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### TOPIC -----

I have Version 6.0.1 of the LaserWriter driver and Laser Prep. After installing it on one of our machines, I get a message that the LaserWriter contains an incompatible version of Laser Prep that cannot be removed and that I should restart the printer.

Restarting the printer doesn't help. The LaserWriter in question is spooled using the AppleShare Print Spooler on an AppleShare server. When the spooler "picks up" the LaserWriter, it must be downloading the Laser Prep to the LaserWriter. The problem is that I am spooling LaserWriters for two departments on this spooler and don't want to update both departments to the new drivers.

Will I have to update everyone to System 6.0.5 and the 6.0.1 LaserWriter driver?

### DISCUSSION -----

The LaserWriter driver on the spooler determines the version needed by each workstation. Therefore, all printers captured by the spooler must use the same drivers. However, you need only update the users' drivers, not the system software. The 6.0.1 driver is compatible with Macintosh System Software 6.0.x.

In other words, if there are different versions of the LaserWriter Driver in your network on various Macintoshes, including System 7 versions, the printer will have to go through a lengthy process of reinitializing itself to a new version of the LaserWriter driver every time a different version is used in the printing process. In general, the best and most consistent approach is to update every Macintosh on the network with the highest

version of the LaserWriter driver being used on the network.

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