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TOPIC ---

Printing seems to be faster when printing to a Personal LaserWriter LS using the
original Personal LaserWriter LS driver as opposed to using the LaserWriter 300
v1.2 driver. Is there any information on why printing is slower with the PLW
300 driver verses the LS driver? Are there any other things we can try to make
printing faster with the newer driver?

DISCUSSION --

The main difference between the two drivers is the ability of the LaserWriter
300 driver to print grayscale images. It is normally takes longer to print a
grayscale image as opposed to a black & white image. If the LaserWriter 300
driver is set to black & white in the Print dialog, our tests showed it to be
slightly faster than the Personal LaserWriter LS driver. Here are the results
of our tests:

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Configuration
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Power Macintosh 7100
Personal LaserWriter LS
System Software 7.1.2
MacWrite II
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Test Results (in sec.)
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                             TEXT    TEXT and Graphics
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PLW LS driver                0:42         0:55
LW 300 v1.2 driver (gray)    0:41         1:48
LW 300 v1.2 driver (b&w)     0:41         0:43
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