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TOPIC -----

We want to use a serial ImageWriter under A/UX. We don't have any network printer, and want to connect it on the printer port. To enable this, we reconfigured our kernel (newconfig noappletalk) to remove the AppleTalk connection on the printer port and then restarted to make this change effective.

After restarting, we opened the Chooser DA, and noticed that AppleTalk was still active. We selected the ImageWriter icon, and got the choice between Printer and Modem ports in the right window. As we selected Printer, we got a dialog box saying that AppleTalk will be disconnected. We chose OK and got the usual window reminding us to change the page setup. However, when this dialog box closed, the selected port was still Modem and not Printer.

Fortunately, we can still use the Modem port, even without disabling AppleTalk. Is there a way to disable AppleTalk on the printer port?

DISCUSSION -----

Yes, you can disable AppleTalk on either the Printer port or the Modem port by doing:

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# appletalk -d
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ONLY the Modem port can be used as the Chooser style of printing method

from the MultiFinder environment. The Printer port DOESN'T work in A/UX 2.0.1. This applies to both direct serial line and direct LocalTalk line connection.

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