

Double Sided Printing on the Mac

I've always liked being able to print on both sides of the paper. It just seems more natural. Saves paper. Conserves desk (or bookshelf) space by reducing the number of sheets of *whatever*.

All that's necessary to do so is to be able to print only the even page numbers and only the odd page numbers of a document.

You first print only the even page numbers, then remove the paper, turn it over, and print only the odd page numbers on the back of the pager!!!

That is, page 2 gets printed on the back of page 1, page 4 on the back of page 3, etc.

A major disappointment when I got my Mac was that there was no easy way to do it! Even MicroSoft WORD, which can be told to print only even or odd pages on an IBM PC, wouldn't do it!

Being relatively arrogant, I thought I would **fix** that. Couldn't be too tough, right?

Wrong. My first attempt was a miserable failure. This business of disassembling other peoples code and figuring it out is NOT easy. I put the project aside and went on to other things.

But the need remained. Several months later I was thinking "Maybe I could do it if I really tried".

Wrong Again. I won't characterize my second attempt: I leave that to your imagination.

But the third time was the charm!

YOU can print double sided just by clicking! Put "Even/Odd Imagewriter" file into your system folder, use the Chooser DA to select the imagewriter icon with the "E/O" in it, and click either the "Odds Only" or "Evens Only" (or neither) buttons under "Page Range" when you print your documents. Everything else works just as you expect.

If you like my efforts, I hope you will eventually get around to sending me a check as requested when you print. As sort of an incentive, I'll send back to you a Laserwriter version!

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