

How to stop two-sided printing from being the default in macOS?

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Meta Description: Learn how to change default printing settings in macOS and stop two-sided printing. Simple steps to customize your printing preferences.

Two-sided printing is enabled by default for Mac-compatible printers. To discontinue two-sided printing, you must first activate the CUPS Browser Interface. Once you have access to CUPS on your Mac, you can make the required modifications to disable two-sided printing.

Learn how to stop two-side printing from being the default in macOS by following the below steps:

Step 1: How to activate the CUPS Browser Interface

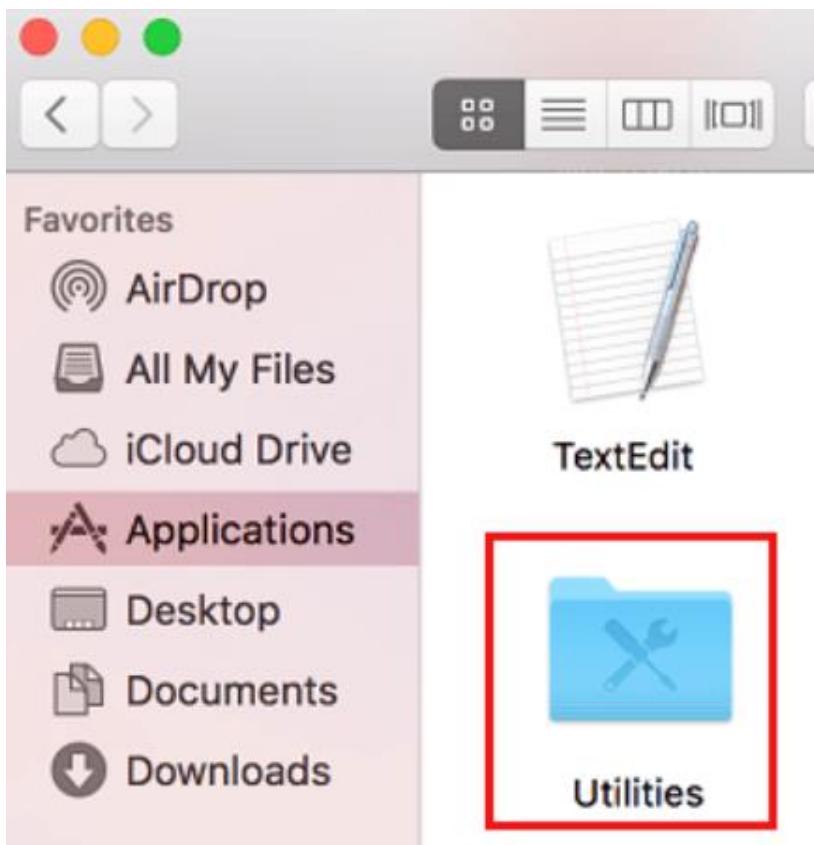
A modular open-source printing system created by Apple Inc. for systems based on UNIX, CUPS serves as the foundation for the print configuration on Macs. By default, CUPS interface is disabled on macOS.

Activate the CUPS browser interface by following the procedure listed below.

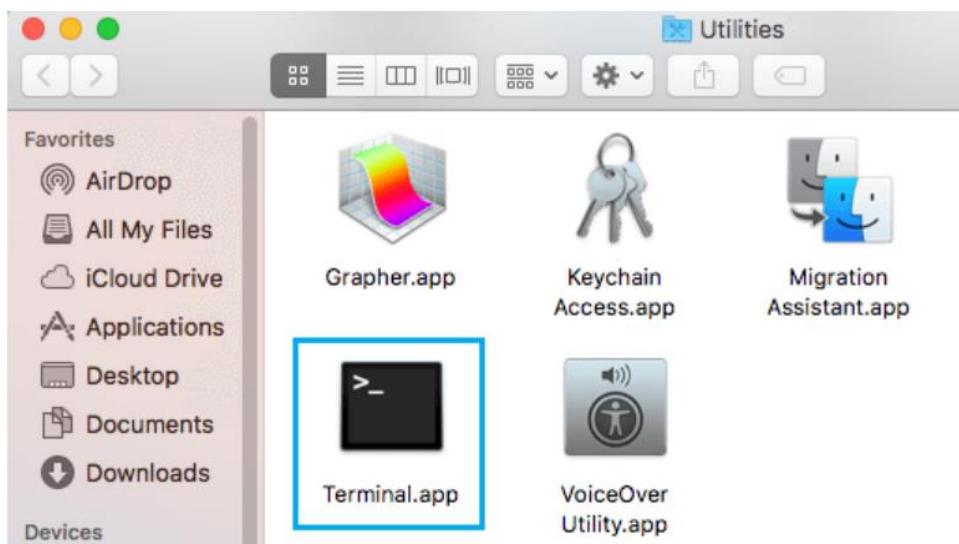
1. Verify that your Mac's Admin Account is open and that you are logged in.
2. As seen in the image below, click the Finder icon on your Mac's taskbar.



