

NAME

cupsd-helper – cupsd helper programs (deprecated)

SYNOPSIS

cups-devised *request-id limit user-id options*

cups-driverd *cat ppd-name*

cups-driverd *list request_id limit options*

cups-exec *sandbox-profile* [*-g group-id*] [*-n nice-value*] [*-u user-id*] */path/to/program argv0 ... argvN*

DESCRIPTION

The **cupsd-helper** programs perform long-running operations on behalf of the scheduler, **cupsd**(8). The **cups-devised** helper program runs each CUPS **backend**(7) with no arguments in order to discover the available printers.

The **cups-driverd** helper program lists all available printer drivers, a subset of "matching" printer drivers, or a copy of a specific driver PPD file.

The **cups-exec** helper program runs backends, filters, and other programs. On macOS these programs are run in a secure sandbox.

FILES

The **cups-driverd** program looks for PPD and driver information files in the following directories:

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/Library/Printers
/opt/share/ppd
/System/Library/Printers
/usr/local/share/ppd
/usr/share/cups/drv
/usr/share/cups/model
/usr/share/ppd
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PPD files can be compressed using the **gzip**(1) program or placed in compressed **tar**(1) archives to further reduce their size.

Driver information files must conform to the format defined in **ppdcfile**(5).

NOTES

CUPS printer drivers, backends, and PPD files are deprecated and will no longer be supported in a future feature release of CUPS. Printers that do not support IPP can be supported using applications such as **ippeveprinter**(1).

SEE ALSO

backend(7), **cups**(1), **cupsd**(8), **cupsd.conf**(5), **filter**(7), **ppdcfile**(5), CUPS Online Help (<http://localhost:631/help>)

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