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## System 7: Background Printing and PageMaker

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### Article Change History

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- For technical accuracy.

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- To include PageMaker 4.2 information.

### TOPIC -----

I want to use background printing with PageMaker 4.0. PageMaker normally uses the Aldus drivers, which don't use PrintMonitor. Is there a way I can do this?

### DISCUSSION -----

You can use the Apple LaserWriter driver by holding down the option key, selecting print from the menu, and then clicking the print button. This uses the Apple driver instead of the APD. The next dialog will be the standard Apple LaserWriter 7.0 page setup dialog followed by the Apple LaserWriter 7.0 print dialog. If background printing has been turned on in the Chooser, it should work, but may not. Aldus Technical Support provided this information.

There are other reasons for selecting the Apple driver instead of the Aldus driver. Apple drivers will print PICT files better, whereas the APD prints TIFF and PostScript better.

Version 4.2 of PageMaker is System 7 savvy. The Aldus print drivers can take advantage of background printing unlike the prior versions.

Contact Aldus Technical Support for further clarification.

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