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## LaserWriter IIf, IIg, and Pro: Changing AppleTalk Type (3/93)

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### TOPIC -----

How do I change the "type" of my LaserWriter IIg from "LaserWriter" to "LW Spooler" to prevent the LaserWriter from appearing in the Chooser?

I've been able to do this with PostScript Level 1 LaserWriters. When I change the "type" of PostScript Level 2 LaserWriters, the change isn't permanent and I lose the setting when I restart.

### DISCUSSION -----

To change the LaserWriter IIg's AppleTalk type so the printer will keep this setting after the power is cycled, the printer's push-button switch must be at position 6, 7, 8, or 9. These are the switch positions that allow access to the non-volatile parameters such as "EtherTalkType". This is true for any ROM revision.

With the LaserWriter IIg's push-button switch at position 6, 7, 8, or 9, download this PostScript Level 2 program to change the AppleTalk type on the EtherTalk port:

```
(%EtherTalk_NV%) <</EtherTalkType (LW Spooler)>> setdevparams
```

With the LaserWriter IIg's push-button switch at position 6, 7, 8, or 9, download this PostScript Level 2 program to change the AppleTalk type on the LocalTalk port:

```
(%LocalTalk_NV%) <</LocalTalkType (LW Spooler)>> setdevparams
```

In either case, the printer will immediately change its AppleTalk type. Please note that if the printer switch is set to position 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 and restarted, the AppleTalk type will revert to "LaserWriter". Going back to

switch position 6, 7, 8, or 9 and restarting will cause the AppleTalk type become "LW Spooler" again.

This information is also applicable to the LaserWriter IIf and LaserWriter Pro family.

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