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PATHWORKS: Compatibility with Third-Party Spoolers

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TOPIC -----

I'm using PATHWORKS for the PC, with the Script Saver ASCII-to-PostScript print spooler, from Gray Matter Software. I'm also using a product for the PCs called Chem Text. And I'm using a LaserWriter IINTX connected to LAT Terminal Servers. I'm about to install PATHWORKS 1.1 for Macintosh. Will this configuration work with Macintosh printing to the LaserWriters? Will "LaserWriter wars" occur because of the non-standard PostScript file sent to the LaserWriters?

DISCUSSION -----

As long as a print spooling package is compatible with Apple LaserWriter driver 6.1, you won't have LaserWriter wars. Many Digital customers use both PATHWORKS for Macintosh and PATHWORKS for PC, so we don't think this is a big problem. If the existing Macintosh computers running System 7 don't have any problem printing to these LaserWriters, it will probably be fine. The real answer, of course, is to check with Gray Matter to see what version of the LaserWriter driver they recommend.

We don't know about PATHWORKS for PC, but PATHWORKS for Macintosh allows you to specify which LaserWriter driver version to use when you add a print spooler. You do this using the /setup=msap\$appledictxx qualifier in the MSA\$MANAGER's ADD PRINTER command.

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