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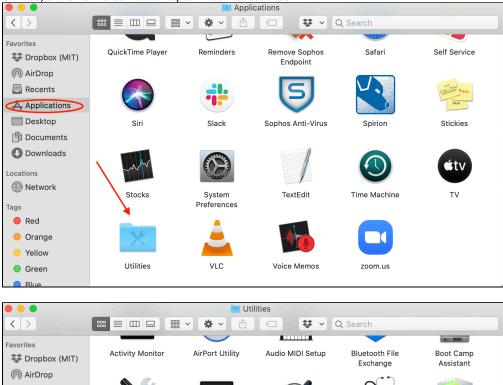
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🕄 You must be logged in with an account that has administrator rights on your Mac to change these settings. If you are prompted for a username/password, use the ones for your administrator account on your Mac, not your MIT Kerberos Principle.

This can be done through the cups interface.

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1. In a browser, go to the webpage 127.0.0.1:631/printers. Note: If you get an error message such as "cannot connect" or "web interface is disabled", start the Terminal app (in Applications > Utilities) and enter the command: cupsctl WebInterface=Yes





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Last login: Thu Jun 11 09:16:09 on console @C02CC14BMD6M ~ % cupsctl WebInterface=Yes @C02CC14BMD6M ~ %						

2. Select your printer (link is in blue).

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		Se	arch in P	rinters	Qr			Search	Clear		
	Showing 1 of 1 printer.										
	Queue Name	Desc	ription		Locat	tion Ma	ke and Model			Status	
	Main_Printer	Main	Printer			Ger	eric PostScript I	Printer		Idle	

3. Under Administration, select Set default options.

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CUPS.org Home Administration	Classes Help Job	os Printers		
Main_Printer				
Main_Printer (Idle, Aco	cepting Jobs, I	Not Shared)		
Maintenance C Administration Description: Mai Location: Set Default Options				
Driver: Ger Set As Server Default Set Allowed Users	er (grayscale, 2-sic	led printing)		
Defaults: job-sheets=none, no	one media=na_letter_8	8.5x11in sides=one-sided		
Jobs				
	Search in Main_Pr	rinter: 🔍	Search Clear	
Show Completed Jobs Show All Jobs				
		No jobs.		

4. Modify the options that you wish to change. In this generic example I have used the generic driver instead of HP, Dell or other so few options are available.

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CUPS.org Home Administration Classes Help J	lobs Printers		
Set Printer Options			
Set Default Options for Main_Print	ter		
Query Printer for Default Options			
Options Installed General Banners	Policies		
	Options Installed		
	Duplex Printing Unit: <a>Old Content Installed Not	Installed	
	Set Default Options		

5. Click on "Set Default Options" at the bottom of the list of options. CUPS.org Home Administration Classes Help Jobs Printers

Set Printer Options Set Default Options for EPSON_WF_3620_Series						
Banners	Policies					
	General					
	Color Mode: Color Color Color					
	2-Sided Printing: Long-Edge (Portrait)					
	MediaType: Any S Media Source: Auto Select S Set Default Options					
	ult Option					

6. Enter your administration username and password into the dialog box that appears and then click the blue **Okay** button in the bottom right corner of the box.

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7. Go back to terminal and run the command: cupsctl WebInterface=No if you wish for that webpage to be disabled, e.g. public machine.