

When the City asked me to purchase a laser printer for the office, I gladly did so, thinking that it sure would be nice if the Apple /// would drive the laser printer.

Since the City's policy is to have every piece of computer equipment IBM compatible, this left out buying the Apple laser printer, I figured that if I could get an Apple printer in house maybe, just maybe, I would be able to hookup the ///. But how can you sell an Apple laser printer for use on an IBM XT?

So I called around to the various dealers of laser printers to get some kind of a handle on what is available. They all recommended the HP laser jet, so I put in a requisition for the HP Laser Jet Plus model HP 2686A.

Here's where the story gets interesting, while reading the manual to see how to hook up the IBM XT my eyes ran across the magic little symbols that all ///'er have come to know and like "///". It seems that the folks at HP are selling their Laser Jet to a broad base of computer users.

Th HP Laser Jet will configure the Apple /// using the following equipment:

- Apple /// modem eliminator cable (A3M0019)
- Standard male-to-male RS-232C Cable

Using the system configuration program, modify the RS-232C serial driver configuration block as follows:

BYTE	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VALUE	0E	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	80

This sets the driver to 9600 baud, 8 data bits, no parity and hardware handshaking.

The above information was derived from the HP Laser Jet operator's manual pages G-37 to G-39.

Oh!, by the way, this article was printed out on the HP Laser Jet -- sorry you folks will not be able to see the final print out. Take my word for it, the print out looks great.

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(editors note: It does look very good, I will bring his print out to the next meeting.)