3. After selecting **Applications** from the left-side menu in the search box, slide down to choose **Utilities**.

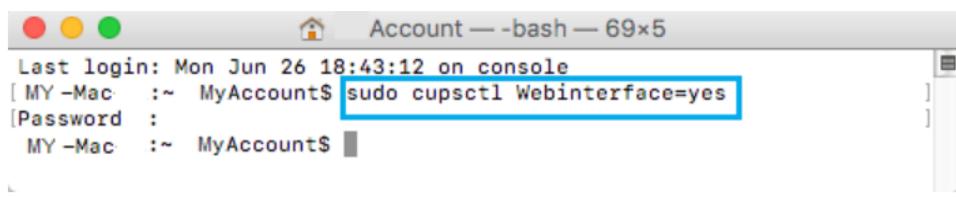


4. Select **Terminal.app**.



5. Enter the following command in the terminal as indicated in the figure, then press the enter key.

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sudo cupsctl WebInterface=yes
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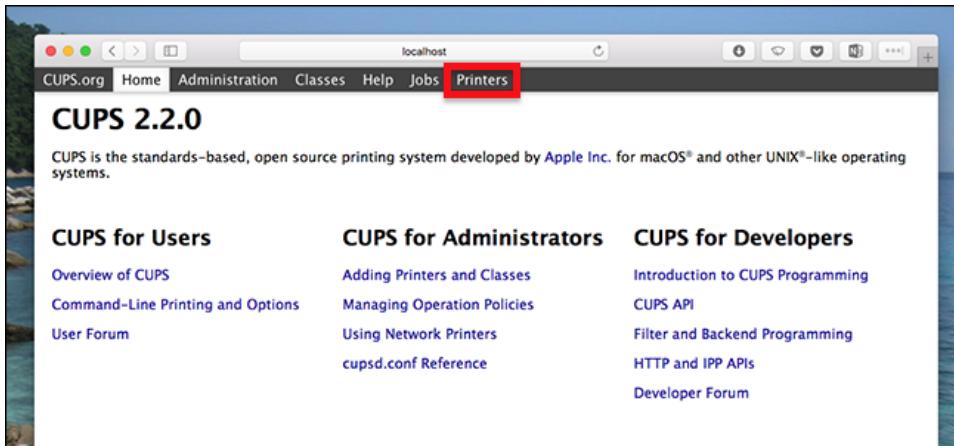
Last login: Mon Jun 26 18:43:12 on console
[MY -Mac :~ MyAccount\$ sudo cupsctl Webinterface=yes
[Password :
MY -Mac :~ MyAccount\$

You may use any Mac browser to visit CUPS after this command has been properly performed.

Step 2: Activate the CUPS Settings on your browser.

1. Open your preferred web browser and navigate to <http://localhost:631> and click on **Printers**.

Note: When prompted for a username and password, type the ones you use to access your Mac.



2. Choose the printer for which you wish to update the settings. Select **Administration** from the drop-down option.

EPSON_WF_4630_Series

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Maintenance Administration

Description: EPSON WF-4630 Series

Location:

Driver: EPSON WF-4630 Series-AirPrint (color, 2-sided printing)

Connection: dnssd://EPSON%20WF-4630%20Series._ipp._tcp.local./?uuid=cfe92

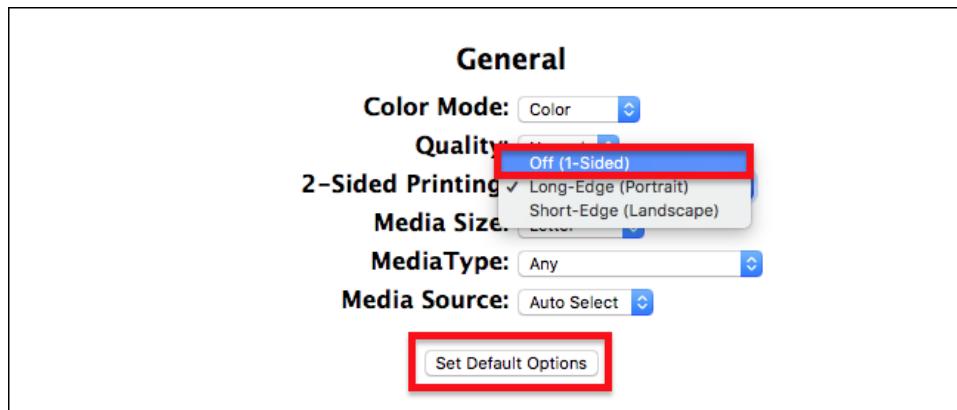
Defaults: job-sheets=none, none media=na_letter_8.5x11in sides=one-sided

A screenshot of a web browser showing the configuration page for an EPSON_WF_4630_Series printer. The page title is 'EPSON_WF_4630_Series'. Below it, a sub-section title is 'EPSON_WF_4630_Series (Idle, Accepting Jobs, Not S'. There are two dropdown menus: 'Maintenance' and 'Administration', with 'Administration' highlighted with a red box. Below these, printer details are listed: 'Description: EPSON WF-4630 Series', 'Location:', 'Driver: EPSON WF-4630 Series-AirPrint (color, 2-sided printing)', 'Connection: dnssd://EPSON%20WF-4630%20Series._ipp._tcp.local./?uuid=cfe92', and 'Defaults: job-sheets=none, none media=na_letter_8.5x11in sides=one-sided'.

3. Select **Set Default Options**.



4. Under **2-Sided Printing** option, choose **Off (1-Sided)**. To save your selection, click the **Set Default Options** button.



Benefit: Two-sided printing shouldn't be the default in macOS since it helps conserve paper and lessen environmental waste. Making single-sided printing the default choice will help you use less paper and save resources. This is very helpful for printing draughts, internal notes, or personal documents that don't need to be printed on both sides. You support a more environmentally responsible and sustainable printing habit by implementing this practice.

Conclusion: Print any document to test out the changes. You'll observe that default two-sided printing is no longer available. Single-sided printing should now be the default setting when printing from your Mac.

If you're still having trouble stopping two-side printing from being the default in macOS and need more help, feel free to contact us at +1-855-223-4887.