

HOW TO CONNECT A USB PRINTER TO DOS APPLICATIONS

1. Install your printer according to the printer specifications using the windows installer.
2. Once the printer is installed and you have confirmed that it works thru windows, you need to set up the printer to be shared.
 - a. From the start button, select settings / control panel / printers & faxes.
 - b. Select the USB printer you want to use with the right mouse button.
 - c. Choose sharing from the drop down menu.
 - d. Click on share this printer and in the dialog box type the name you want to use to identify your printer. For this example we will use the name “Myprinter”.
3. Next you will need to identify your computer by a network name. To check the name of your computer, right click on my computer / properties / computer name. About in the middle of the window you will see “Full Computer Name” and then the name of your computer. For this example we will use the name “mycomputername”.
4. After you have successfully set up your printer for sharing, and identified the name of your computer, you will need to open a command prompt window. To do this select start / run and in the dialog box type “cmd”. In the command window type the following command.
5. net use lpt1 \\mycomputername\myprinter
6. Now all printer jobs sent to the logical device lpt1 will be redirected to your USB printer.
7. The next time you start your computer, the only thing you will need to do is open the command prompt and type in the command on item # 5.
8. To automate this, you can create a batch file and place it in your startup folder. This will redirect your printer by default when you restart your computer.