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TOPIC -----

I'm told that LaserWriter Driver 6.0 is associated with System 6.0.4. LaserWriter Driver 6.0.1 comes with System 6.0.5.

Can you use LaserWriter Driver 6.0.1 with System 6.0.4? If not, why? What about using LaserWriter Driver 6.0 with System 6.0.5?

If one Macintosh on an AppleTalk network is running LaserWriter Driver 6.0 and another is running Driver 6.0.1, will the LaserWriter be re-initialized each time one Macintosh goes to print after the other has just printed? (For instance, if one Macintosh was using Driver 5.2 and another was using Driver 6.x.x.)

DISCUSSION -----

The LaserWriter will reinitialize if it sees someone trying to print with a different version of LaserWriter and Laser Prep, regardless of the size of the difference in version numbers.

The drivers are not truly "associated" with a particular system release, they just happen to be distributed with that release. You can use 6.0.1 LaserWriter and LaserWriter Prep with System 6.0.2 if you like, just as you can use version 5.2 LaserWriter and LaserWriter Prep with System 6.0.5.

Use the suggested print driver that is best for the software, and standardize the whole network on that version to avoid loss of time due to reinitialization of the printers.

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