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TOPIC -----

If the 810 printer has 8.5x11 paper in all three trays, and the only difference is plain, letterhead, and quality. How do I under QuickDraw GX choose the tray I want to use? Without GX I can do this in the main print window.

DISCUSSION -----

It is possible to select the various trays of the LaserWriter Pro 810 using the LaserWriter GX software.

QuickDraw GX 1.0

There is only one minor "glitch" in doing this. You must send a print job to a newly created desktop printer before using any of the paper trays. You only need to do this once when creating a desktop printer for a networked LaserWriter. Part of this print job is a query to the printer for information on which trays it has available, as well as other options such as FinePrint, and PhotoGrade. After the print job is complete, then you can select the desktop printer for the LaserWriter Pro 810 and select the "Input Trays" menu item in the "Printer" menu of the Finder. This is where the paper sizes are defined for the various trays in the printer.

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With QuickDraw GX 1.1 and later, you do not have to print to the desktop printer prior to configuring the paper trays.

Once the paper trays are configured, all of the 810's paper trays can be accessed. Access is different depending on whether the application being used is QuickDraw GX-aware. There are currently a limited number of QuickDraw GX-aware applications. These include Microsoft Word 6.0, SimpleText, and the Finder.

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QuickDraw GX-aware Applications

In QuickDraw GX-aware applications, selecting the specific paper trays can be automatic or manual. Automatic tray selection is based on the paper size selected in Page Setup, which then corresponds with the "Paper Match" option setting "Print with input paper tray matching" in the Print dialog box. For manual paper tray selection, you can select "Ignore paper match..." in the "Paper Match" options window and select a specific paper tray.

NOTE:

One thing to make sure of is that the "Format For" pop-up field in Page Setup, and "Print To" pop-up field in the Print dialog has the LaserWriter 810 desktop printer selected from the pop-up selections.

Non-QuickDraw GX-aware Applications

For a non-GX-aware application, the standard Page Setup and Print dialogs appear so you can select the LaserWriter 810 paper trays as you normally do.

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