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AppleShare Print Server: Transition from System 6 to System 7

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- To explain better the existing situation with System 6.0.8, the desired situation, and to note that AppleShare 3.0 is available.

TOPIC -----

I would like to use the Macintosh IIci as an AppleShare Print Server. I'm running system software version 6.0.8 (equivalent to System 6.0.7 with the addition of System 7 print drivers). I run the Network Products Installer version 6.0.7 to install the AppleShare Print Server, and it doesn't recognize the 7.0 LaserWriter drivers. I must quit the Installer, remove the 7.0 print drivers, install the print server software, and reinstall 7.0 drivers. Is there an easier way to do this?

DISCUSSION -----

Unfortunately, it doesn't get much easier. The following steps will minimize the confusion:

- 1) Format the hard drive (if it's not already formatted).
- 2) Install system software 6.0.8 (if not already installed).
- 3) Remove the print drivers from the System Folder (in System 6.0.8, they are actually the System 7 print drivers).
- 4) Install the AppleShare Print Server using Network Products Installer 6.0.7.
- 5) Drag over the LaserPrep version 7.0 file from the 6.0.8 disks.

There is no need to reinstall the print drivers on the Print Server. They aren't used. However, it is VERY important to put the LaserPrep file in the folder with the Print Server's System file.

Note that upgrading to AppleShare 3.0 will eliminate much of this confusion and the steps required to get the print server running successfully with System 7 drivers.

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