Brother Peer to Peer Print (NetBIOS)

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Overview

Your Brother print server supports the NetBIOS protocol for direct printing on Microsoft-compatible networks.   This means that it is possible to print directly to the print server because it runs NetBIOS over SMB (Server Message Block - meaning that it will appear in your Network Neighborhood if the domain name or workgroup name is set correctly). However on Windows 95/98/Me and Windows NT4.0 or 2000 systems, it is possible that you may have printing problems if more than one person tries to access the printer.   They will probably receive "Printer is busy" error messages.   In this instance Brother have developed the **Brother Peer to Peer Print (NetBIOS)** software which allows users to continue spooling print jobs while the printer is busy, down or out of paper. The port monitor will hold the jobs until the printer is again available.

All workstations must be on the same network segment due to the limitations of the NetBIOS protocol.

Selecting a Printer

If you know the full UNC (Universal Name Convention) path to the port you wish to use, enter it in the edit box provided.   This should be of the form:

\\ServerName\ServiceName

where: ServerName is the NetBIOS name of the Brother print server (the default name is BRO_xxxxxx, where "xxxxxx" is the last six digits of the Ethernet address), and ServiceName is the name of the NetBIOS enabled service.

Pressing **Browse…** will allow you to browse the Network. If the print server does not appear, then you must ensure that the domain name is configured correctly.

Choosing a Workgroup

Select the workgroup / domain where the printer is located and press **Next** to display a list of available printers

Choosing a Device

Choose the Printer you wish to use and press **Next** to view a list of available ports.   Pressing **Back** will return to Workgroup selection.

Choosing a Port

Select the Port you wish to use and press **Finish**. Pressing **Back** will return to device selection. Pressing **Cancel** will cancel the operation.