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ImageWriter LQ: Use Geneva or Helvetica for Faster Quality Print

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A problem has appeared with the ImageWriter LQ when set for Faster Quality. For example, when printing a half-page document from WriteNow in Best Quality, either bidirectionally or unidirectionally, the print looks good. However, when printing in Faster Quality, either bidirectionally or unidirectionally, the print quality is poor, jagged, and hard to read. Except for the spacing, Draft Quality is more readable than Faster Quality. These results are quite different than when using the ImageWriter II driver.

The problem arises from the fact that Faster Quality was designed to be the quickest way to print both graphics and text in the WYSIWYG format. In the Faster Quality mode of the ImageWriter LQ, the typeface used is essentially the screen font in bold face. Test results show that 12-point Times in Faster Quality is not the most readable font. Using other fonts in 12-point and Faster Quality, like Geneva or Helvetica, improves readability.

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