

## Re: Home network sharing a USB printer

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You may be out of luck. Unfortunately, some of the simple (cheap?) ink jet printers and the corresponding drivers only work when the driver can communicate directly with the printer via the USB cable. This means that getting them to work over a network is impossible or very difficult.

>From the information on the HP web site about this printer, I suspect the HP DJ 3550 is in this category.

No guarantees, but try this on the ME computer:

Using the technique at <http://members.shaw.ca/bsanders/NetPrinterNoPP.htm>, at step 8, select a different HP DeskJet printer (e.g. HP DeskJet 550C). This may allow you to print from the ME computer although not all of the capabilities of the HP DeskJet 3550 will be available.

If this doesn't work, I'll try and think of something else to try. There are thousands of printer models and I only have one at home and its not an HP DeskJet 3550, so I can't try this out first.

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It is perfectly useless to know the right answer to the wrong question.

"RoJo" <rhjohanson@comcast.net> wrote in message

news:BA2F2154-9D34-4B65-B988-D6A393BAF2E3@microsoft.com...

> I'm having almost exactly the same problem, but do not understand your response(s) to the original question. Basically my situation is this. Have an XP box and an HP3550 connected to it (via USB). Can see this printer on the WinME box, but can't print to it. Either site asks for drivers, but when I try to install Win 98 drivers, everything screws up. If I try to install additional drivers for ME on the XP box, it crashes, and if I try to install the ME drivers on the ME box, it asks me to hook up the printer to the USB port - but I can't because its connected to the XP box in another room!!!!

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> Thanks in advance.

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> ----- Alan Morris(MSFT) wrote: -----

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> Also check the Everyone permissions on the spool directory (by default

> Windows\system32\spool\printers)

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<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;308418&Product=winxp>  
> HOW TO: Set, View, Change, or Remove File and Folder Permissions in  
Windows  
> XP  
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> --  
> Alan Morris  
> Microsoft Printing Team  
> Search the Microsoft Knowledge Base here:  
> [http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=fh;\[ln\];kbhowto](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=fh;[ln];kbhowto)  
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> "Alan Morris(MSFT)" <alanmo@online.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
> news:umcZV91uDHA.3532@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...  
> > When you look at the properties of a connection you will actually  
see the  
> > properties that are set on the remote machine. If I have  
administrative  
> > privileges on the remote system, I can change settings on the  
printer that  
> > will affect everyone that connects to the print share.  
> >>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;314073>  
> > How to Troubleshoot Network Printing Problems in Windows XP  
> >> --  
> > Alan Morris  
> > Microsoft Printing Team  
> > Search the Microsoft Knowledge Base here:  
> > [http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=fh;\[ln\];kbhowto](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=fh;[ln];kbhowto)  
> >> This posting is provided "AS IS" with no warranties, and confers  
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> rights.  
> >> "Mike Schumacher" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in  
message  
> > news:bd7401c3b97d\$46cce6f0\$a601280a@phx.gbl...  
> >> I have used shared printers successfully many times in  
> >> win95, and win98 but always with parallel port printers.  
> >>>> I just created a wireless network at home and I can  
> >> communicate between machines and use the shared modem on  
> >> one computer to surf the net from the other computer.  
> >> This is with my home computer and my work laptop, both  
> >> have Win xp Pro.  
> >>>> I can also access the shared HP 1012 printer from the  
> >> other computer using "network places" over the network  
> >> because I browsed for it and found it when installing the  
> >> printer.  
> >>>> The problem is that I can't get anything to print over  
> >> the network. All other file sharing and communications  
> >> over the network are working fine.  
> >>>> In the past when I networked printers the port listed on  
> >> the host computer would be the parallel port and the port  
> >> listed on the other computer would always look like this (  
> >> \\home-computer\HP-Laserjet )  
> >>>> But this time with win XP and a HP LaserJet 1012 (USB  
> >> connection) the port listed on both the host computer and  
> >> the networked computer is DOT4\_001 and I can't modify it  
> >> at all.  
> >>>> I would think that it should be possible to network a  
> >> printer on a host computer in which the printer has a USB  
> >> connection since most new printers have a USB connection.

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> >>>> Thanks for all your help  
> >>>> Mike  
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