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LaserWriter IINTX: Emulating The HP LaserJet's Printer Language

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Some users of LaserWriter IINTX have asked: what is "PCL", and how is it different from PostScript and LaserJet?

PCL is an acronym for Printer Control Language, and is the language on which the HP LaserJet Plus is based. PCL lacks the overall power of PostScript, but is adequate for standard printing needs.

Apple's emulation of the HP LaserJet Plus is not perfect. Pages 118 and 119 of the LaserWriter IINT/NTX Owner's Guide (Apple Part #030-3215-A) explain the differences.

Because we do not emulate PCL perfectly, you may encounter some problems with certain applications -- for instance, if you send the Hewlett Packard PCL command to reset LaserJet Plus to LaserWriter IINTX while in LaserJet emulation mode, the system may crash.

We strongly suggest that you test a LaserWriter IINTX in a PCL environment before making a decision to go with this type of setup.

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