

How to Print and Read the AA_Data LST files

AADBS reports in the AA_Data Archive have an LST extension and should be copied directly to an HP LaserJet. They contain a few control characters at the top that will set the correct pitch and orientation. Some are designed to print in landscape mode and some use 12 or 17 pitch and 10 lines per inch.

One way to print them is to open a "DOS" command window and issue one of the following commands, depending on your configuration:

On a Win9x/NT/2000 machine try:

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print <report>.lst
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this should copy the file to your local printer. However, if you have an association with the LST extension (SPSS often grabs this extension) then this may not work. If your system complains about needing an application to print LST files or opens SPSS try the next option.

On any DOS/Windows machine try:

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copy <report>.lst LPT1:
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where "LPT1:" is your local printer or

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nprint <report>.lst Q=<Queue Name>
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for a networked printer. These will almost always work. You do need to know either the local DOS name of your printer (usually LPT1 or similar) or the Novell print queue that you are authorized to use.

The reports can be read with any text editor that will handle long lines and not choke on a few control characters. Either NotePad (for small reports) or WordPad work fine. On a Win9x/NT system navigate to

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Start>Programs>Accessories>WordPad
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and double click. This will open WordPad which will allow you to open the files. However, neither NotePad or WordPad will print the files because they eat the formatting information.

I do not recommend using WordPerfect or Word on these files. If you must, select a fixed pitch font (courier) and either use a very small type size or a very wide paper size. You do not want any wrapping of long lines. Delete the leading codes in the LST file. Do NOT save with the same file name or you will destroy the file.