
Subject: Printing in Windows - selecting 2 copies, prints 4 copies

Posted by [tdtran](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2012 00:41:09 GMT

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page.Add(i);
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Does anyone agree with this assessment?

cheers,
tdtran.

Subject: Re: Printing in Windows - selecting 2 copies, prints 4 copies

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2012 08:17:02 GMT

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Quite possible. Unfortunately this seems to be specific for only some printers...

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms646940%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>

It seems like PD_USEDEVMODECOPIESANDCOLLATE could help. Can you try it please with your printer?

Mirek
