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LaserWriter IIf, IIg, and NTR: Windows 3.0 Problem & Fix

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TOPIC -----

I have a Macintosh IIsi, running system software version 7.0 (without the 7.1.1 tune-up), and a 486 DOS computer, running Windows 3.0, connected to my LaserWriter IIf. I'm using the LaserWriter driver that comes with Windows.

Apple's data sheets for the LaserWriter IIf, IIg, and NTR printers state that these printers are designed so you can simultaneously connect multiple kinds of networks and computers without having to manually reconfigure the printer to receive data through a particular port.

However, when I try to print from the Macintosh, which is connected to the LaserWriter IIf LocalTalk port, after I've printed from the Windows machine, PrintMonitor shows that the LaserWriter is "processing the job from Windows", even though the job has finished printing. The only way I can print a Macintosh job after printing from the Windows machine is to physically disconnect the cable from the Windows machine to the LaserWriter. Then PrintMonitor shows that the Windows job has finished, and the Macintosh job will print.

Is this a known compatibility problem, and is there a fix?

DISCUSSION -----

There is a compatibility problem between Windows 3.0 and the LaserWriter IIf, IIg, and NTR. You need to upgrade to Windows 3.1, which lets you choose some "advanced options" for PostScript printers.

To fix the problem, in the "advanced options" dialog box, check the "Clear Memory Per Page" option. For details, see page 84, item #8, of the "Getting Started with Microsoft Windows" manual.

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