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GS/OS 5.0.2: Solves No Finder Printing Problem

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TOPIC -----

I have a problem on my Apple IIGS lab (LocalTalk and GS/OS 5.0 with the current version of Aristotle) when I start from Aristotle on disk, bypassing the Finder. I log on and run Chooser.II from Aristotle to choose an ImageWriter. When I try to print from AppleWorks or various MECC applications nothing happens.

For the lab to function in an orderly manner, students need to start from disk and be able to choose a printer. Do you have an workaround? Also, just what file is it that holds the name of the chosen printer?

DISCUSSION -----

Upgrading to GS/OS 5.0.2 resolves this issue. This version of GS/OS, when used with the "No Finder" startup disk, defaults to the user's assigned printer set in the AppleShare Admin program.

When using GS/OS 5.0.2, you needn't use Chooser.II to make network printer choices. If you use a Finder startup disk, the Control Panel provides the printer choice via the various printer Control Panel devices. With a "No Finder" startup disk, the printer choice is made in AppleShare Admin's Apple II menu. When starting up across the network, the printer choice is also made in the AppleShare Admin program.

However, if students must dynamically change the printer they use, Chooser.II is required in the "No Finder" and network startup procedures. When running Chooser.II from the server, the printer selection is stored in the ATINIT file located in "USERS/(user's logon name)/ATINIT" on the server. This overrides the choice in the AppleShare Admin setup during this signon. After the user signs off and back on in these two startup procedures, the default printer will be the one set in the AppleShare Admin setup.

Should the desired results be "one student assigned to one printer," then GS/OS 5.0.2 smoothly handles this situation by using the AppleShare Admin setup during a "No Finder" startup.

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