

Connect your Apple Computer to Wireless Printer (via IP or Hostname)

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Note

The instructions below are meant for **Brown University** members who are attempting to connect their personal printer to their computer on Brown wireless networks.&

Connect Your Printer to Brown-Guest

You can refer to [this knowledgebase article](#) on how to connect your printer to the Brown-Guest network.

Get Your Printer's IP Address or DNS Address

Once you've connected your printer successfully to Brown-Guest, it will get an IP address. This can be used to connect your printer. However, most printers support getting a unique DNS address. The difference between these addresses is that using an IP address will eventually result in your printer not working as its IP address is subject to change. The DNS address will always remain the same regardless of your printer's IP address.

The unique address is always the hostname followed by **.devices.brown.edu** — example:

HP000000.devices.brown.edu

Your printer's manufacturer will have documentation on how to retrieve either address. Refer to those instructions to get that information and follow through with the rest of these instructions.

You can always contact the help desk to see if we can assist.

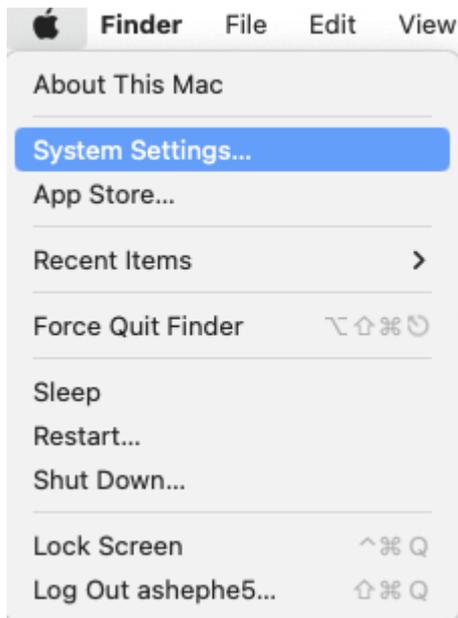
Drivers

Depending on your printer, you may have to preinstall drivers. Run the installation software provided by the manufacturer.

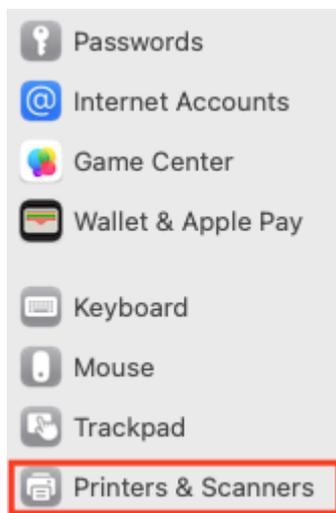
Usually this software will attempt to connect to your printer, but this process will most likely fail on campus. Follow through these steps after the software has been installed.

Connect to Your Printer

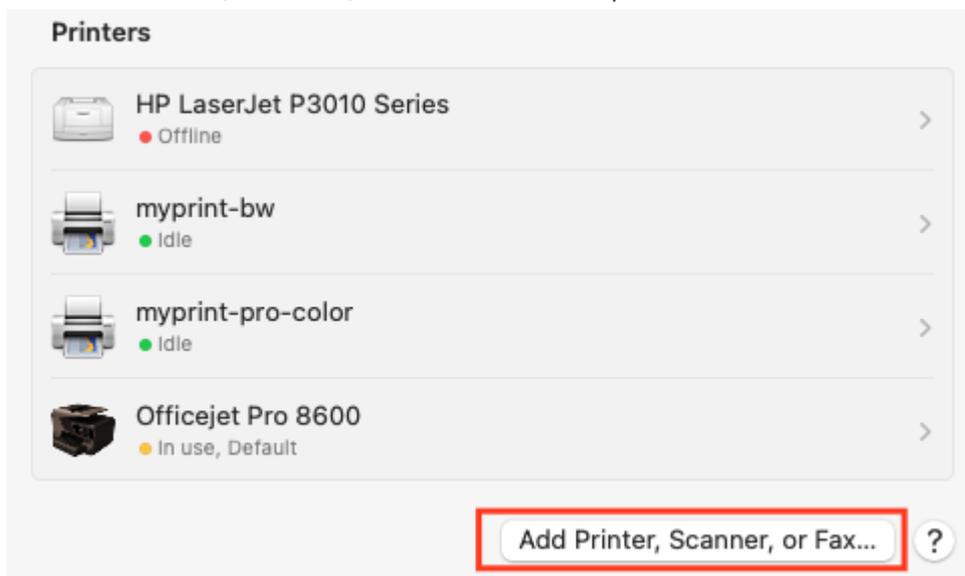
1. Open the  Apple menu at the top left corner of your screen. Then, select **System Settings...**



2. Select Printers & Scanners.



3. Click **Add Printer, Scanner, or Fax...** to add the printer.



4. A new window will open. Click on the IP icon at the top (second icon from left to right)

and fill out the information.

Add Printer

Address: Valid and complete host name or address.

Protocol:

Queue:

Name:

Location:

Use: The selected printer software isn't from the manufacturer and may not let you use all the features of your printer.

? **Should be auto-detected. Install Printer first if nothing shows.** **Add**

You can use the Generic PostScript or Generic PCL Printer options. However, these will not support any advanced features with your printer.

5. Add the printer to your computer and it should appear in your printers list once configured. Print a test page to confirm the printer is functioning correctly.

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