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### Answer

Use Athena to find out the print server:

1. Access Athena, using either an Athena workstation, the Mac OS X Terminal application, or a Mac OS 9 or Windows secure Telnet application.
2. At the Athena% prompt, enter:

```
hostinfo printername
```

*Result:* If your printer's name is **watertown-press** and you entered: `hostinfo watertown-press`, the following information would appear:

```
Desired host: watertown-press
Official name: WTPR.MIT.EDU
Host address: 18.152.1.72
Host info: "HP/LASERJET"/"LPR"
```

**Note:** Some printers, such as **watertown-press**, are known by an alias, but this printer's official name is **wtpr**.

3. At the Athena% prompt, enter: `hesinfo printername pcap`, where printer name is the Official name listed above.  
*Result:* Continuing the **watertown-press** example above, if you entered `hesinfo wtpr pcap`, the following message would appear:

```
wtpr:rp=wtpr:rm=FIBER.MIT.EDU:ka#0:mc#0:auth=kerberos5:xn:
```

In this example, FIBER is the print server name.