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LaserWriter IIg: LocalTalk and EtherTalk Zones

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TOPIC -----

I have a question about the LaserWriter IIg. I have the same printer name on both the LocalTalk zone and the Ethernet zone, and the printer is connected to both LocalTalk and Ethernet. Between these zones I have an AppleTalk Internet Router.

When I print from a Macintosh on Ethernet to the LaserWriter, I can actually reach the printer from both Ethernet and LocalTalk. Which printer port is used in that case? Does it choose the shortest way, or does it prefer LocalTalk?

DISCUSSION -----

If a LaserWriter IIg is connected to the same Internet via LocalTalk and EtherTalk, and the LocalTalk and EtherTalk connections are in the same zone, the LocalTalk connection is shut down.

If the LocalTalk and EtherTalk connections are in different zones, the printer will be advertised in both zones. If you select the LaserWriter IIg via the LocalTalk zone, all communications go through the LocalTalk port. If you select the LaserWriter IIg via the EtherTalk zone, all communications go through the EtherTalk port.

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