System 7: Saving Chained Documents as PostScript Files

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TOPIC ---

Some programs, like Microsoft Word and FrameMaker, let you specify what
file to print after the current file. Using this feature, you can split a
long or complex document into multiple files and still have them act as one
chained document when printing.

Under System 6, if you wanted to save these multiple files as PostScript
files for a chained document, you could send the first file to print and
immediately press and hold Command-K (if you're using Laser Prep) or
Command-F (without Laser Prep) while all jobs printed, and these files
would be saved as PostScript files.

I tried this under System 7, and the first file was saved as PostScript,
but the remaining files were printed.

How can I get a chained document saved to PostScript under System 7?

DISCUSSION --

There doesn't seem to be a direct workaround under System 7. Neither
Microsoft Word nor FrameMaker preserves the same print record for all the
jobs; that is, they don't display the job or print dialog for all print
records they use to print. Therefore, the 7.X driver can't give the user an
option to save the remaining files to PostScript.

With the 6.X driver, the choice to save to a PostScript file was done by
checking the keyboard when imaging began. If the driver sensed that
Command-K or Command-F was pressed, the files were saved as PostScript.
This method didn't require a print dialog for each file -- although you did
have to continue pressing Command-K or Command-F while all jobs were
printing.

Workarounds

There are two workarounds you can use:

- Go back to System 6 and use the LaserWriter 6.X drivers.

- Use the LaserWriter 6.X drivers under System 7. Here's how:

  1) Drag a copy of the LaserWriter 6.X driver (and Laser Prep) to the top
     level of the System Folder.

  2) Select this driver in the Chooser.

  3) Turn off Background Printing.

  4) Ensure that you are not using TrueType fonts.

  5) When you print the first of the chained files, immediately press and
     hold Command-K (or Command-F) until the job has finished printing.

Note

You can create a maximum of 10 PostScript files, named PostScript0 through
PostScript9, with this method. If you try to create more than 10, the 11th
job will overwrite PostScript0, the 12th job will overwrite PostScript1,
and so on.
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