

Basic printing setup

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I've never gotten around to setting up printing from my FreeBSD machine—the discussion in the Handbook is rather frightening—and now that I've decided I should probably give it a try, I find that the Handbook doesn't even let me get started.

I have two situations for this computer (a laptop running FreeBSD-4.8). I have a home network that has an older (non-Ethernetted) HP LaserJet 6MP; this is attached to the network via an AsanteTalk AppleTalk-Ethernet bridge. The Macs on the network (OSX and 8.6) can all see the printer. What do I need to do to print to this printer from my FreeBSD machine when it's on the network?

In the second case, I just have a desktop printer—some HP color thing, the 990 I think—that only has a USB connection. The Handbook doesn't mention USB printing at all.

In both cases I'm not looking to do anything fancy, none of this user-accounting or header-pages stuff. I just want to be able to send jobs to the printer and have them come out. I guess I'd also be curious how to select one or the other, or more if they were added to the network. Thanks for any pointers on how to accomplish this.

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