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TOPIC -----

A customer has asked why the Macintosh no longer beeps when the selected LaserWriter is out of paper as it did with previous versions of printer drivers and PrintMonitor.

DISCUSSION -----

The LaserWriter family of printers, in conjunction with Apple's printer drivers, still reports to the user when the LaserWriter is out of paper, if it is printing more than a single page.

The LaserWriter will image one page with a paper-out condition and not report the error to the user. For example, the LaserWriter is out of paper and no image is in the LaserWriters memory. A one-page print job is sent to the LaserWriter. The page is imaged, and no error is sent to the machine that sent the print job.

If a page has been imaged and another page or more than one page is sent to a LaserWriter with no paper, the machine that sent the print job will be notified that a paper-out condition has occurred.

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