

LaserWriter: How To Check For Laser Prep Dictionary

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If you want to query the LaserWriter to see if the "Laser Prep" information exists (if, for instance, you are using the LaserPrep dictionary) before sending a PostScript file, use the following procedure.

The Laser Prep dictionary, when in the LaserWriter, is called "md". The following PostScript command pushes the Boolean "false" onto the stack if the dictionary is not found. If the dictionary is found, the dictionary object and the Boolean "true" is pushed onto the stack:

/md where

The following command immediately returns a "1" if the Laser Prep dictionary is present and a "0" if it is not:

/md where $\{\mbox{md get /av get cvi 68 eq}\{(1)\}\{(2)\}\ \mbox{ifelse}\}\{(0)\}\ \mbox{ifelse} = flush$

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