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LaserWriter Pro 630: Files on the Windows Disk (2/93)

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TOPIC -----

With the LaserWriter Pro 630, Apple ships Windows 3.0 and 3.1 drivers that support PhotoGrade. Will these drivers also work with the LaserWriter IIg? If so, what are the ramifications or legal limitations of distributing these drivers to existing LaserWriter IIg DOS or Windows users?

DISCUSSION -----

The LaserWriter Pro Windows disk actually doesn't contain any Windows drivers, but "configuration" files for the generic PostScript driver included with Windows. These files are used to supply printer-specific information to the Windows PostScript driver. They are analogous to Macintosh PPD (PostScript Printer Definition) files, and provide information such as printer resolution, fonts in the printer's ROM, imageable area, trays supported, and so on. Thus, you wouldn't use these files on a LaserWriter IIx or IIg, because they provide LaserWriter Pro information only.

In terms of support for PhotoGrade (and FinePrint for that matter), there are some additional files on the LaserWriter Pro Windows disk that in essence provide similar functionality to the LaserWriter Utility (such as, PhotoGrade and FinePrint enabling and disabling). You can try setting up these files for use with the LaserWriter IIg to see if PhotoGrade can be enabled or disabled, but this has never been tested. There are some instructions included in the disk's README file; you can find the full set of instructions in the LaserWriter Pro manual.

We have verified with Apple Product Marketing that you are free to distribute the files on the LaserWriter Pro Windows disk, as this is baseline functionality for the printers (that is, PhotoGrade capability on a LaserWriter IIx or IIg).

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