

The printer cannot display default settings and what you need to do

The printer cannot display default settings, making it difficult for you to print. If you unfortunately encounter this error, see the article to learn how to fix it!

In an office environment when your computer is connected to multiple printers. Every time you print documents, you have to spend time setting up and choosing the right printer you need. And to fix this problem, we can set up the default printer. However, when performing this operation, many people have encountered a situation where **the printer cannot display the default setting** . So why can't we set the default printer? **TipsMake** has answered questions about this situation in today's computer **tips section!**

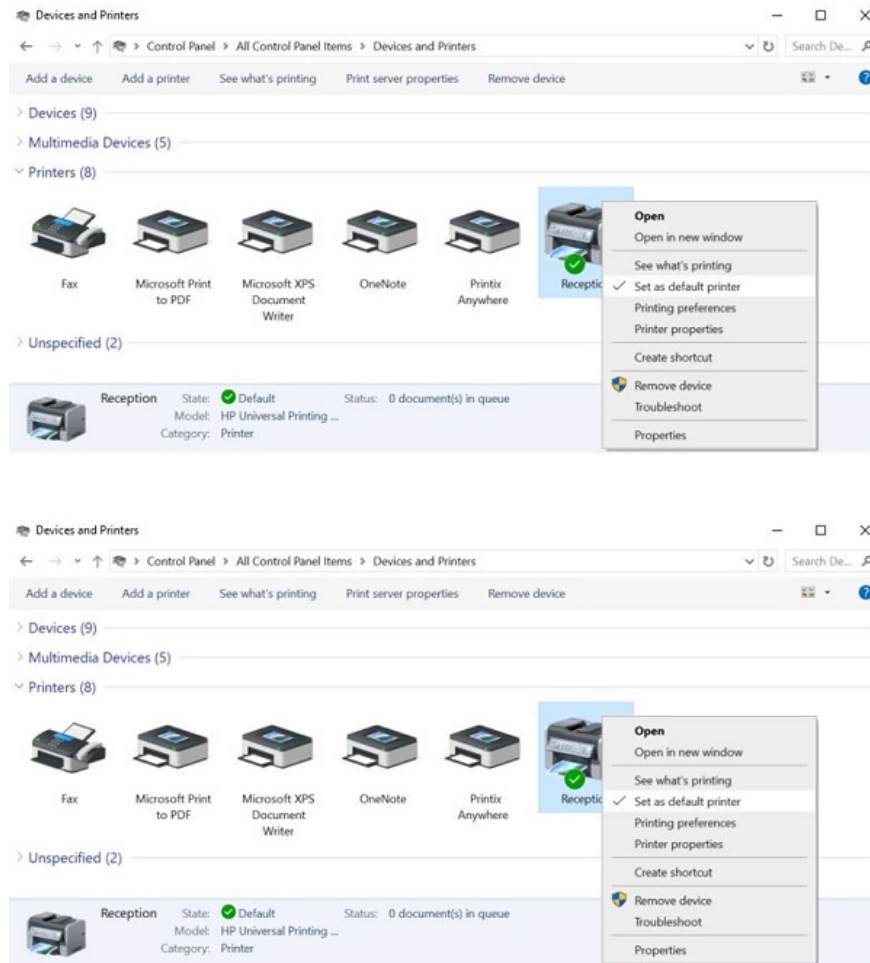


Things to know when the printer cannot display default settings

What is Set as default printer? As mentioned at the beginning of the article, for more convenience when printing. We can proceed to select the default printer on our computer. And this job is also known as Set as default printer. Once you have selected the default printer. Every time you print, you will no longer need to waste time choosing the printer that suits your needs.

Why can't the printer display default settings?

