

**NAME**

cupsdisable, cupsenable – stop/start printers and classes

**SYNOPSIS**

**cupsdisable** [ **-E** ] [ **-U** *username* ] [ **-c** ] [ **-h** *server[:port]* ] [ **-r** *reason* ] [ **--hold** ] *destination(s)*  
**cupsenable** [ **-E** ] [ **-U** *username* ] [ **-c** ] [ **-h** *server[:port]* ] [ **--release** ] *destination(s)*

**DESCRIPTION**

**cupsenable** starts the named printers or classes while **cupsdisable** stops the named printers or classes.

**OPTIONS**

The following options may be used:

**-E** Forces encryption of the connection to the server.

**-U** *username*

Uses the specified username when connecting to the server.

**-c** Cancels all jobs on the named destination.

**-h** *server[:port]*

Uses the specified server and port.

**--hold**

Holds remaining jobs on the named printer. Useful for allowing the current job to complete before performing maintenance.

**-r** "*reason*"

Sets the message associated with the stopped state. If no reason is specified then the message is set to "Reason Unknown".

**--release**

Releases pending jobs for printing. Use after running **cupsdisable** with the **--hold** option to resume printing.

**CONFORMING TO**

Unlike the System V printing system, CUPS allows printer names to contain any printable character except SPACE, TAB, "/", or "#". Also, printer and class names are *not* case-sensitive.

The System V versions of these commands are **disable** and **enable**, respectively. They have been renamed to avoid conflicts with the **bash**(1) build-in commands of the same names.

The CUPS versions of **disable** and **enable** may ask the user for an access password depending on the printing system configuration. This differs from the System V versions which require the root user to execute these commands.

**SEE ALSO**

**cupsaccept**(8), **cupsreject**(8), **cancel**(1), **lp**(1), **lpadmin**(8), **lpstat**(1), CUPS Online Help (<http://localhost:631/help>)

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