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## PostScript: Displaying Output on Macintosh Screen

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### TOPIC -----

I want to create a PowerPoint presentation using a "screen shot" from a VAX workstation. I've made a PostScript file on the VAX that I downloaded to my Macintosh as a text file. On my Macintosh, the file shows up as a series of PostScript commands, as opposed to an image that the Macintosh can display properly.

Other than Display PostScript, do you know of any way to read in a PostScript file and have it displayed on-screen as it would appear on the printer? Is there a utility that would 'interpret' the PostScript file into a QuickDraw-generated screen display?

### DISCUSSION -----

It is possible to display an EPS (Encapsulated PostScript) file with many Macintosh applications, including Adobe Illustrator.

To display full PostScript files under the Macintosh OS, use an application like LaserTalk from Emerald City Software or PostShow from Lincoln & Co.

It's possible that your PostScript files generated on the VAX wouldn't be well-behaved enough to work with PostShow. Extremely complex images can have problems. It also may not be worth it to buy this product for a one-time need. Many users duplicate the displays of non-Macintosh computers by hiring an artist to draw it using a Macintosh graphics program. The decision is usually based on how many times the conversion will be required.

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