

## Re: Laserjet4L printing control characters

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Gene wrote:

- > *When I print a letter from KDE office, it prints on my HP4L*
- > *laserjet with added numbers and letters in the left margin.*
- > *It also prints dotted lines in a few places on the page.*
- > *If I print the same document using my deskjet, it prints*
- > *fine. Printing a test page in YAST produces the same results.*
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- > *I assume these extra characters are some of the control codes*
- > *that linux is sending to the printer. How do I change the*
- > *software to suppress these characters?*
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- > *I am using SUSE 9.1 with all current updates. I didn't have*
- > *this problem with Mandrake 10.0. Arent't these basically the*
- > *same printer programs – Cups and foomatic? Whats different?*
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- > *Thanks for your help.*
- >
- > *Gene*

If you take a look at

[http://www.linuxprinting.org/show\\_printer.cgi?recnum=HP-LaserJet\\_4L](http://www.linuxprinting.org/show_printer.cgi?recnum=HP-LaserJet_4L)

you will see, that there is more than one printer-driver for a HP Laserjet 4L.

My guess is that YaST has installed the 'hpijs' driver at your computer. Quite frequently the 'ljet4' driver works a lot better, try to install your printer with that driver instead.