



Printing in Cadra

Using the System Printer in Cadra

When using the System Printer option you must have a “System Printer” set up with the manufactures driver already installed.

To view existing printer setups

On NT 4.0

Select START -> SETTINGS -> PRINTERS

Right click the printer or plotter that you want to use

On the General tab (default tab), the driver is listed ½ of the way down the dialog box.

On Window 2000

Select START -> SETTINGS -> PRINTERS

Right click the printer or plotter that you want to use

On the General tab (default tab), the driver is listed ½ of the way down the dialog box it may say, “model” instead of driver.

On XP Professional

Select START -> SETTINGS -> PRINTERS and FAXES

Right click the printer or plotter that you want to use

Select the advance tab, the driver is listed 1/3 of the way down the dialog box.

Example Printer: your printer is a Lexmark Optra S1250, this is the driver that you want to use when printing using system printer.

Example Plotter: your plotter is a HP DesignJet/HPGL, this is the driver that you want to use when printing using system printer.

To test that your setup is correct you will need to “print a test page” successfully.

Printing a Test Page on NT 4.0, Windows 2000 and XP Professional

The print a test page button is also located on the “general” tab.

If you can print a test page successfully Cadra should print.

Once you select the "PRINT NOW" button in Cadra you have entered the operating systems printing dialog box.

Using a Cadra Driver on Windows Machines (.pra file)

When using the Cadra drivers to print or plot you MUST setup you printer/plotter to use the HPLAZERJET DRIVER ONLY!!!

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On the General tab (default tab), the driver is listed ½ of the way down the dialog box it may say, "model" instead of driver.

On XP Professional

Select START -> SETTINGS -> PRINTERS and FAXES
Right click the printer or plotter that you want to use
Select the advance tab, the driver is listed 1/3 of the way down the dialog box.

Example Printer: your printer is a Lexmark Optra S1250, the driver should be a HPLAZERJET DRIVER

Example Plotter: your plotter is a HP DesignJet/HPGL, the driver should be HPLAZERJET DRIVER or the HPGL DRIVER (not the HPGL/2 driver listed in Cadra)

Reason: the HPLAZERJET DRIVER has a "go-through" what this means is that it sees that you are sending a file to port, it ignores the printers emulation and sends the .pra file to the port/address that you have setup in "Add a Printer"

To test that your setup is correct you will need to open a command prompt and copy a .pra file to port successfully.

Example: You have a .pra file that is located in the C:\CADRA directory...you would key in at the prompt `copy c:\cadra\test.pra lpt1:`

(NOTE: there are other ways to copy to port and the company system administrator would need to inform you on their way.)

If you cannot copy to port successfully Cadra will not print/plot. The user will need to contact their Companies System Administrator to solve this issue.