

Re: Printer

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On 2006-12-12, Andrew Doades <ard@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

how do i setup a printer in free BSD?

Normally, I would say that your best option for help with any subject in FreeBSD is to read the handbook. If you are not sure how to find that, post a question "How Do I Find The HandBook?".

In the case of printing, the handbook is, in my opinion, functionally useless. I've spent hours struggling with that and it was of no help whatsoever.

To this day, I am not sure how I got printing to work. And I've done it at least 4 times now.

I generally keep a good written log of each command, configuration change etc. that I perform before moving forward. With printing, my record is 2 full pages of notes without printing anything other than thousands of odd characters. Often on thousands of pages. Printing is currently working (in most applications) on my system. How I got this to work is a mystery. I've followed all of the advice in this thread. I couldn't tell you which is successful.

In short:

Try everything people suggest. BEFORE YOU TRY CUPS, EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING AS ROOT:

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cd /etc
cp printcap printcap.original
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If you don't, when cups overwrites this file it will be lost. If you had tried other things first, they may be lost.

Good luck and just keep trying things until it works. << crappiest advice I have ever given, but the only rational way to print in FreeBSD.

Cheers.

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