LaserWriter: How to Change the Manual Timeout

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TOPIC ---

I want to change the manual-feed timeout on a LaserWriter IINT. I read the
Tech Info Library article "LaserWriter Timeout Specifications", which states
that this can be done and refers you to the "PostScript Language: Reference
Manual". Because I'm no PostScript expert, I would like to get a PostScript
program that changes the manual-feed timeout to 120 seconds.

DISCUSSION --

Changing the timeout is done with the "setdefaulttimeouts" PostScript operator.
This operator establishes the default values, job, manual feed, and wait for
the three timeouts. At the beginning of each job, these values are used to
initialize the job, manual feed, and wait timeouts. Each parameter must be a
non-negative integer denoting the length of a timeout in seconds. The value of
0 indicates that the corresponding timeout should never occur. The default
values for job, manual feed, and wait are 0, 60, and 30, respectively. A
PostScript program, like the one that follows, can be sent to the printer to
change timeout values:

```
serverdict begin 0 exitserver
statusdict begin
# # # setdefaulttimeouts
end
```

where # # # should be replaced by the job, manual-feed, and wait-timeout values
in seconds. In your case, you want to change the manual-feed timeout to 120
seconds and keep the other values the same. You third line should look like
this:

```
0 120 30 setdefaulttimeouts
```

The PostScript program then can be downloaded to the printer using a download
utility, like Widgets, that comes with the CE Software DiskTop Utility. For
more details, search the Technical Info library under "CE Software, Inc.."
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