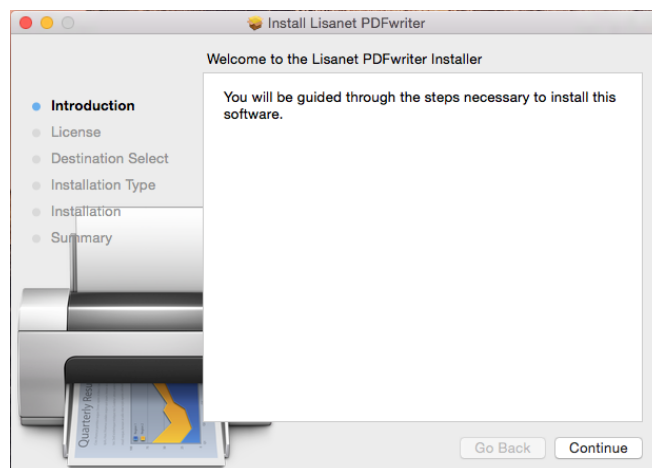
The direct link for downloading the program is given below:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/pdfwriterformac/files/1.2.1/PDFwriter_for_Mac_1.2.1.dmg/download

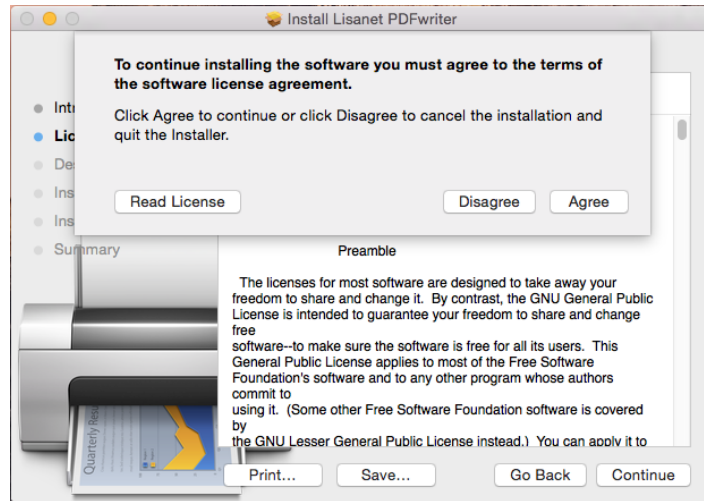
Download the file in Safari and run it. The following window should appear:



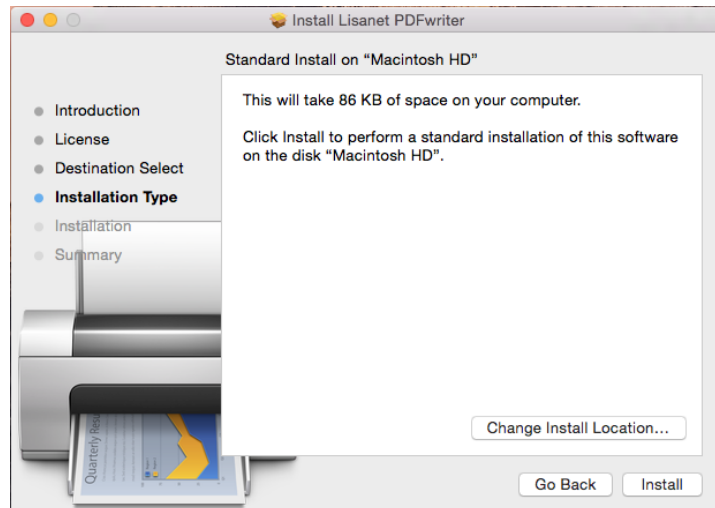
Double click on the "Lisanet PDFwriter" icon to start the installation process. You will be presented with the window pictured below:



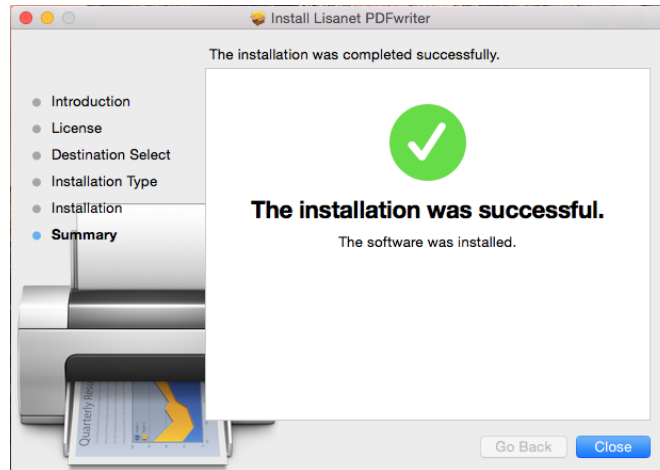
Click the "Continue" button and you're presented with a license agreement page. Click the "Continue" button if you agree to the license. A drop down window appears to confirm you accept the license. A picture of this is given below:



Click the "Agree" button to confirm you agree to the license terms. You are then presented with information on how much disk space the program will take up. The screen will look like the following:



Click "Install" to install the program. Since installing a driver requires administrative privilege, you will likely be asked to enter your password. Do so and click the "OK" button. When the installation completes, the window should look like the picture on the next page.



Click the "Close" button to make the window disappear. The initial window should be revealed once again:



While you've successfully installed the PDF printer driver, you still need to create an entry under "System Preferences", "Print and Fax". Double click the "README.pdf" icon and follow the instructions in that document to create the System Preferences entry.

Note that recent versions of OS X don't have a "Print and Fax" icon in System Preferences. The icon's name is "Printers and Scanners" for these OS X versions.

To create PDF files instead of hard copy printouts, select "PDFwriter" as the printer in any of TournamentSR's print windows. The created PDF file will be in the "/Users/Shared/PDFwriter/[user]" folder (where [user] is the short name for your log in account). Note that PDFwriter can be used as the printer in any program, not just TournamentSR.