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If you are printing from MPW v2.0.1 or v2.0.2 on your Macintosh to a LaserWriter Plus, and using something previous to System Software version 7.0, you may experience the following problem on long printouts: the listing will spontaneously switch to a bitmapped version of the font. Here are some possible solutions.

You may be experiencing a collision in memory between the System file (and its fonts) and the document being printed. This problem depends on several variables -- the amount of memory installed in the system, the number of applications loaded into memory, how large a RAM cache has been set, whether background printing turned on, etc.

To isolate the problem, remove as many variables as possible. For example:

- use the Finder rather than MultiFinder for pre-System 7.0 software.
- turn off the RAM Cache from the Control Panel.
- do not use Background printing.

Other possible problem areas include: bad parameter RAM, a corrupted font resource, a corrupted System file, or a corrupted printer driver.

Reinstall the system software and drivers and then try running under the finder, NOT under MultiFinder, when printing from MPW.

Another solution would be to upgrade to MPW 3.0 or higher.

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