Connecting to a Windows Network printer from a Mac

On print servers Calcium or Arsenic* using *Leopard (OSX 10.5)*

Printing background:

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Connecting Leopard (OSX 10.5) to a Windows Shared Network Printer:

**Leopard has a bug that makes the printer not able to work properly when connected through “System Preferences” to a network printer**

**Use CUPS (Common Unix Printing System) to connect**

1) To access it, type in http://localhost:631 to your browser.
   - This Should bring up the CUPS menu

2) Select “Add Printer” from the menu.
3) Type in a name to identify the printer on your Mac. Then hit “Continue”

4) Under device select “Windows Printer via SAMBA” then hit “Continue”
5) Enter the path for the shared printer

   a. Enter the full network print queue name and login credentials in “Device URI”; for example “smb://campus\username:password@calcium/c203” (use your windows credentials for username and password)

   b. Leave “Printer Model:” set to “Generic”; Calcium and Arsenic are controlling the printer drivers and models.
5) Select the correct manufacturer of the printer then hit “continue”

6) Select the correct model of the printer, then hit “continue”
7) Enter the account for accessing the remote shared printer
   ➢ Use your Mac credentials here (administrator)

**Printing a test page may fail from the CUPS, but you will be able to print from Mac OS X now. Also, the printer should show up in Mac OS X (system preferences / printers).**

**Public Printers on Calcium:**

| 172.16.2.35 | E152.print.ltu.edu | E152 | HP | LaserJet 4250 PCL 6 |
| 172.16.2.81 | C203-1.print.ltu.edu | C203 | HP | LaserJet 1320 |
| 172.16.2.42 | M113A.print.ltu.edu | M113A | HP | LaserJet 4250 PCL 6 |
| 172.16.2.68 | APTS.print.ltu.edu | APTS | HP | LaserJet 4250 PCL 6 |
| 172.16.2.70 | APTN1.print.ltu.edu | APTN1 | HP | LaserJet 4250 PCL 6 |
| 172.18.8.17 | acrc-hp800-hpgl.print.ltu.edu | ACRC-HP800-HPGL | HP | DesignJet 800 42 |
| 172.18.8.23 | acrc-hp1055-ps.print.ltu.edu | ACRC-HP1055-PS | HP | DesignJet 1055CM P53 |
| 172.18.8.15 | acrc-hp4250.print.ltu.edu | ACRC-HP4250 | HP | LaserJet 4250 PCL 6 |
| 172.18.8.16 | acrc-hp5550.print.ltu.edu | ACRC-HP5550 | HP | Color LaserJet 5550 PS |
| 172.18.8.26 | acrc-hp8150.print.ltu.edu | ACRC-HP8150 | HP | LaserJet 8150 PS |
| 172.16.2.60 | S202.print.ltu.edu | S202 | HP | LaserJet 4050 |

**Alternate Method for Adding Printers with Leopard**

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- Open System Preferences
- Double-click Printer & Fax
- Click “+” to add a new printer
- Right Click on the menu bar and choose Customize Toolbar...
- Drag the “Advanced” icon to the toolbar
- Click the Advanced icon
- 4. Select Advanced then specify the following printer settings.
  Type: Windows
  Device: Another Device
  URL:
  - smb:// campus/calcium/printername
  - printername is the name of the printer share.
  Name: the printer name
  Location (optional)
  Print Using: Select a driver to use -> search for the correct model.
  - C203 – HP LaserJet 1320
  - M113a, apts, aptn1, e152 – HP LaserJet 4250
  Select the Add button to save this printer.

The first time you print to the printer, you will need to enter your LTU username and password, not the Macadmin ID and password.