

Example Elite font

Zx Spectrum and Wi-fi Printer

A year ago, I was helping my Dad clear some things out when I came across an old Centronics Epson Stylus printer he had stored away. Great I thought, I can do what I could not afford to do back in the 80's and add a full size printer. I rummaged through the boxes in my loft and eventually found the Multi-Print Centronics interface, I never got to use back in the 1980s.

I plugged everything in and was delighted to see the Multi-Print test option to print a set of characters out work. However, my joy was almost instantly destroyed by the old Epson printer failing electronically. After some investigations, it was clear that my the old printer was not reasonably repairable.

A huge sense of relief came over me when I suddenly remembered the ~~that I got~~ years earlier before I was aware of my Dad's printer, I had contacted Rich Mellor of RUAP fame about a new Centronics to modern Wi-Fi printer converter he was creating. This would solve my problem of having to find a replacement old 80s/90s printer and since it would share the same printer as my modern computers, it would save desk space in my very small home office room.

I bought the RetroPrinter from RUAP a few weeks ago and am delighted with it. Combined with my Multi-Print interface, I can now print from my ZX Spectrum 48K and Toast Rack to my HP Envy 5546 Wi-Fi printer.

The most popular word processing software for all Spectrums was Tasman's "Tasword" range. I use Tasword 3 on my 48K Spectrum and Tasword Plus Two on my "Toast Rack" 128K and Spectrum Next. The document files are totally compatible and the versions have exactly the same interface and functions, although Tasword 3 the 48K cartridge only version has an extra load process from cartridge to summon up the print, load, save etc.. menu. There is a conversion program for Tasword 2 to 3 documents, so I can use that too.

Just to see how well I have done so far in setting up Tasword I'm going to use the next paragraph to see if the style control commands work as they should?

EnLargEd *Condensed* UnderLine *Italics* **Emphasised**
Double Strike ^{super script} ffffffff.

I have uploaded a video to my YouTube channel, @PaulYoung99s so you can see the set up in action.

Best wishes to all Speccy enthusiasts out there :-)

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