

Re: same USB printers cause new hardware detection
is using "their" printer, they're out of luck.

Thanks for any suggestions,

This is caused by the Plug and Play (PnP) system. Each and every printer would have their own unique device ID and the PnP system will re-install the newly detected printer. One possible way is to connect these printers to a print server on the network. These laptops would not detect the printer and you would need to configure the IP address(es) to access these printer.

Thanks for the response. Unfortunately, these need to be mobile so using a print server won't work. It looks like USB isn't "plug & play" at least in this situation.

Well, it *is* plug and play, but each printer is a new one to the computer the first time you connect it. You haven't really explained what doesn't work. So you connect a printer, it detects it, and it doesn't print at all?