

Re: CUPS & Choosing a Printer

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I'm currently in the process of choosing a new printer.

Does anyone have any experience of the Dell 1710 Laser Printer and it's suitability? Any comments, observations and general advice on this subject would be appreciated.

(Margret & Mark – you know who you are – I am following your printing problems closely, in case there is something I can learn . . .)

Check the Linux printer d/b to see what's supported. Pay **close** attention to how **much** support there is (well, mostly, sorta, paperweight). For what I wound up with, an HP 1018, I had to build the driver, then edit my `/etc/init.d/cups` to `d/l` the firmware that came with the driver every time cups restarts.

The printer's quite nice, btw.

You might also consider, if you're buying an inkjet, whether it's refillable. I understand that a lot of the newer inkjets have chipped cartridges that won't **let** you refill – they just refuse to print. Then there are some that just complain (if you're running Windows, anyway) that refilling voids the warranty, but keeps printing anyway....

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