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The ImageWriter LQ comes with its own versions of the Helvetica, Times,
Courier, and Symbol fonts. Some of the "LaserWriter" sizes of these fonts
have different resource sizes than those shipped with LaserWriters. In
addition, the LaserWriter and ImageWriter LQ FONDs for these fonts differ.
This has led to questions from some users:

- What are the differences?

  The ImageWriter LQ fonts are up to 72 points in size; their spacing and
  font metrics are essentially identical to the LaserWriters' fonts. The
  difference in font resource sizes between LaserWriter and ImageWriter LQ
  is about six bytes.

- What is the correct font installation procedure for machines that will
  be printing to both printers?

  Use the Font/DA mover to move the fonts you wish to use.

  (NOTE: You must have a screen font three times larger than the size you
  are printing installed in the system.)

- Will there be any change in spacing on documents created for the
  LaserWriter when these documents are printed after installing the
  ImageWriter LQ versions of the fonts?

  There should be NO size differences in the documents (spacing, etc.)
  between the two fonts -- the screen fonts are fundamentally the same. The
  only difference should show up in the actual printout because of the
  differences in resolution (300 dpi vs. 216 dpi,) not because of any font
  differences.

Remember, the fonts you install are SCREEN fonts, not the actual font used
for printing on the LaserWriter, which come from the font metrics information

stored in the printer.

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