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## AppleShare PC: Printing To Shared LaserWriter

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TOPIC -----

I am using AppleShare PC software with my IBM PCs -- I want to share LaserWriters between Macintoshes and PCs.

The problem is that I want to print dBASE IV and Harvard Graphics documents, and am limited by the list of document types Apple supports in the software. Do you have any solutions?

DISCUSSION -----

It sounds to us like you are not using AppleShare PC print services at all, but instead you are using the old PC LaserWriter Program that USED to come bundled with the card. Only in that documentation are application and file types mentioned -- they are only relevant with the PC Laserwriter Program. This program is no longer bundled with the card for a variety of reasons, including: lack of flexibility, supporting only select PC programs, and the need to quit from the application before you could print.

The PC LaserWriter Program lets you print files created with WordStar, MultiMate, Lotus 1-2-3, Microsoft Word, or other applications that create files in ASCII format or files prepared for printing on a Diablo 630 printer.

The AppleShare PC program lets those programs that produce PostScript output to print in pass-through mode, or emulates and translates output intended for any number of Epson printers (listed below). It also translates printer commands and information intended for Epson printers into commands for output to an ImageWriter.

If the program you want to print from cannot produce (PostScript or) LQ2500 output, configure the program to produce output compatible with one of the printers in the list that follows. Use the first compatible printer in the list. The Epson LQ2500 command set is a superset of these printer command sets, and can use them as well:

- Lq2500
- LQ1000
- LQ800

LQ1500  
EX series  
FX series  
LX series  
RX series  
MX series  
Epson printer  
Standard printer  
Draft printer

Though we don't have any experience printing documents from either dBASE IV or Harvard Graphics, since they both support Epson printers and Harvard Graphics outputs in PostScript, we know of no reason why they couldn't be printed using the AppleShare PC printing facilities.

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