

RE: DOS Printing

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Hi there MPG,

Actually, yeah, if the printer has a parallel input, you should be able to use the DOS print lines with no problem.

Let me know how it goes!

Best Regards,

~Will

"MPG" wrote:

That is basically what I did. If I type "net use lpt1:" at the cmd prompt it displays that lpt1: is pointing to my printer.

I type "echo test > lpt1:" at the cmd prompt and it sends the print job to the print queue and shows it printing then that it printed. As a matter of fact the Dell printer status application opens for the Dell printer and shows a status bar that goes from 0 to 100% complete.

All looks great just nothing on the printer. I'm beginning to think I just need an older printer. Since it appears from the operating system that everything is going to the printer it is just not printing.

If I purchase a printer with a parallel cable connection instead of USB will that solve my problem, since lpt1 is usually pointing to the parallel port on the PC?

TIA,
MPG

"William Anderson" wrote:

Hi there MPG,

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A lot of the newer USB Printers are not capable of a direct DOS Print Command through the USB. However, you might have a workaround.

Try sharing your printer over the network using the steps outlined here:

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/print_sharingw.n

And then send a network print command following the steps here:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:314499>

Let me know how it turns out!

Best Regards,

~Will

"MPG" wrote:

Actually two different systems in two different homes I having the same problem. One is an old Dell 384MHZ system running XP Pro with a new Brother MFC-210C the other is a Dell 2.66 GHZ system running XP Home with a Dell A910 printer.

MPG

"William Anderson" wrote:

Hi there MPG,

What model printer are you using just out of curiosity?

Best Regards,

~Will

"MPG" wrote:

I have setup my USB printer to accept output to LPT1 by sharing the printer and using the net use command. When I print from my DOS program. The Printer Queue shows the

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print job queueing up then
the status changes to
printing then printed and
finally deletes the print job.
It all appears to
work fine except nothing
comes out on the printer.

The printer works fine when
printing anything normally
through Windows.

Any help would be greatly
appreciated.