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PostScript: Common Causes of Errors

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TOPIC -----

I tried to send an ASCII PostScript file (originally created under an IBM-PC application) to the LaserWriter. I get a PostScript error when I try to print documents with tables and formulas. The error that appeared on the screen is:

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%%[Error:undefined;Offending Command:F0]%%
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I can print text-only files okay. What's the problem? What do you recommend for troubleshooting PostScript errors?

DISCUSSION -----

PostScript errors are usually generated by one of three things: a corrupt document, a bad printer driver, or a slight incompatibility between the version of PostScript in the printer and what the application thinks is there. Because you can print text without a problem, we suspect the latter of the three, particularly if you're printing to the original LaserWriter. To verify this, you may want to try to print to a newer printer, like a LaserWriter IINT.

If you're interested in getting deeper into Postscript troubleshooting, get some of the reference manuals on the subject. Adobe has books on the subject, as do other publishers. For more information, search on "Adobe" AND "3rd".

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