

Re: Another CUPS rant.

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On 9/3/05, akonstam@trinity.edu <akonstam@trinity.edu> wrote:

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- > *I guess I periodically need to do a CUPS rant. So here it is.*
- > *system-config-printer does not really configure CUPS printers. If you*
- > *don't beleve me try to change the configuration of a printer using*
- > *system-config-printer by using the CUPS web interface (localhost:631)*
- > *or by using the actual CUPS configuration commands which are*
- > *principally lpadmin and lpoptions. It can't be done.*
- >
- > *system-config-printer fakes CUPS printing , I suspect, through the*
- > *secret program running in the background called printconf-backend.*
- > *And if you insist on using lpd protocol rather than the CUPS ipp*
- > *protocol you are aided by the cups-lpd daemon.*
- >
- > *system-config-printer works most of the time but when you get into shared*
- > *printers or print servers you quickly get yourself in trouble.*
- > *Configuring clients for a print-server under real CUPS is trivial. You do*
- > *nothing except put a line in the client.conf file on the client*
- > *telling it which print server you want to use.*
- >
- > *People seem to be complaining more and more on printing failing on*
- > *their FC4 machines and if the printers were configured using*
- > *system-config-printer that may well happen.*
- >
- > *CUPS has been the printing system in fedora for a while and in FC4 it*
- > *works as it should and therefore it should be used.*
- >
- > *The best way to start is to configure printers using the CUPS web*
- > *interface and set the default printer using lpoptions although it*
- > *probably can also be done in the web interface.*
- >
- > *All the documentation is available through the web interface so*
- > *finding out how it works should not be a problem.*
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- > *That is my rant and I am sticking by it.*
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> *[snip]*

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Of course you searched the list archives and found where several CUPS posters were directed to the CUPS article "Why am I no longer able to control my printing system?". Article #301 was on the front page of their web site until recently. The article recommends turning off the cups-config-daemon program, "which overwrites changes to the /etc/cups/cpusd.conf file with whatever defaults they have assigned for your security configuration."

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