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TOPIC -----

Is the LaserWriter 8.0 driver compatible with older driver versions used on the same network? The LW 8.0 driver doesn't appear to reset printers initialized with, let's say the 7.2 drivers. Is this true, and how far back does compatibility exist?

DISCUSSION -----

You are correct that LaserWriter driver 8.0 does not reset printers initialized with previous versions of the driver. Starting with LaserWriter driver 6.1, the Laser Prep dictionary is automatically downloaded with each print job to prevent re-initialization of the printer. Thus, as long as there are LaserWriter drivers 6.1 or greater (all the way to LaserWriter driver 8.0) in use on the network, there will be no Laser Prep "compatibility" problems and the printers will not reinitialize.

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