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Apple IIGS: Network Slot Assignments

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You can often trace Apple IIGS network printing difficulties to the setting of slot assignments in the Control Panel.

DISCUSSION -----

Setting Correct Network Slot Assignments -----

Here are the steps to set the proper network slot assignments:

- 1) Find the Apple IIGS ROM versions in the initial splash screen when you start the computer. The bottom line of that screen contains information noting either 01 or 03 version ROMs.
- 2) Open either the Apple IIGS Control Panel (Open Apple-Control-Escape) or the Graphic Control Panel (under the Apple Menu in the GS/OS menu bar).
- 3) Here are the correct slot settings:
 - For Apple IIGS systems with version 01 ROMs, set Slot 1 to "Your Card" and Slot 7 to "Built-in AppleTalk."
 - For Apple IIGS systems with version 03 ROMs, set Slot 1 or Slot 2 to "AppleTalk" and Slot 7 to "AppleTalk."

ProDOS 8 Applications -----

Some ProDOS 8 applications require printer slot definition. In such applications, you need to select the appropriate slot within the application's printer selection routine. For ROM 01 the appropriate slot for network printing will be slot 7. For ROM 03 the appropriate slot for network printing will be slot 1.

Other ProDOS 8 applications insulate the user from the need to select a specific slot. For example AppleWorks 3.0N uses a printer called

"ImageWriter (AppleTalk)." The user often still needs to select a printer from within the application. However, these applications indicate that a printer is a network printer.

GS/OS Applications

Applications that are GS/OS based (those that display the Graphic Control Panel) use the Control Panel (or the AppleShare Admin startup information) to select their printer. You don't need to set printer slot assignments within the application. They are handled by the operating system from the Control Panel settings (or the AppleShare Admin startup information).
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