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Personal LaserWriter NT: PageMaker 4.0 APD Workaround (8/95)

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TOPIC -----

Where can I get the APD file that's needed by a Personal LaserWriter NT running PageMaker 4.0? (Evidently, the LaserWriter II version of APD works, but it displays spurious messages while you use it.)

DISCUSSION -----

APD (Aldus Printer Definition) are files that Aldus provides primarily to their PageMaker customers. Apple does not supply Aldus Printer Definition files to PageMaker customers. Apple and third-party printer manufacturers do provide information to Aldus, so they can create their APD file for the specific printers.

Aldus Technical Support indicated that a Personal LaserWriter NT APD would be available sometime in the future. In the meantime, they provided a workaround for the only known issue when using the LaserWriter IINT APD with the Personal LaserWriter. A dialog box appears after the Print menu item has been selected. The dialog states:

Check printer type.

If you have trouble printing to
"{name of printer}" change "Printer:" from
"{current APD}" to "{printer type}"
in the Print dialog box.

For the described situation, it would read:

Check printer type.
If you have trouble printing to
"{name of printer}" change "Printer:" from
"LaserWriter IINT" to "LaserWriter
Personal NT" in the Print dialog box.

To eliminate this dialog box from the printing process, do these steps:

- 1) Copy the exact names in the "{current APD}" field and in the "{printer type}" field of the "Check printer type" dialog. In this case:

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"{current APD}" = "LaserWriter IINT"  
"{printer type}" = "LaserWriter Personal NT"
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and Quit PageMaker.

- 2) Make a copy of the "LaserWriter IINT.apd" file.
- 3) Open the copy with a word processor or text editor.
- 4) Locate all occurrences of "LaserWriter IINT" and change to "LaserWriter Personal NT".
- 5) Save the copied and modified file in text format with the name "LaserWriter Personal NT.apd". Be sure the .apd extension is included.
- 6) Exit the word processor/text editor and restart the Macintosh.
- 7) Launch PageMaker, go to the Print dialog box, and select "LaserWriter Personal NT" from the "Printer:" popup menu.

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