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Apple Color Printer: Printer Sharing

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The Apple Color Printer's GrayShare driver offers printer sharing even when the Apple Color Printer isn't connected to a network. You can "publish" the printer to other network users for remote use. You can implement activity logging and password protection, which allows the host computer to both monitor and limit printer use. This article tells you how to share the Apple Color Printer.

DISCUSSION -----

Choosing the Apple Color Printer

To print to an Apple Color Printer:

- 1) Select the printer via the Chooser.
- 2) Once the Chooser dialog box appears and you select the Apple Color Printer icon, the "Connect to:" portion of the dialog lists "<SCSI>" as the choice. If the printer is set up for sharing, it's named and that name is listed instead of "<SCSI>".
- 3) Select "<SCSI>" and close the Chooser dialog box to begin using the Apple Color Printer.

If you wish to share the printer, you need to perform a few more operations.

Apple Color Printer Sharing Setup

To set up printer sharing:

- 1) Click the "Setup" button.
- 2) An "Apple Color Printer Sharing Setup" dialog box allows you to check the "Share this Printer" checkbox, and then type in a name for the printer. The name entered in this dialog box will be the name that network users see when they select the Apple Color Printer icon in their

Choosers.

- 3) You may type in the password that remote users must know in order to use the printer. If you don't wish to use password protection, leave the password area blank.
- 4) Check the "Keep Log of Printer Usage" checkbox if you want to keep a journal of printer use.

Printer Sharing and the Host Computer

Printer sharing is an excellent feature, but the host computer will bear the burden of the print serving. The remote station images and spools the document quickly, but the host computer handles the actual printer spooling. If many computers frequently spool documents to a shared printer, it may be advantageous to have a dedicated computer sharing that printer.

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