



## BUYING A PRINTER

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These are our current recommendations (please note that new printers come out all the time, so these are likely to change even within a few months):

For only black & white use:

- For multiple individuals printing to the same printer, the networkable HP LaserJet P2035n
- For personal use, HP LaserJet P1505

For color and black & white use:

- For multiple individuals printing to the same printer, the networkable HP Color LaserJet CP2025dn
- For personal use, HP Color LaserJet CP1215

With an initial printer purchase, ITR strongly recommends buying a USB cable to connect the printer to the computer, a set of toner cartridges, and a 3-year extended warranty.

We are recommending these models for various reasons. HP is a reliable printer brand, and the most reliable type of printer they offer is the LaserJet. We have experienced issues with both All-in-One printers and OfficeJet printers, so we strongly recommend not purchasing them. Another important factor to keep in mind is that these printers are specifically listed as compatible with Windows Vista; not all printers are, particularly older models. We recommend network printers because multiple individuals can print to them, allowing for greater cost-efficiency and eco-friendliness. Because printers have many parts that are likely to fail, ITR recommends purchasing at least a three-year (next business-day exchange) service warranty with any printer purchase.

Below are the total prices for those 4 printers with the options ITR recommends (using the HP website to make approximate prices as of 5/28/09):

- HP LaserJet P2035n - \$453.96
- HP LaserJet P1505 - \$296.99
- HP Color LaserJet CP2025dn - \$995.93
- HP Color LaserJet CP1215 – \$573.93

You may find better prices than the above quoted on different dates or at different stores (such as MicroCenter or OfficeDepot). Wherever you choose to buy from, it is still recommended that you purchase an HP 3-year extended warranty, a set of toner cartridges, and a USB cable along with the printer.