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LaserWriter 8.3: Does Not Create Desktop Fax Sender (8/95)

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TOPIC -----

After installing LaserWriter 8.3 software and using the new desktop printing functionality without QuickDraw GX, the Fax Sender chooser item does not create a desktop printer.

I am confused because Fax Sender does not have a corresponding desktop printer yet it does work.

Are there any compatibility issues with 3rd party print drivers and desktop printers?

DISCUSSION -----

The new Desktop Printing software only supports Apple print drivers, and specifically, only the ones that use PrintMonitor. The ability to create a desktop icon for the Fax Sender driver is being considered for the next version of Desktop Printing software.

The new Desktop Printing software is designed to replace the old PrintMonitor, therefore, any driver that uses PrintMonitor is compatible with the new Desktop Printing software.

The Desktop Printing software has been tested with all of the Apple PostScript and QuickDraw "PrintMonitor-saavy" print drivers including: LW 7.x, 8.x, 8.xf, LaserWriter Select 300, StyleWriter II, and others. Apple ran some simple tests with LaserWriter 8.2.2f and successfully sent PostScript fax jobs via the desktop printer. Tests were also run with Adobe's PS Printer drivers 8.2 and 8.3 with no problems found. The only print drivers that will not have a desktop printer created are third party drivers that have their own printmonitor-type applications. It is only these 3rd party QuickDraw direct connect drivers where Desktop Printing is bypassed and the third party software takes precedence.

With regards to PostScript/network printers, the LaserWriter 8.x driver uses the PPD files of the 3rd party PostScript printer, and then creates a desktop printer.

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