

Printing from the IBM PC Using LaserWriter PostScript

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If you are attempting to print to a LaserWriter from an IBM PC, you may have accomplished this in the past through the serial port with a buffer or spooler that allows XON/XOFF handshaking to your LaserWriter in Diablo 630 mode.

But if you want to take advantage of downloadable and optional fonts, scaling, and graphics, you need something that uses the LaserWriter's native PostScript commands. Here are some software packages that support LaserWriter PostScript:

- Microsoft Chart, Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Word
- Word Perfect
- Personal Publisher
- XY Write III

For multiple systems in a network, PC MacBridge from Tangent Technologies and TOPS by Centram are networks that supply a converter to allow IBM PC document files to print to LaserWriters on the network in PostScript format. An added feature of PC MacBridge is the network's ability to transfer specific application files between systems on the network.

You can also get your IBM PC document to print by using MacLink Plus from DataViz running on a Macintosh connected to your IBM PC. It will convert specific files for you and place them on the Macintosh for printing to a LaserWriter.

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