

## Re: Multiple instances of printer created...

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Big Al,

We are saying the same thing. If you map a shared drive or device and configure it as a persistent share, you simply "access" the share since it is automatically reconnected whenever you restart XP.

This is not a bug and I am looking for the setting in XP that disables a new instance of a printer being created on the machine sharing a printer whenever another machine attaches/connects (or whatever terminology you want to use) to the device being shared.

As I indicated earlier, I have seen this before and found the workaround / setting that disables new instances of the printer being created. Unfortunately it has been a while and I can't find the solution again.

"Big Al" wrote:

You keep saying 'share'. In my experience you never access the share. Never. I can't say that strongly. Any time you do, you add it. But I'm not the 'Mr. network' so take that with a grain of salt.

We may be saying the same thing and you may truly have a problem that needs to be addressed of course. Bottom line is I've kinda run out of ideas. If your process works even for one printer or pc, then you do truly have a bug. You also might try a networking group. This being an OS group in general, it might not be on target.

Stewart wrote:

Big Al,

All machines are accessing/mapping the printer via a persistent share as you described. Again, the issue is not an instance of the printer being added to individual workstations when they connect to the printer / add the share (as you noted, this is exactly how it is supposed to work). The issue is additional instances of the printer being added to the machine that has the

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printer physically attached and configured to be shared by other users. The example I provided differentiates between the machine that has the printer physically attached and configured for sharing (Machine A) and the machines