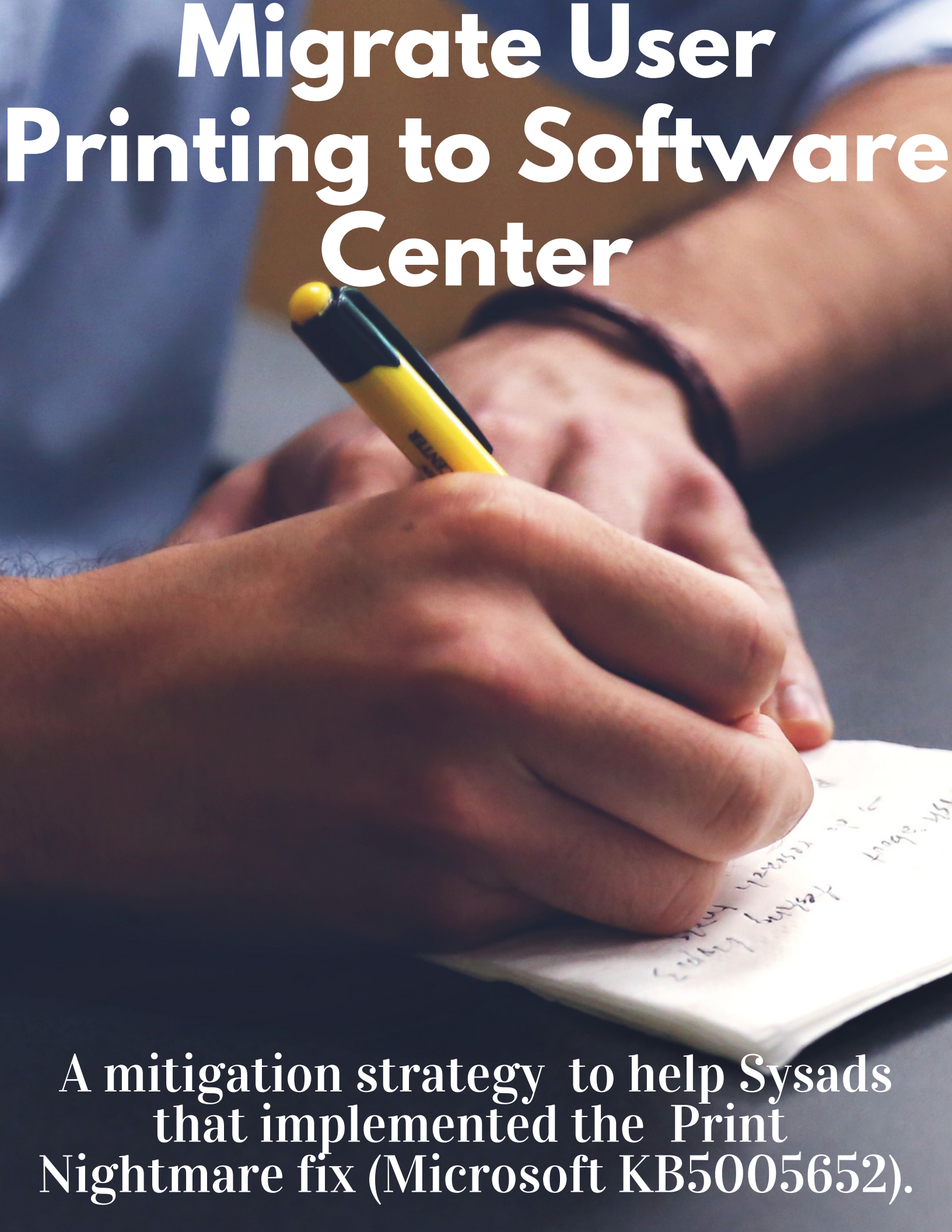
Migrate User Printing to Software Center



A mitigation strategy to help Sysads that implemented the Print Nightmare fix (Microsoft KB5005652).

Summary

THE PROBLEM: The "fix" (Microsoft KB5005652) to Print Nightmare removes a standard user's ability to add a printer.
This will likely result in an uptick of "help desk tickets" because 'admin rights' are now needed to map a printer.
THE CURRENT WORKAROUND: The KB article suggests disabling the new registry setting temporarily to allow users to add printers, but this creates a cybersecurity vulnerability.
A NEW SOLUTION: In a Windows Enterprise Network, System Administrators can package software in SCCM and make it available to users in Software Center. This step-by-step guide outlines a method of using Software Center to give users back this functionality while the Print Nightmare fix is enabled!

