LaserWriter 16/600 PS: Changing Paper Options Using PCL (5/95)

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TOPIC ---

What are the PCL escape codes to change paper trays on the LaserWriter 16/600 PS printer?

DISCUSSION --

PCL (Printer Control Language) is the language Hewlett-Packard printers in use for MS-DOS/Window print jobs. You use PCL escape codes for printer instructions such as changing the default paper tray or page size. On Apple LaserWriter printers, you can only use PCL when you are printing from MS-DOS or Windows. You cannot use PCL from a Macintosh computer.

PCL codes are used within the application you are using, or you can create a file that contains the PCL code and send it to printer before you send a print job to the printer.

Changing Paper Trays

The HP PCL escape code sequence for selecting paper trays is:

<esc>&l#h

where <esc> = escape character
where l   = lower case L
where #   = paper tray selection below

<esc> = escape character
    l = lowercase L
    # = refer to following values below:
        0 - source current (default)
        1 - 250 sheet cassette
        2 - Multipurpose tray
        4 - 500 sheet cassette
        6 - Envelope Feeder

For example: To use the 500 sheet cassette, you use this escape code: <esc>&l4h

Changing Page Size

The HP PCL escape command for selecting the page size is:

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<esc>&l#A
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<esc> = escape character
    l = lower case L
    # = refers to the following page sizes:
         2 - letter
         3 - legal
         1 - executive
        26 - A4
        80 - Monarch Envelope
        81 - Comm. 10 Envelope
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For example: To print on a legal-sized page, you send this escape code:
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<esc>&l3A
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