LaserWriter Pro 630: Printing From Windows Over a Network (5/93)

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TOPIC --

Will the MS-DOS or MicroSoft Windows drivers included with the
LaserWriter Pro 630 support the printer over the same Ethernet connection
as the Macintosh, or do the drivers only work via the parallel or serial
ports?

A customer told me that a HP LaserJet 4 connected to Ethernet will
automatically accept print jobs from either Macintoshes or Windows/MS-DOS
compatibles over Ethernet. Can the LaserWriter Pro 630 do this?

DISCUSSION ---

The Windows software that we ship with the LaserWriter Pro 630 does not
contain any PostScript drivers or provide the capability of network access.
The only files we ship are .WPD files (analogous to PPD files) which just
inform the Windows PostScript driver of the LaserWriter Pro capabilities --
i.e. tray options, imageable area, etc. We also include some PostScript
utility files which can be downloaded to the LaserWriter Pro to enable/disable
PhotoGrade, FinePrint, and our other imaging options.

The LaserWriter Pro 630 ONLY supports the AppleTalk protocol on our Ethernet
port. We believe that the HP LaserJet 4 will accept AppleTalk AS WELL AS
native PC protocols over its Ethernet port. If this is what your customer is
looking for, then the LaserWriter Pro DOES NOT provide this capability.

You might want to clarify this with your customer since it is also possible to
"speak" AppleTalk through PC EtherTalk cards via software (such as software
that comes with the Farallon PhoneNet PC Talk card).

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