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## SMB Server: Printing and Spooler Questions

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TOPIC -----------------------------------------------

Does Apple's implementation of Token Ring allow access to IBM PC LAN
server-based spoolers?  In other words, can a Macintosh print to a LaserJet
serviced by a spooler on an SMB Server?   Can an IBM PC print to a
LaserWriter II through the same configuration?

DISCUSSION -----------------------------------------------

As of September, 1989, we don't know of any LaserWriter IINT/NTX spooler for an
IBM PC LAN server, or any method of printing directly from a Macintosh to a
LaserJet on an SMB server.  The SMB File Transfer Utility, which is bundled
with the TokenTalk NB Card, provides only file transfer and translation between
MS-DOS files on the SMB file server and the Macintoshes on the Token Ring
network.

To print a file from the Macintosh to the LaserJet, first transfer the file to
the SMB server using SMB File Transfer.  Then, the start the print job.

An IBM PC running TokenTalk can print directly to LaserWriter, if the
LaserWriter is connected to a Macintosh running the Apple Internet Router and
the AppleShare Print Server.

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