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TOPIC -----

I am working with a school which has a lab of 14 Apple IIe systems sharing two network ImageWriters with no file server.

They have been unable to get the Apple IIe systems to print from any application, so I was brought into the situation. I moved the Workstation Card to slot 1, used Chooser.II, and was able to get all their software to print over the network.

The interesting thing is that the printer would work only by placing the LocalTalk connector in the serial printer port rather than LocalTalk port on the Workstation Card. The Chooser finds the printer as a network printer.

Can you explain?

DISCUSSION -----

It sounds as though the cables from the adapter box have been reversed during installation.

The top cable (LocalTalk) from the adapter box needs to be attached to the top connector pins on the Workstation Card. The bottom cable (printer port) from the adapter box needs to be attached to the bottom connector pins. If the cables from the adapter box to the Workstation Card have been reversed, the situation you describe would occur.

Once you were able to see the network from slot 1, did you try using slot 7 again? Were you able to see the network (even with the LocalTalk connector in the printer port)? Were you able to print from the applications?

Since you were able to see the network (that is, with Chooser.II), yet could not print, our first suggestion would be to check the printer slot assignment

in the application. The application needs to be set to print to slot 7 if the Workstation Card is in slot 7.

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