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LaserWriter IISC: No Printer Driver in Sys7.5 Update 2.0 (3/96)

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TOPIC -----

I just installed the System 7.5 Update 2.0, and I could not find a printer driver for the LaserWriter IISC printer. What happened to that driver?

DISCUSSION -----

The LaserWriter IISC driver is not compatible with System 7.5.3 (System 7.5 with Update 2.0).

When printing to a LaserWriter IISC or Personal LaserWriter SC from a Macintosh running System 7.5.2 or 7.5.3, the print output may not be WYSIWYG depending upon the font selected. The output is not WYSIWYG due to improper character and word spacing. The improper spacing may also cause lines to get clipped. Clipping is where characters that lie outside the printable area are not printed.

The situation gets more confusing since the printer drivers are referenced in the System 7.5.3 "About the Extensions folder" ReadMe:

- LaserWriter IISC: Enables your computer to print documents on a LaserWriter IISC connected to a SCSI port. Replaced by Personal LaserWriter SC.
- Personal LaserWriter SC: Enables your computer to print documents on a Personal LaserWriter SC or a LaserWriter IISC.

Workarounds

At this time there is only two workarounds; if you use System 7.5.3, you should use QuickDraw GX and the appropriate QuickDraw GX printer driver. The only other option if you do not want to install QuickDraw GX is to use another version of the Mac OS prior to System 7.5.2 or System 7.5.3.

If you want to continue using System 7.5.3, and you do not want to use QuickDraw GX you can experiment with different fonts in various applications. You should be able to find a font that provides acceptable results.

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