

Introduction

Microsoft Loopback Adapter is basically a software based network adapter that simulates a live network.

Print from DOS in an offline environment like the stores, you will need to a Loopback Adapter and perform the step-by-step directions.

Credit: TechRepublic

Step 1

- 1) Install the Microsoft Loopback Adapter
 - 1.1 In Control Panel, double click on Add Hardware.
 - 1.2 Click Next
 - 1.3 When the scan finishes, select "Yes, I have already connected the hardware"
 - 1.4 Click Next
 - 1.5 Scroll to the bottom of the list and select "Add a new hardware device"
Click Next
 - 1.6 Select "Install the hardware that I manually select from a list (Advanced)"
 - 1.7 Click Next
 - 1.8 Select "Network Adapters"
 - 1.9 Click Next
 - 1.10 Select "Microsoft" under the Manufacturer list.
 - 1.11 Select "Microsoft Loopback Adapter" in the Network Adapter list.
 - 1.12 Click Next
 - 1.13 Click Next
 - 1.14 Click Finish

Steps 2 -4

2. Configure the Adapter

- 2.1 The loopback adapter is a virtual network adapter and can be configured the same as a regular network card.
- 2.2 Set the adapter to have a static IP address such as 192.168.1.1/255.255.255.0

3. Share the printer.

- 3.1 Recommend you use a share name that you will remember. I used ?Printer? in the new machines that are already deployed.

4. Capture the printer port.

- 4.1 NET USE LPT1: \\[Computer Name]\Printer /PERSISTENT:YES

How to install Microsoft Loopback Adpater

Video: <http://youtu.be/0K1AZsTeek4>

