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How to Connect to Network Printers (7/96)

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TOPIC ---

This article covers these topics:

• Basic preparations for networking and background printing

• Connecting to network printers

• Selecting background printing

• System 7.x hints and help

• Where to get more information

DISCUSSION --

Before You Connect

To connect to network printers, you need the following items installed in the
System Folder:

• LaserWriter or LaserWriter 8 (With LaserWriter 8 Print Driver you also
  need the PPD files from the installer disk.)

• LaserWriter Prep (under System 6.0.x only)

To use background printing, PrintMonitor also must be installed in the System
Folder (under System 7.x, in the Extensions folder within the System Folder). If
you need to install any of these items, use your set of system disks to do so.
Under System 7.x, use the copy of the Installer on the Printing disk.

Connecting to Network Printers

Follow these steps to connect to network printers:

1) From the Apple menu, select Chooser. The Chooser window appears.
   AppleTalk must be set to Active in the lower-right part of the Chooser
   window.

2) In the upper-left part of the Chooser window, click the icon of the type
   of printer you want (this must be a network printer, for example
   LaserWriter).

3) Scroll the list of AppleTalk Zones to find the one you want.

4) Click the name of the AppleTalk Zone to select it. A list of printers
   and print spoolers in that zone appears in the right-hand window.

5) Click on the name of a printer or print spooler to select it. If you
   use LaserWriter 8, you must click the "Setup..." button and setup the
   printer. You may either use Auto Setup, or chose More Choices to select
   a specific PPD.

6) From the File menu, select Close, or click on the close box in the
   upper-left corner of the Chooser window.

Selecting Background Printing

With PrintMonitor, you can print on a LaserWriter while continuing to work with
other programs (this is called background printing). Follow these steps to
select background printing:

1) From the Apple menu, select Chooser. The Chooser window appears.

2) Click the LaserWriter icon in the upper-left part of the Chooser window.

3) Click the On radio button in the Background Printing section (below the
   list of LaserWriters).

4) From the File menu, select Close, or click on the close box in the
   upper-left corner of the Chooser window.

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• To move between sections of the Chooser, press the Tab key.

• To move to an item quickly within any section of the Chooser, type one
  or more characters that begin the name of the desired item.

Where to Get More Information

• Macintosh Networking Reference by Apple Computer, Inc. (030-3936-A)

• Macintosh Reference (System 6.0.x) by Apple Computer, Inc. (030-4015-A)

• Macintosh Reference (System 7) by Apple Computer, Inc. (030-3934-A)

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