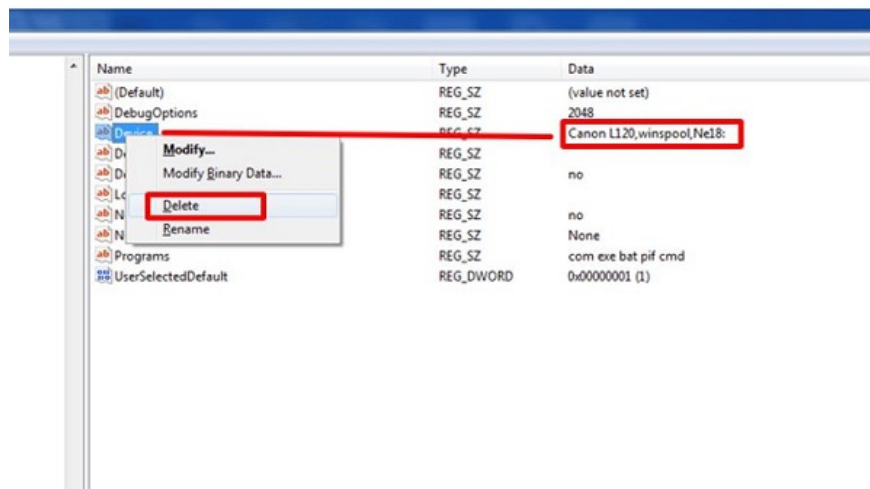
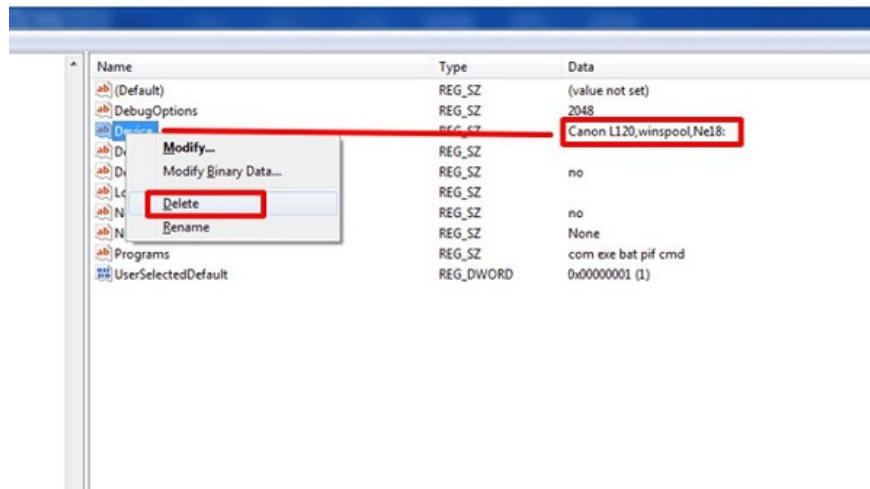
The main reason why the printer reports the default error. It's usually due to your setup with the previous printer. Specifically, if you have ever set default for a printer before, that printer's name has been recorded in the Registry. Therefore, when setting default on a new printer, the operation will not be performed.



How to turn off Set as default printer on your computer

To be able to set a new printer as default. Before that you need to turn off set default with the name of the old printer. To turn off Set as default printer on your computer, do the following:

1. **Step 1** : Enter the keyword **regedit** into the search box on your computer. After the results appear, click **Run as administrator** .
2. **Step 2** : When the new window appears, search for the path **HKEY_CURRENT_USERSoftwareMicrosoftWindows NTCurrentVersionWindow**
3. **Step 3** : Looking through the window on the right, you will see the name of the printer that you previously set as default. Now you just need to right-click on the **device** item in front of the printer name and select **delete** and select **yes** to confirm deletion.

