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## Linux: How to start and stop printer queues

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**Q.** How can I start and stop printer queues for printer called HPLJF2?

**A.** To stop/start printers and classes queues use enable (to start queue) command. There is also disable command to stop queue.



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## Linux Printer Control Command names

=> **enable** or **cupsenable**: To start the named printers or classes.

=> **disable** or **cupsdisable**: To stop the named printers or classes.

### Task: Start a print queue

Type the following command to START a print queue for a printer called HPLJF2:

```
# /usr/bin/enable HPLJF2
```

### Task: Stop a print queue

Type the following command to STOP a print queue for a printer called HPLJF2:

```
# /usr/bin/disable printer
```

Please note that use full path name for both commands. Otherwise you will end up running bash internal enable, which is used to enable and disable builtin bash shell commands.

### Task: Verify queue is stopped or started

Use lpq command to verify the queue is stopped or started:

```
# lpq
```

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