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Some users have complained of an inability to print either from an Apple IIe or from an Apple IIGS across an LocalTalk network to an ImageWriter II when using AppleWorks. All reported being able to print from BASIC using PR#7. Although the networks could have rather different configurations and software, these facts were the same.

The difficulty in printing concerns the version of AppleWorks being run from the server. The ability to print from Applesoft indicates that the hardware is properly configured. AppleWorks 2.0 is not licensed for, nor designed for, running from an AppleShare server. For a version of AppleWorks licensed and designed for running from a server, use AppleWorks version 2.1N. Be sure, in AppleShare Admin under the Apple II menu, to set the user's account to the desired printer. The alternative would be to run AppleWorks 2.0 from a local disk.

The printing procedure is the same whether you start across the network or you startup locally. However, the network version of AppleWorks is required, if it is to be run from the server. Here is some background information, relative to this inquiry.

- Aristotle has no effect on the ability to print from AppleWorks.
- The location of ATINIT differs when on a server (as compared to a local disk). On the server, ATINIT should be in the folder assigned to the user. For example: ProDOS.SERVER/USERS/(_user's name_)/SETUP/ATINIT.
- The name of the System.APPS subdirectory is not critical, as long as a consistent name is used throughout the network.
- The WWSS file is not necessary for the operation of AppleWorks.

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