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LaserWriter Select 310: Printing From Both Ports (7/93)

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TOPIC -----

I have two questions regarding a LaserWriter Select 310 connected to both a Macintosh and a PC.

- 1) The Select 310 manual states that you shouldn't have both the serial and the parallel cables connected at the same time. Are there any problems leaving both cables plugged in?
- 2) I have read that you cannot print from both systems without shutting the printer down. I do in fact print from both at the same time with no problems. Can you explain why it works for me?

DISCUSSION -----

- 1) The manual is correct in stating that the serial and parallel port of the LaserWriter Select 310 cannot be used at the same time. Having the ports physically connected at the same time will not cause any damage to the printer, and is just stated to prevent the possible use of both simultaneously.
- 2) Basically, the LaserWriter Select 310 DOES NOT support port arbitration like the Personal LaserWriter NTR, LaserWriter IIx/IIg, and LaserWriter Pro printers. The printer can get very confused if it is communicating on one port, and suddenly receives some spurious data from another. It is possible that you may be able to print to both ports simultaneously since both ports are in fact active, however, this is neither suggested or supported by Apple.

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