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TOPIC -----

Is there going to be a LaserWriter 8.3f fax driver for LaserWriter 8.3? I realize that LaserWriter 8.3 mainly provides support for ColorSync 2.0, but I don't want to have to switch between two printer drivers (8.2.2f and 8.3) in the Chooser. I would also like to take advantage of the new "Desktop Printer" capability of LaserWriter 8.3 when faxing from my fax-capable PostScript printers (LaserWriter Select 360, LaserWriter Pro 810, LaserWriter 16/600 PS).

DISCUSSION -----

As of June, 1995 there are no plans to produce a LaserWriter 8.3f fax driver. The latest version of the LaserWriter "f" driver is LaserWriter 8.2.2f which is available in Software Sampler.

Having two different LaserWriter drivers installed and switching between them is in some ways easier. By having both drivers (for example the LaserWriter 8.2.2f and LaserWriter 8.3), if one is set for a specific fax printer and the other for the Color LaserWriter 12/600, then you can select the desired print driver in the Chooser. When the driver is selected, your specific printer is automatically highlighted (if previously selected for that printer driver) so there is no need to "re-choose" or "Setup" the printers when selecting the different drivers.

With regard to desktop printing, the Desktop PrintMonitor software IS compatible with previous versions of the LaserWriter driver (including the fax versions). Thus, LaserWriter 7.x, 8.x, and all QuickDraw print drivers (LaserWriter Select 300, StyleWriter I/II, and so on) that use PrintMonitor are compatible. We tried running a simple PostScript Fax job using LaserWriter 8.2.2f and the Desktop PrintMonitor software; it faxed without problem via a desktop printer we created for our LaserWriter 16/600 PS.

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