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TOPIC -----

I have a hard drive attached to my LaserWriter IIf and I want to download the Japanese Language Kit's TrueType fonts to improve the performance. Is this possible? I am trying to download Kanji fonts to the Printer's RAM with LaserWriter Utility 7.6.1. I can see the font listed, but when I try to add it, I get a message saying that the file selected contains no downloadable fonts. I can download other fonts fine.

DISCUSSION -----

2-byte TrueType fonts, like those contained in the Japanese Language Kit, cannot be downloaded to a printer since no utilities do so properly. The Apple Printer Utility and LaserWriter Printer Utility may appear to download the font, but it is not downloaded entirely if at all. At most, the TrueType font's header file appears in the hard drive or RAM font list. A 2-byte TrueType font consist of a header file and numerous (easily 40 or more) character tables that must all be mapped properly in a PostScript table.

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