LaserWriter Driver 8.0: Overview (5/93)

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TOPIC ---

This article describes the LaserWriter printer driver, version 8.0.

DISCUSSION --

The Apple LaserWriter printer driver, version 8.0, improves the
functionality and performance of PostScript-compatible LaserWriter
printers, especially those capable of supporting PostScript Level 2.

The driver software combines all of the features of previous LaserWriter
printer drivers, including application compatibility, support for TrueType
fonts and PostScript Level 1 compatibility, and it adds support for
features that are specific to individual printers. Specific PostScript
Printer Description files (PPDs) offer finger-tip control for printer
features such as multiple paper trays, printer resolution, PhotoGrade
and optional envelope trays. This means that a printer with two or more
paper trays can easily and efficiently print page one of a document on
letterhead and the rest of the document on regular bond paper.

The new driver is designed to improve background printing performance, up
to 30% for business graphics. It also provides support for PostScript
Level 2 features, including data compression, real-time error reporting,
patterns and pattern caching and color.

AVAILABILITY
The LaserWriter printer, version 8.0 is expected to begin shipping the
first week in June. It is currently available on AppleLink in both the
800K and the 1.44MB versions under the following path: Apple Products ->
Apple Software Updates -> Macintosh -> Printer SW -> LaserWriter 8.0.

The driver was co-developed by Apple Computer, Inc. and Adobe Systems Inc.
Adobe will ship the driver separately under the brand name of PSPrinter
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