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LaserWriter Printers: Rename & Turning Off Startup Page (11/96)

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TOPIC -----

I have a PostScript Apple LaserWriter and would like to change the name that shows up in the chooser under "select a LaserWriter". Also, I'd like to turn off the startup page.

DISCUSSION -----

In order to change the LaserWriter name, your LaserWriter printer needs to be a network PostScript printer and its current name is listed in the Chooser when selecting the LaserWriter or LaserWriter GX icon. You cannot change the name of the LaserWriter Select 310, which is a PostScript printer, because it is not a networkable printer, and does not broadcast a name through AppleTalk.

To change the name of the printer you will need either a copy of LaserWriter Utility or Apple Printer Utility. These utilities are on the first disk of the printer disk set, or you can install them with the custom install feature. If you are running system 7.5.x, you can custom install either utility directly using the system 7.5 installer.

Using LaserWriter Utility To Rename a Printer

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To access the printer using LaserWriter utility, you must already have your LaserWriter properly configured in the Chooser. The easiest way to determine if your printer is properly configured is to print to the printer. If you can print to the LaserWriter printer, then it is properly configured.

Step 1

Launch the LaserWriter Utility.

The LaserWriter Utility tries to make a connection to the current printer when the initial screen appears. If the connection is successful, the splash screen disappears and three menus appear in the Menu bar.

If the LaserWriter Utility does not make a connection, make sure you have the proper printer selected in the Chooser, and verify that you can print to the printer.

Step 2

Choose Name Printer from the Utilities menu.

Step 3

Type the new name for the printer.

Step 4

Click the Rename button.

Using LaserWriter Utility To Turn Off The Startup Page

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Step 1

Launch the LaserWriter Utility.

The LaserWriter Utility tries to make a connection to the current printer when the initial screen appears. If the connection is successful, the splash screen disappears and three menus appear in the Menu bar.

If the LaserWriter Utility does not make a connection, make sure you have the proper printer selected in the Chooser, and verify that you can print to the printer.

Step 2

Choose Set Startup page from the Utilities Menu.

A dialog appears allowing you to select Startup page on or off.

Step 3

Choose if you want the Startup page on or off.

Step 4

Click OK

Using Apple Printer Utility (1.x)

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To access the printer using Apple Printer Utility, you must already have your LaserWriter properly configured in the Chooser. The easiest way to determine if your printer is properly configured is to print to the printer. If you can print to the LaserWriter printer, then it is properly configured.

Step 1

Launch the Apple Printer Utility.

A window appears with a list of printers. This is similar to the way printers appear in the Chooser.

Step 2

Select the printer you want to connect to.

Step 3

Click the Open Printer button.

A status window appears informing you that it is checking the status of your LaserWriter printer. After this is complete, a window with all the printer information appears. The information is subdivided into two sections, printer information and printer preferences.

Step 4

Click the triangle next to printer preferences to set the startup page or rename the printer. Steps 5 through 7 explain how to rename a LaserWriter printer. Steps 8 through 10 explain how to change the startup page status.

To rename the LaserWriter printer:

Step 5

Click the triangle next to Name.

The name of the current printer appears.

Step 6

Type over the current name of the printer.

Step 7

Click the Send button at the top of the window.

Changes will not be made unless you click the Send button.

To change the Startup Page status:

Step 8

Click the triangle next to Startup Page

Most printers will have a check box for Print a startup page each time the printer is turned on.

Step 9

Click the check box to change the status.

An X in the box indicates a startup page prints when the printer is powered on. The default is to generate a startup page.

Step 10

Click the Send button at the top of the window.

Changes will not be made unless you click the Send button.

Note:

Some printers such as the Color LaserWriter 12/600 PS and Color LaserWriter 12/660 PS have more than one test page. You can select which pages, if any, you want to print at startup.

Using Apple Printer Utility (2.x)

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To access the printer using Apple Printer Utility, you must already have your LaserWriter properly configured in the Chooser. The easiest way to determine if your printer is properly configured is to print to the printer. If you can print to the LaserWriter printer, then it is properly configured.

Step 1

To access the printer using Apple Printer Utility, first ensure you have a working connection to the printer. Next, launch the Apple Printer Utility application.

Step 1

Launch the Apple Printer Utility.

A window appears with a list of printers. This is similar to the way printers appear in the Chooser.

Step 2

Select the printer you want to connect to.

Step 3

Click the Open Printer button.

A status window appears informing you that it is checking the status of your LaserWriter printer. After this is complete, a window with all the printer information appears. The information is subdivided by category.

Steps 4 through 6 explain how to rename a LaserWriter printer. Steps 7 through 9

explain how to change the startup page status.

To rename the LaserWriter printer:

Step 4

Click the triangle next to Name.

The name of the LaserWriter printer appears.

Step 5

Type over the current name of the printer.

Step 6

Click the Send button to send the new name to the printer.

Changes will not be made unless you click the Send button.

To change the Startup Page status:

Step 7

Click the triangle next to Startup Page.

A check box for Print a startup page each time the printer is turned on appears.

Step 8

Click the check box to change the status.

An X in the box indicates a startup page prints when the printer is powered on. The default is to generate a startup page.

Step 9

Click the Send button at the top of the window.

Changes will not be made unless you click the Send button.

Note:

Some printers such as the Color LaserWriter 12/600 PS and Color LaserWriter 12/660 PS have more than one test page. You can select which pages, if any, you want to print at startup.

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