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#Function for Button click
Function Action-Item {

    $Printername = ""
    $Printername = $textBox1.Text
    #Show Console and hide form
    $consolePtr = [Console.Window]::GetConsoleWindow()
    [Console.Window]::ShowWindow($consolePtr, 4)
    $Form.hide()
    Invoke-Command  -Scriptblock {RUNDLL32 PRINTUI.DLL,PrintUIEntry /ga /n\\$Printername} -Verbose
    Start-sleep -s 5
    write-host "Printer added. Please log off and log back in to finish the install"

    }
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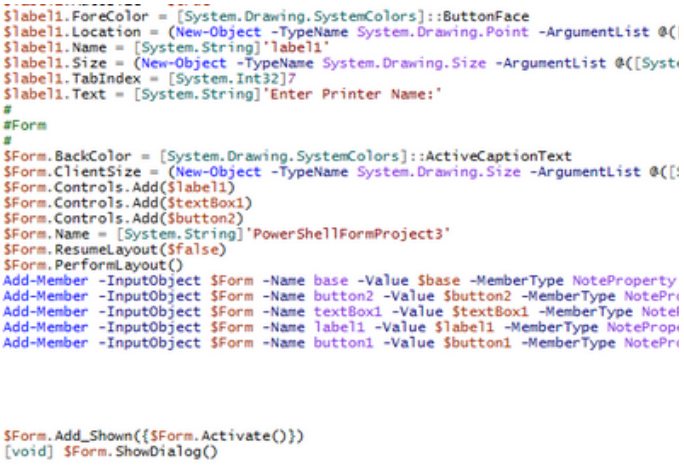
This script is built around this command line that adds a printer for all users of a computer. The simplicity should allow you to rewrite this work flow in the language of your choice!



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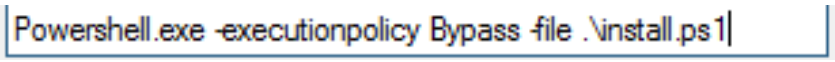
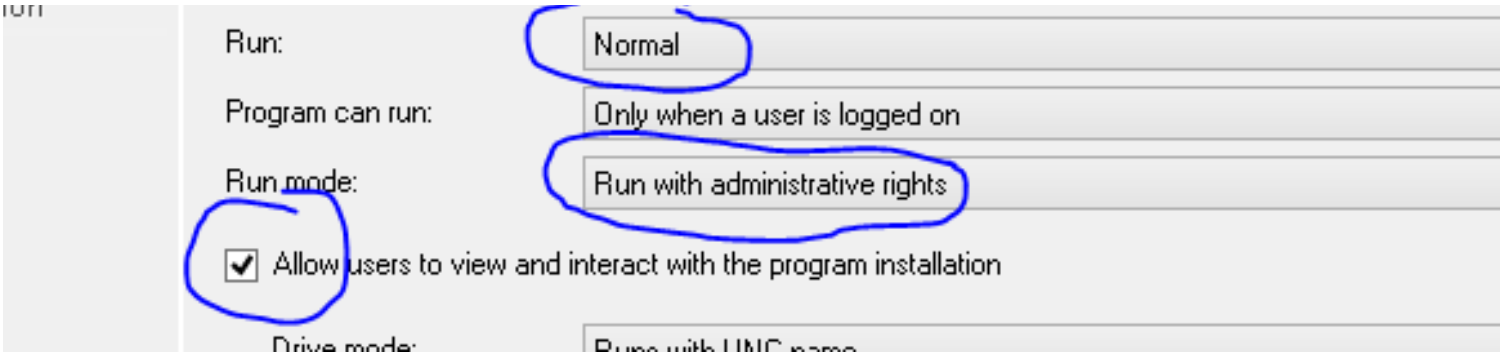
SCRIPT BREAKDOWN

Wrapping PowerShell inside of Winforms creates a better user experience than just using a "Read-host -Prompt". This script is set to hide the PowerShell console when the GUI is running--this allows for a simpler command line when running from SCCM/MECM.



