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AppleShare Print Spooler: No Demand-Based Routing

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TOPIC -----

I have an Apple IIGS lab that is configured with several teacher accounts, but without individual student accounts. During a particular session all the students log on with the same username, and are therefore attached to the same printer. Can the AppleShare print spooler be configured to capture input from all the GS computers and spool it to two or more ImageWriters?

DISCUSSION -----

As of October, 1990, there was no spooler that could intelligently divert output to different printers, based on the number of jobs in each queue for each printer (nor even simply divide all output in half and send each half to a different printer). Our databases don't show a product that can do this, nor can the AppleShare Print Server do it. All of the products listed have a one-to-one spooling capability, and the user has to change the spooled device manually.

Depending on your software and user configuration, you may want to try splitting the users into two groups. Instead of having everyone log on with the same username, make two usernames and have each print to a different printer. You can put each username into a single group and set the access privileges at the group level to keep everything the same.

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