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PowerBook: Asst Toolbox Problem w/Serial Printers (11/94)

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TOPIC --

When I power on my PowerBook with a serial printer connected, my printer prints
out a strings of garbage characters. Why?

DISCUSSION ---

Some PowerBook computers are bundled with Assistant Toolbox installed. The
Assistant Toolbox opens AppleTalk during the startup process so it is available
without having to restart if you need to make it active. This causes problems
with some serial printers.

There are two workarounds for this problem.
1) Turn the printer on only just before you need to use it. If it is
   not on when you turn the PowerBook on, then it will not print out garbage.

2) Remove Assistant Toolbox from the Extensions Folder, then zap PRAM and
   choose the printer in the Chooser.

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