Submitting PSF Printer Input to a PCL or PPDS Printer

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In addition to AFP printing, Infoprint Manager for Windows NT and Windows 2000 allows you to submit PSF printer input data to PCL and PPDS printers as well.

When you use the Create Printer wizard in the **Infoprint Administration GUI** to create a printer object that will send jobs to a PCL or PPDS printer, you must specify the path for the command in the **Printer command** field. For example, by default the lpr command is located at c:\winnt40\system32\lpr.exe. Because Infoprint Manager does not search the **PATH** environment variable for the command, you must either add that directory to the **PATH** for that system or specify the entire path of the command, as in the following example:

c:\winnt40\system32\lpr -P printername-S servername

If you need to specify a file name in the command in a location other than at the end of the command, you must include the text-string **-IPMF-** in the command string. You can only specify one **-IPMF-** text-string in a print command, as in the example below:

e:\usrapp\copyit -IPMF- /b e:\tmp

where copyit represents a user-written application for moving either the PCL or PPDS file that Infoprint Manager generated to the specified directory (in this case, \tmp on the **e** drive), and giving it a unique name.

The temporary file name used to store either the PCL or PPDS data generated by Infoprint Manager is substituted into the command wherever the **-IPMF-** text-string is located.

Note: The dashes (-) on either side of the **-IPMF-** text-string are part of the syntax and cannot be omitted.