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TOPIC -----

How do I connect an Apple Personal LaserWriter NT to an IBM compatible computer?

DISCUSSION -----

The following cable configurations will support serial connections to the Personal LaserWriters, the original LaserWriters and the LaserWriter II family.

Use a RS-232 Null Modem cable. The DB-25 end goes into the printer, and depending on what kind of port it has, either a DB-9 or DB-25 goes into the computer.

Cable configuration for DB-9 to DB-25:

PC DB9	Printer DB25
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1	4
2	2
3	3
4	5&6
5	7
6&8	20
7	8
9	NC

PC DB25	Printer DB25
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1	1
2	3
3	2

4	5
5	4
6	8&20
7	7
8&20	6

PC	Printer
DB 25	DB9 (LW Pro)
1	5
2	2
3	3
4	8
5	7
6	1&4
7	5
8&20	6

PC	Printer
DB9	DB9
1&4	6
2	3
3	2
5	5
6	1&4
7	8
8	7

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