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On Mon, 27 Mar 2006 17:47:47 GMT, Joerg
<notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hello Jim,

My experience with Brother products... BARF!

Hmm, not so encouraging. What went wrong? So far I have heard good things, mostly from family members using Brother printers (but not multi-function versions).

For FAXing, why not just use a laser printer and a scanner?

I've tried that. It's a hassle. Have to fire up the scanner (which in my case is part of a color inkjet printer), then the PC, scan one page after the other hoping XP doesn't croak halfway through, dial via the PC keyboard. The scanner doesn't have a feeder so multiple pages is a real hassle. I like the convenience of a stand-alone fax where you place the stack of docs in the feeder, dial and walk away. I rarely use it these days but when I do it's usually a big stack of docs such as a contract where they'd rather see a signed and faxed copy instead of a scan.

Receiving faxes is even more of a pain. Murphy says then just when a fax wants to come in I will have done something crazy with the uC compiler and hung the whole machine.

Some of us leave our systems on 24/7 ;-)

I use WinFax which has junk fax filtering capability... incoming faxes

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simply get written to HD.

Many of my outgoing faxes are simply files.

But I can sign a contract and fax directly from the scanner.

If you use a router like an SMC Barricade the printer plugs into it instead of a parallel port or USB, and is available to all on the LAN.

I have the same router as you do. Probably I could get the proper driver into it. However, it's going into the basement hub soon and the printer need to be close. Meaning lots of exercise for me ;-)

The printer driver is simply the _printer_ driver.

The Barricade install CD has a _very_simple_ installation procedure which maps the printer of choice to "port"=PRTMATE.

RTFM already ;-)

Then there is the problem that many 'modern' printers lack a parallel port and that's what the Barricade provides. Nowadays many are USB-only. The nice thing about this Brother is that it can be plugged into an Ethernet jack anywhere.

I presently have an hp LaserJet 1320 which can do two-sided printing... love the paper-saving.

Cool. I do it via print even pages, then odd pages. But when my main HP printer goes some day I'll look into a 1320 as well.

Regards, Joerg

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...Jim Thompson

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