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HyperCard: Printing White Text on Black in Quickdraw GX (8/95)

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TOPIC -----

I am printing a HyperCard card with white text on a black background. The printed card comes out all black with no text shown. If I select some other fill pattern, the outline of the text shows but the fill pattern is inside the character outlines.

This only happens when I use the LaserWriter GX driver.

DISCUSSION -----

This is the correct behavior when using a QuickDraw GX driver. HyperCard is using black & white QuickDraw, which does not let the background pattern show through. The non-GX LaserWriter drivers also use the black & white QuickDraw. QuickDraw GX, however, uses the Color QuickDraw model, which lets the patterns behind outlined text show through. If you print your card with the non-GX StyleWriter and LaserWriter 300 drivers, while set to grayscale, they give you the same result as QuickDraw GX drivers because of Color QuickDraw.

The workaround is to use the non-GX print drivers. Another alternative is to use the QuickDraw GX Helper to turn off desktop printing for the application during this print operation.

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