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QUESTION

I am using a legacy Chief Architect version and am looking for a way to create a PDF file. What software do I need to accomplish this?

> Starting in Chief Architect X6, you can save any view as a 2D PDF file by selecting Save as PDF as the Destination Name in the various Print and Export dialogs; third party software is not necessary. Please see the Related Articles section to learn more.

ANSWER

A PDF, or Portable Document Format file, cannot be exported using Chief Architect X5 or a prior version. However, if a third party PDF driver is installed on your system, you can select this third party PDF option within the Print dialog to generate a PDF file. In brief, the process is as follows: open a drawing or layout in Chief Architect; click File> Print, choose the third party PDF option, then click the Print button.

The purpose of this article is not to endorse one particular PDF driver over another, but is intended to present you with several options. Other options not listed here might also be appropriate.

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