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LaserWriter: Sharing Access Over Ethernet

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TOPIC -----

I have an AppleShare network running over Ethernet. Can I share my LaserWriter IINT with everyone else on the network if it's connected to one of the workstations rather than the server?

DISCUSSION -----

Since the LaserWriter is a LocalTalk device, you can put it anywhere in the loop. But you will need to have some kind of router installed on the network to change the LocalTalk protocols to Ethernet protocols.

There are a couple of ways to do this:

- With a hardware router, such as the Kinetics Fastpath. This device would actually be a separate node on the network.
- With the Apple Internet Router. This is software that is installed on a single Macintosh that can connect to both types of networks. In your case, the most logical place to put it would be on the server, but that is not a strict requirement. The router runs in the background, but if you install it on a workstation, and that machine somehow is turned off (in a system crash, for example) then everyone will lose access to the LaserWriter.

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