Sample command line to run a .ps1



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SCCM/MECM SETTINGS

- ***CREATE A <u>PACKAGE</u>, NOT AN APPLICATION***

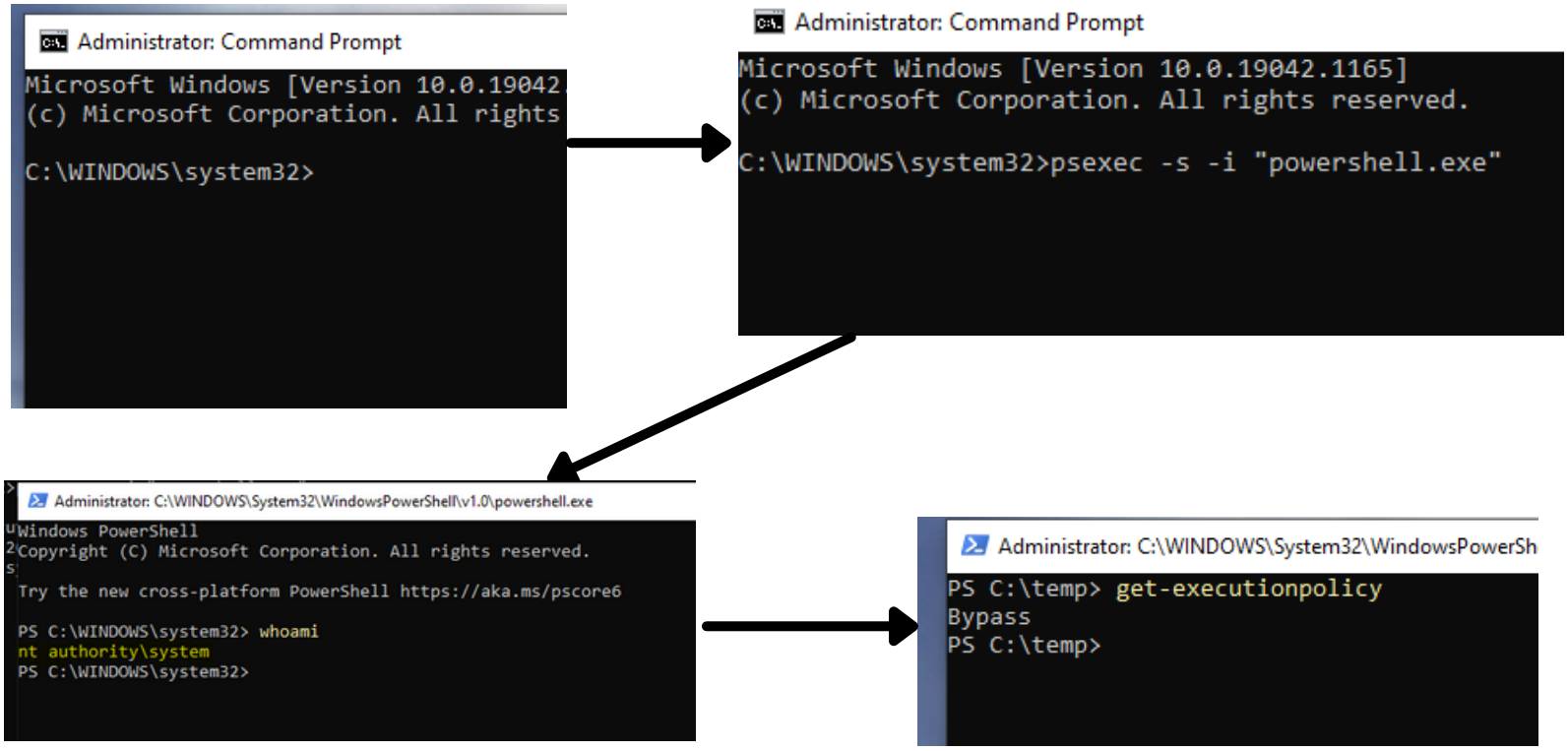
If you do not know the difference, please do a little research. This will eliminate the need for a detection method and allows the user to run this app multiple times.

- ***SET THE PROGRAM TO RUN NORMAL, CHECK THE CHECK BOX FOR 'Allow users to view and interact with the program installation'***

This will allow the user to see and interact with the program.

