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Editing troff Files In the Macintosh OS

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TOPIC -----

Currently, you cannot do the following process:

- 1) Use "troff" on a UNIX 4.3 system to generate "troff" files.
- 2) Transfer these files to a Macintosh for editing with MacWrite or similar application under the Macintosh OS (on a non-A/UX system).
- 3) Ship these files, once edited and modified, back to the UNIX system as "troff" files.

DISCUSSION -----

The problem is in the way that "troff" and Macintosh word-processing applications specify document format within a file. They are quite different and not understood by one another.

Although transferring a "troff" file, which has been converted to PostScript, is possible, once the document is opened by a Macintosh application that understands PostScript, its format cannot be changed.

If know of a way to do this, please forward the information to TECH.COMM for evaluation and review.

In A/UX 3.0, you may now print postscript files from the Macintosh to a postscript printer using the lasarwriter font utility.

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