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HPGL is Hewlett-Packard's Graphics Language. Hewlett-Packard uses the HPGL commands in their plotters for consistency and ease of interface. The Macintosh can plot to a Hewlett-Packard plotter (HP plotter-driver for the Macintosh) using the HPGL commands. (NOTE: This is strictly for Macintosh applications and Macintosh files for plotting, and has nothing to do with using HPGL files on a Macintosh.)

Stevens Creek Software, Inc. makes a software package -- called MacHP -- that emulates Hewlett-Packard Co. plotters, allowing scientists, engineers, and others to produce plots of scientific data directly on a Macintosh screen.

MacHP allows the Macintosh to emulate the HP7475 and HP7550 plotters. The plotter emulation program converts the Hewlett-Packard Graphics Language (HPGL) commands into screen images on the Macintosh.

Because MacHP plots are object-oriented and use the standard Macintosh PICT format, they can be moved to the Clipboard or saved to a file.

MacHP site licenses are also available. For more information, search under: Stevens Creek Software.

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