

Sharing an OfficeJet G55 from a Win2K desktop...

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Hi, folks,

I have an HP OfficeJet G55 all-in-one printer/scanner/copier. It is connected to the main computer in my house, which runs Win2K Pro. I've had both the printer and the desktop PC for about four years, with no problems. Of course, now that I actually need help, my technical support has expired, for both the OS and the printer.

My wife just acquired an OS X Macintosh PowerBook, from which she would like to print. Also, I'm borrowing a WinXP laptop that I rather like. All of the various computers in the house are communicating happily through our wireless router to the DSL modem. But they don't know anything about each other.

I have been reading the Windows docs, various web pages, and Usenet articles for several hours now, trying different things, to no avail. So far, I've done the following:

- 1) I started the File and Printer Sharing service on the desktop PC to which the printer is attached.
- 2) I activated sharing for the OfficeJet from the Printers control panel, and gave it the public name "OFFICEJET".
- 3) I made sure that both my desktop and WinXP laptop belong to a single workgroup which I have named "HOME".

That's where I get stuck. If I try to browse for network printers using the Add Printer Wizard from the WinXP laptop, it doesn't seem to find anything. The "shared printers" page displays a "Microsoft Windows Network" and a "HOME" icon, but no printers. If I manually try to supply the "OFFICEJET" name, I receive an error message saying that the system cannot connect to the printer.

This web page...

<http://www.dummies.com/WileyCDA/DummiesArticle/id-1910.html>

....suggested that I might need to have the printer driver on my client PC at least partially installed before I go browsing the network for

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the hardware. So, I tried this on the WinXP machine. I can't get beyond the installation! The driver download is here...

<http://h10025.www1.hp.com/ewfrf/wc/softwareList?dlc=en&lc=en&product=57742&lang=en&cc=us&os=228#>

On the "connection type" page, I am asked whether I will connect to the printer directly, or through a network. I choose the latter. I click "Next" -- and the same screen comes up! The only way to go forward is if I say that I want to connect to the printer directly -- which, obviously, I can't do.

I figured that getting two Windows machines to speak to each other would be easier than passing information between the Win2K machine and the Mac, and allow me to diagnose problems more readily. But I may be wrong! If it's any easier to accomplish the Mac interface, that's the more important one.

Thanks for any advice!

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