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Yes, I saw that. But FreeBSD is not linux, and using multiple drivers for the same device is more of a problem for us. HPLIP, on the other hand, requires bare ugen, not loading ulpt or uscanner or perhaps even umass, a very unnatural and cumbersome thing for me (I want umass, and I also sometimes use a Nikon photo film scanner, which work via sane).

Thus I am looking for a network device, or if USB, then it should appear as separate uscanner/ulpt/umass.

On Tue, Mar 25, 2008 at 1:08 PM, herbert langhans <herbert.raimund@xxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Isaac,
this is a good start:
<http://www.linux-foundation.org/en/OpenPrinting>

In the 'printer' section you find a ranking and evaluation how the printers do on unixoid systems.

Cheers
herbs

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mount -t wbush /dev/whitehouse /dev/nul
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On Tue, 25 Mar 2008 12:12:52 -0400
"Isaac Mushinsky" <itz@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

> My 10-year-old deskjet being out of ink and probably not worth a replacement

cartridge (it works, but makes some mechanical noise lately), I am considering a reasonable replacement, preferably with scanning/copy possibilities.

I tried to get Photosmart C4280, but while I was trying a faulty
printcap on

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it, it lost its mind permanently (says 'incompatible print cartridges',

and

does not respond to the button combinations that HP support thinks

should

reset it). Besides, you can either attach it as ulpt or uscanner device,

or

play with hplip drivers as a generic device, but it seems too confusing. It was a waste of time and money for me and I am going to

return

it.

Requirements:

1. Reasonable physical size (should not be much larger than the old deskjet).
2. Either network/lpd or USB, scanner should be well supported by sane.

If

used via USB, it should be a compound device (i.e. printer, scanner and,

if

there, the umass device should appear as separate devices to avoid kld-loading and unloading modules). I heard Epsoms show up as compound devices? any HP laserjets?

3. Reasonable maintenance cost (maybe a laser printer, I do not care for color printing that much).

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