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Novell Netware: Macintosh Printer Support

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TOPIC -----

I am constructing an internal network for our sales office using Macintosh computers and Novell. We have a few DOS systems that will also be tied to the network.

For printing, Novell supports a protocol called NASI as an NLM for the DOS-based systems. Is there a Mac emulation for NASI? Is there another solution for a Novell/Ethernet environment?

DISCUSSION -----

Novell doesn't provide a Mac NASI emulator, and Macintosh computers cannot use the PC-oriented (PSERVER) print queues. However, Novell provides the AppleTalk Print Services (ATPS) module with Netware for Macintosh, to which both Macintosh and DOS users can spool their print jobs. Macintosh users print to ATPS print queues by selecting the queue in the Chooser and then sending a print job, and because the printer is an NBP entity advertising on the AppleTalk network, Macintosh users can also print directly to the printer. DOS users print to AppleTalk printers via the ATPS queues by using the CAPTURE or NPRINT command.

ATPS is the recommended Netware printing strategy for the Macintosh.
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