**Printer State**

The state of the printer is tracked in two ways. First, the queue itself is either accepting or rejecting jobs. This refers to CUPS receiving a request to print and taking responsibility for that request. CUPS can accept a job even if the printer is off, as it will be spooled to disk in **/var/spool/cups** folder. The job prints when the printer is ready.

Next, the printer itself can be in one of a few states:

**Idle—**The printer is not printing anything and is awaiting work.

**Processing—**CUPS is currently sending data to the printer.

**Stopped—**An error happened with a print job, so CUPS stopped further printing to the printer.

**Paused—**The administrator has temporarily suspended printing to this printer.

In normal operation, a printer will be either idle or processing.