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## Macintosh Computers: Options for lpr Printing Available (7/95)

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TOPIC -----

How can I print from my Macintosh computer to a printer connected to the Ethernet using lpr/lpd?

DISCUSSION -----

There are several third-party products that can help you print using Berkeley Line Printer Protocols (lpr/lpd) as described in RFC1179.

Public Domain/ShareWare  
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lpDaemon (description from lpDaemon readme file)  
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LPR is an lpDaemon client that submits jobs to a printer queue. Typically a text file is sent to a unix print queue. If the file is of type TEXT the end of lines are converted to unix style end of lines before sending, otherwise files are sent as is and marked with the 'literal' flag.

lpr (description from lpr1.2 readme file)  
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lpr is used to print Macintosh files by sending them to a remote lpd daemon. The files may be preformatted, formatted on the Macintosh, or formatted by lpd.

Public Domain and Shareware applications can be found on various online services, and the Internet.

Commercial Product  
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InterPrint by Intercon (description from www.intercon.com web page)  
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InterPrint is the industry's first commercial implementation of an LPR client for the Apple Macintosh, and the only bi-directional printing software package that allows TCP/IP users to print cross-platform. It operates as a Chooser-selectable printer driver and runs transparently in the background. InterPrint can be used as an LPR client and/or an LPR

server. Once installed, the server portion of the software operates as an extension. InterPrint Monitor mimics the UNIX LPQ command and allows users to easily check the status of print jobs. Users can print documents to a UNIX- or LPR-based printer without giving up the familiar Macintosh interface.

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