- ***RUNS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS***

This will give the user the rights to add the printer since the registry key fix for PrintNightmare removed this ability from non-admin users.



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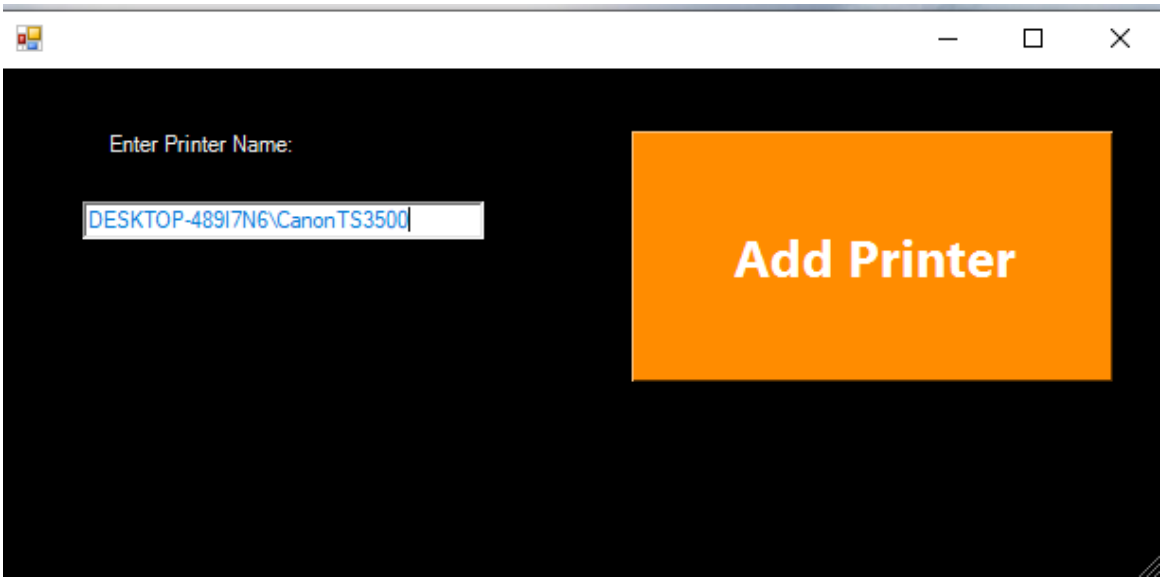
PROOF OF CONCEPT

This is a method to test this script before placing it in SCCM/MECM. I have downloaded PSEXEC from the PSTOOLs, placed PSEXEC in my System32 folder, and ran an interactive command prompt in the SYSTEM context. SCCM/MECM uses the SYSTEM context to install as admin. *__NOTE:__ To verify that I am running in SYSTEM, I ran a "WHOAMI" in the screenshot above. Also, the last screenshot displays a different directory. Make sure you are in the directory where the script is located AND don't forget to set your execution policy!



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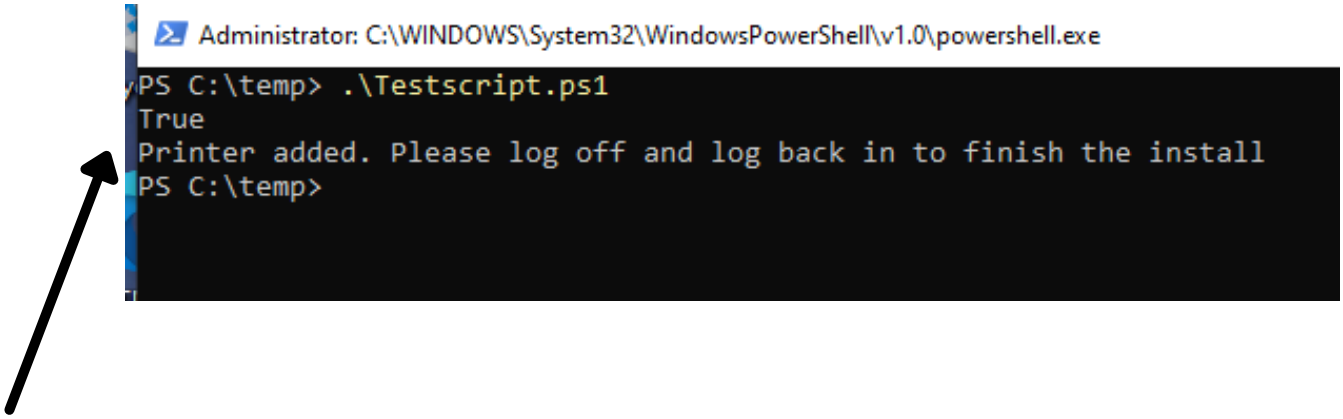
RUN THE APP

Run the Script.
Type the printer name in the textbox.
Click the Add Printer Button.



