

**NAME**

client.conf – client configuration file for cups (deprecated on macOS)

**DESCRIPTION**

The **client.conf** file configures the CUPS client and is normally located in the */etc/cups* and/or *~/cups* directories. Each line in the file can be a configuration directive, a blank line, or a comment. Comment lines start with the **#** character.

**Note:** Starting with macOS 10.7, this file is only used by command-line and X11 applications plus the IPP backend. The **ServerName** directive is not supported on macOS at all. Starting with macOS 10.12, all applications can access these settings in the */Library/Preferences/org.cups.PrintingPrefs.plist* file instead. See the NOTES section below for more information.

**DIRECTIVES**

The following directives are understood by the client. Consult the online help for detailed descriptions:

**AllowAnyRoot Yes****AllowAnyRoot No**

Specifies whether to allow TLS with certificates that have not been signed by a trusted Certificate Authority. The default is "Yes".

**AllowExpiredCerts Yes****AllowExpiredCerts No**

Specifies whether to allow TLS with expired certificates. The default is "No".

**DigestOptions DenyMD5****DigestOptions None**

Specifies HTTP Digest authentication options. **DenyMD5** disables support for the original MD5 hash algorithm.

**Encryption IfRequested****Encryption Never****Encryption Required**

Specifies the level of encryption that should be used.

**GSSServiceName name**

Specifies the Kerberos service name that is used for authentication, typically "host", "http", or "ipp". CUPS adds the remote hostname ("name@server.example.com") for you. The default name is "http".

**ServerName hostname-or-ip-address[:port]****ServerName /domain/socket**

Specifies the address and optionally the port to use when connecting to the server. **Note: This directive is not supported on macOS 10.7 or later.**

**ServerName hostname-or-ip-address[:port]/version=1.1**

Specifies the address and optionally the port to use when connecting to a server running CUPS 1.3.12 and earlier.

**SSLOptions** [AllowDH] [AllowRC4] [AllowSSL3] [DenyCBC] [DenyTLS1.0] [MaxTLS1.0] [MaxTLS1.1] [MaxTLS1.2] [MaxTLS1.3] [MinTLS1.0] [MinTLS1.1] [MinTLS1.2] [MinTLS1.3]

**SSLOptions None**

Sets encryption options (only in */etc/cups/client.conf*). By default, CUPS only supports encryption using TLS v1.0 or higher using known secure cipher suites. Security is reduced when *Allow* options are used. Security is enhanced when *Deny* options are used. The *AllowDH* option enables cipher suites using plain Diffie-Hellman key negotiation (not supported on systems using GNU TLS). The *AllowRC4* option enables the 128-bit RC4 cipher suites, which are required for some older clients. The *AllowSSL3* option enables SSL v3.0, which is required for some older clients that do not support TLS v1.0. The *DenyCBC* option disables all CBC cipher suites. The *DenyTLS1.0* option disables

TLS v1.0 support - this sets the minimum protocol version to TLS v1.1. The *MinTLS* options set the minimum TLS version to support. The *MaxTLS* options set the maximum TLS version to support. Not all operating systems support TLS 1.3 at this time.

**TrustOnFirstUse Yes****TrustOnFirstUse No**

Specifies whether to trust new TLS certificates by default. The default is "Yes".

**User *name***

Specifies the default user name to use for requests.

**UserAgentTokens None****UserAgentTokens ProductOnly****UserAgentTokens Major****UserAgentTokens Minor****UserAgentTokens Minimal****UserAgentTokens OS****UserAgentTokens Full**

Specifies what information is included in the User-Agent header of HTTP requests. "None" disables the User-Agent header. "ProductOnly" reports "CUPS". "Major" reports "CUPS/major IPP/2". "Minor" reports "CUPS/major.minor IPP/2.1". "Minimal" reports "CUPS/major.minor.patch IPP/2.1". "OS" reports "CUPS/major.minor.path (osname osversion) IPP/2.1". "Full" reports "CUPS/major.minor.path (osname osversion; architecture) IPP/2.1". The default is "Minimal".

**ValidateCerts Yes****ValidateCerts No**

Specifies whether to only allow TLS with certificates whose common name matches the hostname. The default is "No".

**NOTES**

The **client.conf** file is deprecated on macOS and will no longer be supported in a future version of CUPS. Configuration settings can instead be viewed or changed using the **defaults(1)** command:  
defaults write /Library/Preferences/org.cups.PrintingPrefs.plist Encryption Required  
defaults write /Library/Preferences/org.cups.PrintingPrefs.plist TrustOnFirstUse -bool NO

defaults read /Library/Preferences/org.cups.PrintingPrefs.plist Encryption

On Linux and other systems using GNU TLS, the */etc/cups/ssl/site.crl* file, if present, provides a list of revoked X.509 certificates and is used when validating certificates.

**SEE ALSO**

**cups(1)**, **default(1)**, CUPS Online Help (<http://localhost:631/help>)

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