



## #217: Where Have My Font Icons Gone?

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This Technical Note discusses why you should not link directly from your font files to the font icons provided by the LaserWriter driver 5.2 and later, and what you can do to still use these font icons.

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In the past, it was possible to link directly from your PostScript downloadable font files to the font icons provided by the LaserWriter driver, but this is no longer possible since the 'FREF' and 'ICN#' resources no longer match the current LaserWriter driver (5.2).

Engineering decided that they did not want developers using the font icons since they could change in the future and cause compatibility problems for users. Due to time constraints, the original font icons were not removed from the current LaserWriter driver, but the 'FREF' and 'ICN#' IDs were changed, thereby preventing developers from linking directly to the icons. Engineering will remove the font icons in the next release of the LaserWriter driver.

If you want to use Apple's font icons from the LaserWriter driver, you should copy them into your font files. We expect all developers to bundle their own icons with their fonts.

**Note:** This Note applies only to PostScript downloadable font files for use with PostScript printers, not font files which have been created by the Font/DA Mover.