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Lanier WP Systems: File Transfer to/from Macintosh

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TOPIC -----

I am looking for a file transfer solution between the Macintosh and a stand-alone Lanier word processing system. Do you have any ideas?

DISCUSSION -----

There are a couple of possible solutions. However, they are really good only for infrequent or one-shot transfers. If you want to consistently transfer the files, there isn't a really good solution like Apple File Exchange translators, because it is unlikely that the Lanier word processor uses a format for its disks that could be read by AFE. The other matter is the format of Lanier word processing files.

The first possibility for transferring the files from the Lanier would be to print the files out of a Lanier serial port directly into a terminal program like MacTerminal running on the Macintosh. This would require that the Lanier has a serial port and can print to that serial port. It would also require that you have the appropriate cable to connect the Macintosh to the Lanier. A drawback to this method is that you lose all of the formatting of the Lanier files.

The second possibility is to use a data conversion service. One that we know of that can work with Lanier and Macintosh formats is Pivar Computing Services. Search the Technical Info library under "Pivar" for details. Copyright 1990 Apple Computer, Inc.

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