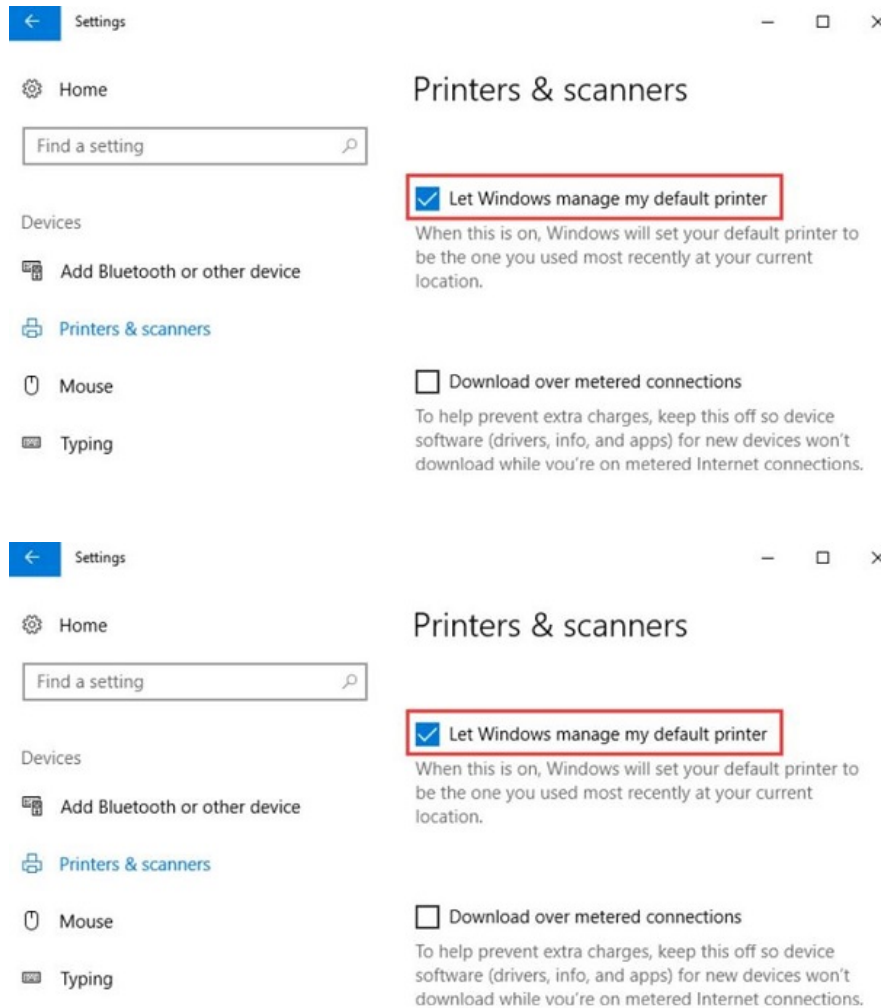


How to set the default printing mode on the computer

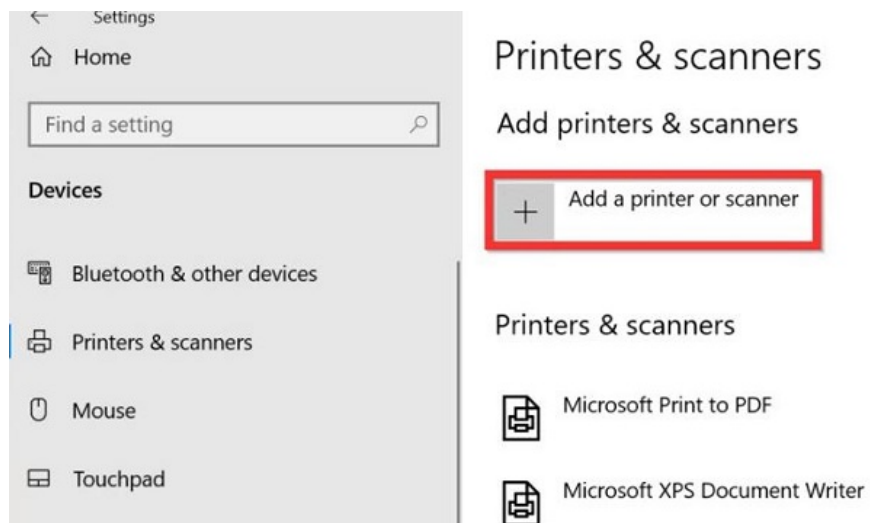
After following the instructions above, we are now set to choose a new printer as default. And to be able to quickly set the default printer, do the following:

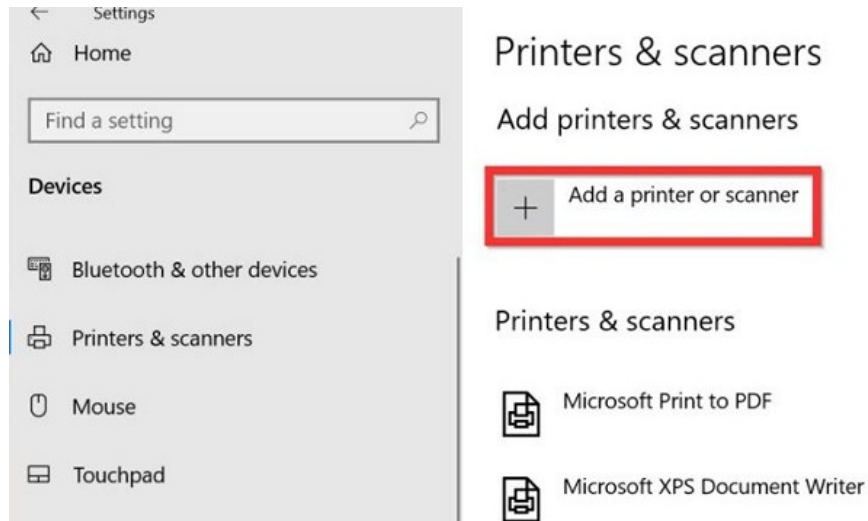
Implementation steps

- Step 1** : Open **settings** on your computer by pressing the **Windows + I** key combination and then selecting **Devices** .
- Step 2** : Select **Printers & Scanners** on the left and in the right pane you will see a list of all printers connected to the computer.
- Step 3** : Scroll down to the bottom of the list and uncheck the **Let Windows manage my default printer** box . This will prevent your computer from automatically setting the printer you used most recently as the default.



1. **Step 4** : In case you do not see any printer in the list, select **Add a printer or scanner** . Here, if the printer is not displayed, click on the link **The printer that I want isn't listed** .





1. **Step 5** : When the printer name appears in the list. Click on the printer name you want to set as default and select **manage** .
2. **Step 6** : Click on **Set as Default** in the next window and you have finished setting up the default printer.

And above is information related to the printer not being able to display default settings. Hopefully this information will help you quickly fix the Set as Default error on the printer.

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