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Wang LPS/LIS-8 Laser Printer: Connecting to a Macintosh

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TOPIC -----

Can I connect my Macintosh systems to a Wang LPS/LIS-8 laser printer? If yes, please explain how to do this.

DISCUSSION -----

The LPS-8 printer technology is many years old and is not likely to be PostScript-compatible. Therefore, to print Macintosh files you would need a specialized driver -- and to our knowledge, none exist. Alternatively, if the printer is similar enough to other printers for which third parties like GDT provide drivers (HPs, daisy-wheel printers, and so on), you might be able to use one of those drivers along with a serial connection.

To initiate a print job when the Macintosh is emulating a Wang terminal is much more likely by using one of the terminal emulation products described in the Tech Info Library or in one of the AppleLink buyer's guides. However, we don't think this is what you are looking for, and you'd definitely lose the neat graphical and WYSISYG capabilities the Macintosh offers.

A third possibility is to translate the Macintosh file to a Wang file format to print on the LPS-8, but again you'd lose many of the advantages of the Macintosh.

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