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## StyleWriter II: How to Use With a Low-Memory Macintosh (2/93)

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### TOPIC -----

This article describes how to optimize a StyleWriter II printer with a low-memory Macintosh configuration.

### DISCUSSION -----

If you have a Macintosh with 2MB RAM and System 7, or 1MB RAM and System 6 -- and you are printing to a StyleWriter II, you may occasionally run short of memory.

You know you are low on memory when:

- Some documents do not print.
- Some fonts may be displayed and printed in the Geneva font.
- The printed document looks jagged on the edges rather than smooth.
- You may get an "out of memory" message on your screen.

### Workarounds

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Here are some ways to make more memory available:

- Open only one application at a time.
- Print color or grayscale images in black-and-white mode.
- Make sure the RAM cache is turned off or set as low as possible. To adjust the RAM cache, use the Memory Control Panel in System 7 or the Control Panel in System 6.
- If you are using System 6, make sure MultiFinder is turned off. To turn MultiFinder off, choose Set Startup from the Special menu. In the dialog box that appears, choose Finder. The next time you start up or restart your Macintosh, MultiFinder will be turned off.
- If you are using System 7, try printing with background printing turned off.
- INIT files in the system folder usually use up some of your Macintosh's

RAM. Remove INIT files to free up some memory.

- If you get "not enough memory" errors while printing to a shared StyleWriter II, then turn background printing off.
- If you have only 2MB of RAM with System 7, or 1MB of RAM with System 6, you may want to add more memory to make your Macintosh work more effectively.

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