LaserWriter: PageMaker 4.2 Uses PPD, Not APD Files (8/95)

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TOPIC ---

There's a problem printing Aldus PageMaker 4.0 documents to a LaserWriter. Any
suggestions?

DISCUSSION --

To print publications, Aldus PageMaker 4.2 uses PostScript Printer Description
files (PPD files) in much the same way as earlier versions of PageMaker used
Aldus Printer Description (APD files). PageMaker 4.2 doesn't use APD files.
Therefore, when you open a PageMaker 4.0 or 4.0.1 publication in PageMaker 4.2,
you must choose Print… to specify a new printer (by selecting a PPD). When you
first choose Print… you will receive an error message indicating that PageMaker
failed to find a PPD. The message is misleading:

• First, the PPD it refers to corresponds to the APD you last specified in
  the 4.0 or 4.0.1 publication
  and
• Second, it implies that it searched and didn't find the PPD in the PPDs
  folder when this is not actually the case.

Simply click Continue, to open the Print dialog box. Choose the PPD you want
from the Printer type pop-up menu.

It's a good idea to save the publication after selecting the PPD, otherwise
you'll get the message each time you print.

NOTE: When you open a PageMaker 4.2 publication in PageMaker 4.0 or 4.0.1, you
must open the Print dialog box and select an APD.

The following is a list of PPD files shipped with PageMaker 4.2 for Apple
printers:

Apple LaserWriter IIf v2010.113
Apple LaserWriter IIg v2010.113
Apple LaserWriter v23.0
Apple LaserWriter Plus v38.0
Apple LaserWriter Plus v42.2
Apple LaserWriter IINTX v47.0

Apple LaserWriter IINTX v51.8
Apple LaserWriter IINT v47.0
LaserWriter Personal NT v51.8

The following is a list of PostScript versions from the Tech Info Library
article, "Postscript: Versions in LaserWriter ROMs."

	Revision # Displayed on	ROM	PostScript
Printer	Test Print	Size	Version
LaserWriter	1.0	256K	23.0
LaserWriter	2.0	512K	38.0
LaserWriter Plus	2.0	512K	38.0
LaserWriter Plus	3.0	512K	47.0
LaserWriter IINT	1.0	1MB	47.0
LaserWriter IINTX	1.0	1MB	47.0
LaserWriter IINTX	3.0	1MB	51.8
Personal LaserWriter NT	1.0	1MB	51.8
LaserWriter IIf	1.0	2MB	2010.113
LaserWriter IIg	1.0	2MB	2010.113
Personal LaserWriter NTR	1.0	2MB	2010.129

The LaserWriter Plus with revision 3.0 ROMs reports back that it has PostScript
version 42.2. This is an error in revision 3.0 ROMs. PostScript version 47.0
is the actual version in the revision 3.0 ROMs.

The LaserWriter IIf, LaserWriter IIg, and Personal LaserWriter NTR have
PostScript Level 2 in ROM. All other LaserWriter printers have PostScript Level
1 in ROM.

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