

LaserWriter IISC: Uses QuickDraw, Not PostScript

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Printing to a LaserWriter IISC sometimes seems to takes a long time (for example, one customer reported that from Excel the average is about 4 minutes per page). This relative slowness is a result of the printing process used by the LaserWriter IISC. Rather than interpreting PostScript commands (as is done by the LaserWriter IINT and LaserWriter IINTX), the LaserWriter IISC creates QuickDraw to a Raster image. This is essentially a bitmap of the screen image. QuickDraw printing is much slower than PostScript, and no speed increases are available. Copyright 1989 Apple Computer, Inc.

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