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AppleShare Print Server: Improving Lino L300 Spooling Speed

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TOPIC -----

I ran into a severe slowdown using the AppleShare Print Server and LaserWriter Driver 5.2. on a dedicated Macintosh SE (with 2.5MB of RAM) that was spooling to a Linotronic L300. 700K files took up to 7 minutes to spool.

I then took the two high-end output workstations and linked them to the Rip 4s via Ethernet, using the 5.2 Laser Prep and so on. The same print job now took 1 minute 40 seconds to the Print Server, and 1 minute 30 seconds direct to the Rip.

DISCUSSION -----

The Laser Prep and LaserWriter Driver 6.0 are the only drivers that are able to take advantage of font caching.

We installed LaserWriter Driver 6.0 on an AppleShare Print Server and workstations. The AppleShare Print Server then printed in 40 seconds.

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