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TOPIC -----

This article describes an intelligent electronic switching device, called BridgePort. Extended Systems manufactures this product.

DISCUSSION -----

BridgePort extends the use of a PostScript printer to both PCs and Macintosh systems. It automatically directs print jobs from connected PCs and Macintosh systems to a single PostScript printer. BridgePort allows two PCs and up to 31 Macintosh systems to print.

Macintoshes connect to BridgePort with standard LocalTalk or PhoneNet cabling. PCs connect to BridgePort with a serial or parallel (Centronics) cable.

Here are the steps required to set up BridgePort:

- 1) Connect the required cabling.
- 2) Initialize the printer.
- 3) Select the appropriate PostScript printer driver.

BridgePort requires no special printer drivers. For Macintosh, select LaserWriter in the Chooser. For PCs, configure the application software to use a PostScript printer.

BridgePort supports the HP LaserJet series II, IID, IIP, and III printers with an Adobe or HP PostScript cartridge or Pacific Data Products PostScript emulation cartridge. It also supports the Apple LaserWriter IINT and IINTX, the IBM LaserPrinter with PostScript option, and the QMS-PS 810 turbo.

The phone number and address for Extended Systems is in a separate article in the Tech Info Library.

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