



## Capture Network Printer Port

Some programs have difficulty printing to a network printer (i.e., a printer that is not directly connected to the computer). To correct this, capture the network printer to the local printer port, LPT1. Review the remainder of this technical note for instructions to do this.

Perform the steps that match the operating system installed on the computer.

### Windows® 95/98/Me

1. Click the Start button, choose Settings, and choose Printers.
2. Locate the desired printer in the window that appears.
3. Right-click this printer and choose Properties from the menu that appears.
4. Select the Details tab.
5. Right-click the text in the Print to the Following Port field and choose Copy from the menu that appears.
6. Click the Capture Printer Port button.
7. Select LPT1 from the Device drop-down menu.
8. Right-click the Path field and choose Paste from the menu that appears. The path copied in Step 5 will appear.
9. Verify that LPT1 is selected in the Print to the Following Port field.
10. Click the OK button to accept the change.
11. Close any open windows to return to the desktop.
12. Print from the desired program. The program should print correctly.

### Windows® 2000/XP

1. Log into Windows® as an Administrator.
2. Click the Start button and choose Run. The Run dialog will appear.
3. Type CMD into the Open field and click the OK button. The command prompt window will appear.
4. Type `NET USE LPT1 \\SERVER\PRINTER /PERSISTENT:YES` and press Enter. Replace server with the name of the server and printer with the name of the printer. If necessary, contact the network administrator to confirm this information.
5. Type EXIT and press the Enter key. The command prompt window will close.
6. On Windows® 2000, click the Start button, choose Settings, and choose Printers. On Windows® XP, click the Start button and choose Printers and Faxes.
7. Click the Add a Printer link. The Add Printer Wizard will appear.
8. Click the Next button.
9. Ensure that the Local Printer Connected to This Computer setting is selected.

10. Ensure that the Automatically Detect and Install My Plug-and-Play Printer setting is not selected.
11. Click the Next button to continue.
12. Choose LPT1 from the Use the Following Port drop-down menu.
13. Click the Next button to continue.
14. Choose the printer's manufacturer from the Manufacturer field.
15. Choose the printer's model from the Printers field.
16. Click the Next button to continue.
17. Type the desired name for the printer in the Printer Name field.
18. Choose Yes when prompted to make this driver the default.
19. Click the Next button to continue.
20. Choose whether to share this printer as desired.
21. Click the Next button to continue.
22. Click the Next button to print a test page.