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LaserWriter: How To Determine PostScript Version, ROM Revision

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TOPIC -----

Is there a way to determine the version of the PostScript driver on an Apple LaserWriter?

Is there a way to determine the disk driver version on the Hard Drive?

Is special software is used to determine either of the above?

DISCUSSION -----

To determine the PostScript version and ROM revision levels on a LaserWriter, use the code below in a PostScript dump utility. We used PostHaste, but there are many others. Microsoft Word 4.0 will also send PostScript directly to the printer.

```
serverdict begin 0 exitserver
/Helvetica findfont
15 scalefont
setfont
/str 40 string def
72 700 moveto
(LaserWriter Name:  ) show
statusdict begin str printername show
72 675 moveto
(PostScript version:  ) show
statusdict begin version show
72 650 moveto
(ROM revision level:  ) show
statusdict begin revision str cvs show
showpage
```

The output will look something like:

```
LaserWriter Name: xxxxxxxxx
PostScript version: xx.x
ROM revision level: x
```

Determining the version of a disk driver is different for each manufacturer. As far as we know, there is no package that will return the information on any drive.

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