

# Printers – DOS vs Windows

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## Technology issues

- More printers are being designed as "Windows-only". Because Windows has all the logic to form the printable characters, the printer itself can have reduced electronics and be cheaper.
- It's getting harder to find printer drivers for DOS applications that run under Windows.
- Dot matrix printer ribbons will become harder to find and more expensive.
- Repairs (spare parts and the expertise) will become harder to find and more expensive.
- Tractor feed paper is becoming harder to find and more expensive.

## Convenience and cost issues

- Laser paper (8.5" x 11") is much less expensive than wide-carriage stock tab for dot matrix printers.
- Laser paper does not have to be "burst" or "decollated".
- 8.5" x 11" paper is easier to use on a desk.
- 8.5" x 11" binders are cheaper and take up less filing space.
- Dot matrix printers can't print on both sides of the paper.

## Special forms

- Expensive dot matrix multi-part forms are no longer required. Adagio lets you select the information to be printed on each copy of multi-copy forms. If your application previously required multi-part forms with carbon paper so that signatures or handwritten notes would show up on all copies, you can now use blank NCR (No Carbon Required) laser paper.
- Expensive, pre-printed check forms are no longer required. Adagio includes the MICR font which is used to print the special characters along the bottom of the check.
- Blank laser check forms can be used for all of the bank accounts for all companies using Adagio on the computer. You no longer need to inventory separate stocks of expensive pre-printed forms.
- Since the check forms are blank until printed, there are no pre-printed check forms to cause a security concern.
- Since Adagio prints checks on blank forms, alignment checks are no longer required.
- Since Adagio prints checks on blank forms, there is no pre-printed check number to get out of sequence with the computer-generated check number.