In this step, I brought the console back and used a write-host. This can easily be replaced with a message box from the .Net Framework.

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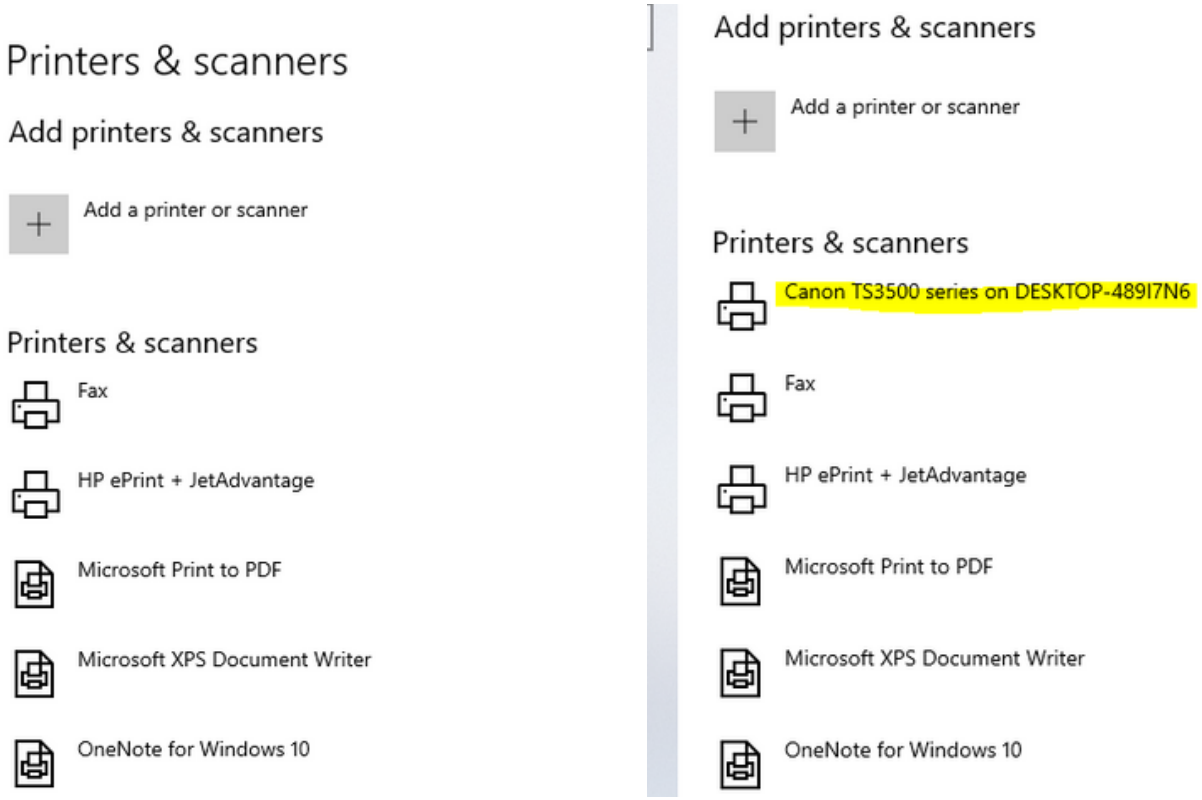
WATCH THE MAGIC!

Once you see this screen, follow the instructions and log off. ***NOTE:** When placing this in your environment, feel free to force a restart if you want a fully automated solution--just make sure to warn the users!



Before logoff/logon *After logoff/logon*

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LOG ON AND VIEW THE PRINTER!

When you log back in, navigate to "Printers and Scanners", and you will see the Printer! (Give it a moment--it may take a few minutes to finish up). This will add the printer for any user on the computer!

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