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TOPIC -----

We are using the `ascii_portrait` service on the LaserWriter Pro 810 and need to change the default font from 10pt Courier to 9pt Courier. How do we do this?

DISCUSSION -----

As of April 1994, there is no way to change font characteristics of virtual printers. In actuality, virtual printers send down HP PCL or PostScript code before each print job to configure the printer. You can add a couple of lines of PCL to your print queue configuration (on NOVELL, UNIX, VMS) to change the font size or pitch. This should make it transparent for anyone using the print queue since the code will be downloaded automatically before the actual job.

Here are the HP PCL commands to change font size and pitch:

```
<esc>(s#H      : pitch selection (usually 10 or 16.66 built-in)
<esc>(s#V      : character height (font size in points)
```

```
<esc> is the escape character
# is the actual value
```

For example, to change font size to 9 point:

```
<esc>(s9V
```

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