

# Re: Printer port confusion

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Is there a reason why different websites list different signal states on some parallel port pins? Are some just wrong, or were there two types of parallel ports for PC's at one time?

There USED to be a standard – Centronics – which many computers used. All Radio Shack computers used that standard. For reasons only they know IBM used the standard serial port as a connector and changed the use of some pins. This became the new standard and, as a result, some ignorant people say that Radio Shack "didn't follow the standard" which is stupid because IBM wasn't making the PC in 1977.

IBM also screwed up the serial port standard by using the other polarity connector for that.