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LaserWriter: Printing Non-PostScript Files from a PC

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TOPIC -----

Some customers report problems printing to a PostScript LaserWriter from MS-DOS PCs equipped with LocalTalk PC Cards. From the PC, the printer appears in the Chooser and can be selected -- but it won't print such files as AUTOEXEC.BAT.

DISCUSSION -----

The problem may be that the LaserWriter was connected for use with PostScript files instead of plain text files. When AppleShare PC connects to a LaserWriter for PostScript use, it sends the raw data directly to the LaserWriter without modification. This doesn't work for typical DOS text files because they aren't in PostScript format.

The Epson emulation mode accepts standard text files and converts them to PostScript format before sending them to the LaserWriter. This is the mode you should use for printing AUTOEXEC.BAT and other non-PostScript files created by applications that support PostScript printing.

For most users, the best way to set up AppleShare PC is to make two connections to the LaserWriter: one for PostScript and the other for plain text. For instance, use LPT2 as the Epson connection and LPT3 as the PostScript connection. This uses slightly more conventional memory, but it allows you to print either type of document without altering configurations. Copyright 1990 Apple Computer, Inc.

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