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How to install kyocera printer driver on windows 10

By Margaret Worthington i Thinkstock Images/Comstock/Getty Images Installing a new printer on your computer typically means also installing new drivers for the printer. Sometimes your computer automatically detects the printer and installs the drivers when the printer is plugged in to your computer. However, if you want to install the drivers before you connect the printer, you will not be able to take advantage of this luxury. Fortunately, you can most likely run the driver installation program even if your printer is not connected. Locate the driver installation program for your printer. This installation program is typically found on a CD that is included with the printer, or you can download it from the printer manufacturer's website. Run the driver installation program from the CD or the file you downloaded from the Internet. If you are asked to attach the printer at a point during this process, you can bypass this step, and try to finish installing the driver anyway. However, depending on the driver and printer manufacturer, the driver might not install correctly or refuse to install at all until the installation program detects that the printer is attached. Restart your computer after the installation is complete to ensure that the driver is properly installed. To check whether it is installed properly or not, you need to attach your printer, and make sure that your computer recognizes it and is able to print correctly. You generally don't need to install hardware drivers on Linux. It'll automatically detect the hardware in your computer and set it up for you — that's the goal. But printers can be a different story. Here's a fun fact: Printing on Linux is handled via CUPS (the "Common Unix Printing System.") Apple owns CUPS and employs the main developer — CUPS also handles printing on Mac OS X. Use the Foomatic Database RELATED: How to Install Hardware Drivers on Linux Generally, your Linux desktop environment will provide a graphical printer configuration tool that allows you to easily configure CUPS and set up printers. There are many ways to connect printers, from direct connections with a USB cable to over the network. For some types of connections, your printer may be automatically detected and configured. For others, you may need to do this on your own. Ubuntu and many other Linux distributions use a printer configuration developed by Red Hat. Other printer configuration tools work fairly similar, as they all use CUPS on the backend. Launch the printer configuration tool on your Linux desktop and start adding a printer. (On Ubuntu, open the System Settings window and click Printers, or launch the Printers application from the Dash.) Depending on the type of printer protocol you've selected, you may need to provide printer drivers. This tool will provide you with a list of printer drivers available in the foomatic database. Select the manufacturer of your printer and look for its model number in the list. Don't see your exact model of printer in the list? Look for the closest model number and try it. After setting up the printer in this way, you'll definitely want to print a test page to confirm that the printer driver you selected worked properly. You can also just use the CUPS web interface for printer setup and configuration. It's a bit less user-friendly, but it should be available on every single Linux distribution. Open a web browser, plug localhost:631 into its address bar, and press Enter. Click over to "Administration" and use the "Add Printer" link to add a printer via the web interface. You'll be asked for a password. Enter your Linux user account's username and password. For some Linux distributions, you may need to use the username "root" and the root password. Get a PPD File From the Manufacturer The printer configuration tool also allows you to provide a PPD file directly. Some manufacturers provide these files for their printers. You may find them on the printer's driver disc, on the manufacturer's download site for that printer, or included in the Windows driver itself if the printer is a PostScript printer. Look around the manufacturer's website or on the driver disc for the PPD file. You can also consider downloading the Windows driver and attempt to open it in a file-extraction program. Yes, even if it's an .exe file, you may be able to open it up and dig around to see if you can find a PPD file. This may requier the cabextract tool. You could also consider performing a web search for the name of the printer and "PPD file" to see if other people have successfully located a PPD file that will work for the printer. If you have a PPD file, you can install it from the printer configuration interface. Tap Into OpenPrinting.org's Printer Database The OpenPrinting.org website maintains a database of printers along with recommended printer drivers for them. The printer configuration tool can actually search for and download PPD files directly from there. However, you can also just visit the printer database on the OpenPrinting.org website yourself and search for your model of printer. The database will tell you how well a printer works, recommend a driver, and provide PPD files. You can download the PPD file directly and install it manually, if the database offers it. For some printers, you may be pointed towards special drivers provided by the manufacturer. You may need to install these to get the printer working — it's often a good idea to search for your model of printer and "Linux" for instructions on getting it working. Searching for instructions specific to your Linux distribution is also helpful, for example, your model of printer and "Ubuntu." But It's Still Not Working! In an ideal world, your printer would be automatically detected and "just work." However, printers have been a big pain point for Linux users. The database of PPD files provided by foomatic is designed to make them work as easily as possible, and the OpenPrinting.org website is designed to provide a centralized database of instructions to make printers work properly on Linux. But some printers just aren't supported and won't work. Some printers may work, but not very well. Other printers may require proprietary drivers provided by their manufacturer, and those drivers can often be a headache to install — or they may not install at all on newer Linux distributions as they haven't been maintained and updated over the years. RELATED: How (and Why) to Get Started with Google Cloud Print For many printers, there's just not much you can do. If you want to use a printer with Linux, you should go out of your way to look for one that supports Linux. You could also just do an end-run around the whole printer situation — for example, if you get a printer that supports Google Cloud Print, you could just print to it from Linux via Google Cloud Print, avoiding any printer driver problems. There's even a Google Cloud Print driver for CUPS, allowing any application that supports the standard CUPS system (that means most Linux desktop applications) to print to a Google Cloud Print printer. Having problems printing? Consider going paperless. You can always print documents to PDF and keep them in digital form — or just take those PDFs to another computer with a printer and print them there. Image Credit: jared moran on Flickr Your printer may need a specialized driver for Windows to recognize it, and on rare occasion, you might need to reinstall a printer driver. This can happen if the original driver is uninstalled, or if you refresh your installation of Windows and need to replace apps and settings. Fortunately, printer drivers are easy to install, and your printer can be up and running in just a few minutes. Some peripherals are simple and standardized enough that Windows can be programmed with everything it needs to know to operate the device. Most mice and keyboards fall into this category, but many accessories need a small piece of software that tells Windows how to communicate with it and how to use all of its features and options. A printer driver is exactly this. It's a device driver provided by the printer manufacturer that Windows needs to work with the printer. The good news is that these days, Windows comes with basic printer drivers for many common printers. Even if you don't install the full-featured printer driver, you can often get started printing right away, though Windows might not be able to access all the printer's advanced features. Before you use these instructions, review the installation instructions for your printer. If it's a new printer, you can probably find a quick-start guide included in the box. If you're reinstalling the printer driver for an older printer, go to the manufacturer's web site and look for the printer manual, which is often in the site's support pages. The setup guide for your specific printer may have different instructions that you should follow rather than these general guidelines. In Windows, select Start > Settings. In the Windows Settings search box, type "Device installation" and then select Change device installation settings. In the Device Installation Settings window, make sure Yes is selected, then either select Save Changes or just close the window. In the Windows Settings search box, type "Printer," then select Add a printer or scanner. In the Printers & scanners page, select Add a printer or scanner. Select your printer when you see it appear, then follow any additional instructions to install the printer driver. While relatively rare these days, some printers might require you to run a printer driver installation program rather than allowing Windows to install the driver on its own. To do so, go to the manufacturer's web site and look for the printer driver download file (often found in the Support section). Download the file and double-click it to run the installation and setup. Follow the instructions, and you'll be up and running in minutes. Thanks for letting us know! Tell us why! how do i install kyocera printer driver

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