Laser Path is a utility that allows you to store PostScript fonts (also known as Type 1 and Type 3 fonts) in a folder other than your Extensions or Fonts folder.   This folder should only contain the PostScript fonts, not the corresponding bitmapped screen fonts.   Laser Path is intended to complement Carpetbag, which handles bitmapped and TrueType fonts.

Laser Path requires System 7.   It has been tested with the LaserWriter driver and ATM 3.0, but may not function with some programs that use PostScript fonts in other idiosyncratic ways.

How to Use Laser Path

To use Laser Path, click the Set Path button in the Laser Path control panel.   This will bring up a directory dialog which you can use to choose a folder.   After choosing the folder, the control panel will display the name of the folder, the path to it, and any PostScript font files in the folder.   For example, the picture below shows that the folder "laser fonts" is inside the folder "Suitcases" on the disk "arcana", and contains two font files, "BillsDin" and "Sydne".   Unless you just installed Laser Path and have not restarted with Laser Path in place, the LaserWriter driver and ATM will immediately be able to find the PostScript fonts in the specified folder.   You can still have some fonts in the Extensions folder or (under System 7.1) the Fonts folder.

arning Messages

If Laser Path has a problem at startup time, for instance if the font folder that you have selected is on a volume that has not yet been mounted, then it will post a warning message after the startup process is complete.   In some cases you might know that the volume will not be available until later, and then you may choose to turn off these warnings using the Laser Path control panel.   However, when the volume becomes available, you will have to open the Laser Path control panel to make Laser Path "notice" that the font folder is now available.

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