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TOPIC ---

A user has an AppleShare File Server and an MS-DOS machine using a
LocalTalk PC Card. If he prints a file on LocalTalk (not on the server) in
the background and, at the same time, tries to copy a file from the server
to the MS-DOS computer, it bombs. He can do these separately, but not at
the same time. Can you explain?

DISCUSSION ---

We don't know how background printing is being attempted in this situation.
The AppleShare PC or LocalTalk PC environment does not provide a method for
background printing. If the customer is attempting the background
operations via some MS-DOS utility, the customer is exploring an untested
and unsupported environment.

For MS-DOS, the only solution Apple provides is print spooling, which is
accomplished using the AppleShare Print Server. Background printing is not
provided.

The difference is that print spooling is provided by a network-accessible
device that can be used by several network users. Background printing is a
process that takes place on an individual's workstation and is accessible
by that workstation's user only.

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