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TOPIC -----

I want to send a file for printing to the terminal server's print queue, but I can't get the Command-K or Command-F function to work using LaserWriter 6.0.1 and System 6.0.4.

When I select the print function and press Command-K, my Macintosh beeps for as long as I press the keys. Can you tell me if this function still works with the LaserWriter 6.0.1 drivers? Do these commands no longer work in these applications? Is there another way to accomplish this?

DISCUSSION -----

This feature is still present in the LaserWriter 6.0.1 drivers, but background printing must be turned off for it to work. (Note however that this feature is no longer available in System 7. Instead, there is an option in the Print dialog for generating a Postscript file to disk.)

It is also possible in this case that the Control K is being intercepted by an INIT or cdev like QuicKeys or MacroMaker.

There is an undocumented feature of the LaserWriter version 6.0.1 driver that allows saving a PostScript file to disk without resorting to the Command-F or -K method. Here is the procedure to reveal a check box in the Print dialog that saves the PostScript file to disk. You need ResEdit and a copy of the LaserWriter file. (Never use ResEdit on the original copy of a file.)

- 1) Open "LaserWriter" with ResEdit.
- 2) Open the "DITL" resource picker.
- 3) Open the DITL that has the print dialog (-8191).
- 4) From the DITL menu, select "Select dialog item".

- 5) Type "22" and click OK.
- 6) From the File menu, select "Open as dialog item".
- 7) You'll see the item has 0,0,0,0 as its rect. Set it to something like 80, 357, 100, 439 and close the window.
- 8) You'll see the "Disk File" checkbox. Resize it appropriately and move it to a convenient location.
- 9) Save changes and quit ResEdit.

Be sure to turn off Background Printing in the Chooser before printing. When you select print with the "Disk File" checkbox highlighted, you'll get a PostScript file when you click OK. This checkbox provides the same functionality as the Command-F method, which generates a PostScript file without the Laser Prep file. Remember to work with ResEdit only on a copy of the LaserWriter file.

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