

Fireworks and NTPrint

Xitron Navigator Technical Note

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Fireworks is a font downloader utility for MacOS that can be found on the Xitron Macintosh Utilities floppy disk that is shipped with Navigator NT versions 4.5r1c and earlier or with 5.1r0 and higher. Fireworks should be available on the Macintosh portion of the Navigator install CD.

Fireworks' function is to transfer fonts to the RIP through an AppleTalk printer. Fireworks will not transfer fonts through an NTPrint input (e.g. Scriptworks Ports). To transfer fonts to the Xitron Navigator NT RIP using Fireworks you must create an AppleTalk input in the Input Controller of the Xitron RIP.

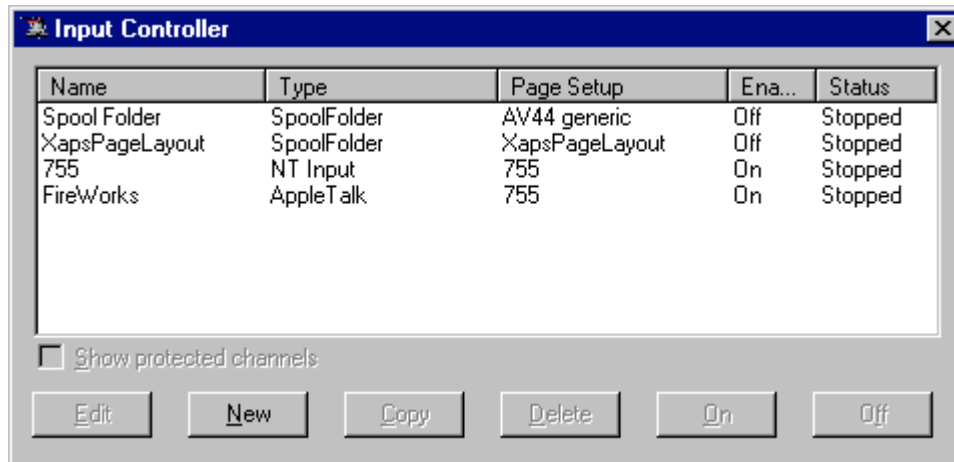


Figure 1. Example Input Controller

In the above example of an Input Controller setup the input named "755" is an NTPrint input, and the input named "FireWorks" is an AppleTalk input. You would be able to transfer fonts directly from the MacOS machine through the "FireWorks" input, but not through the "755" input. You need to set the input to use a PageSetup, although you do not need to select a specific PageSetup, because the font will be applied to the RIP's font list, which is used by all PageSetups.

In NTPrint workflows, or any workflow where you do not want a direct AppleTalk connection to the RIP, you can disable the AppleTalk input when you are not transferring fonts. This will prevent the AppleTalk input from being broadcast over your network, but means that you will not have to create a whole new AppleTalk input every time you wish to transfer fonts. In the above example both the "SpoolFolder" and "XapsPageLayout" inputs are disabled, this is displayed by the 'Off' setting under the Enabled column.