

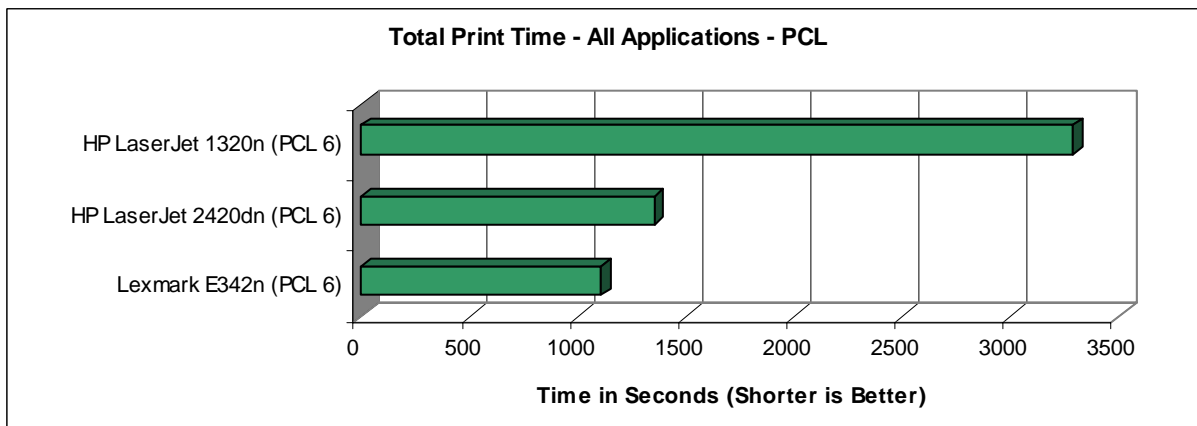


## QualityLogic Inc. – Test Report

*Lexmark's new E342n up to 196 percent faster than competitors*

October 2005 - QualityLogic Inc., a leading independent test firm, was recently commissioned by Lexmark International Inc. to conduct tests to compare the performance of the Lexmark E342n printer to the HP LaserJet 2420dn and the HP LaserJet 1320n. All printers were tested using the latest available, highest function level drivers that supported the PCL datastream for each respective manufacturer.

Lexmark's E342n measured faster than the competitive printers. When comparing the total print times of all test files, the Lexmark E342n measured 22 percent faster than the HP LaserJet 2420dn and 196 percent faster than the HP LaserJet 1320n.



QualityLogic selected the test files and methodology for this study using the PageSense 4.2 Business Suite for Office XP. QualityLogic's PageSense printer performance test tool is an industry standard that is used in *PC Magazine's* printer performance test reviews. The PageSense 4.2 Business Suite contains monochrome and color test files of varying complexity for Microsoft Office XP, Internet Explorer 6.0, Adobe Acrobat 6.0, and Photoshop 7.0.

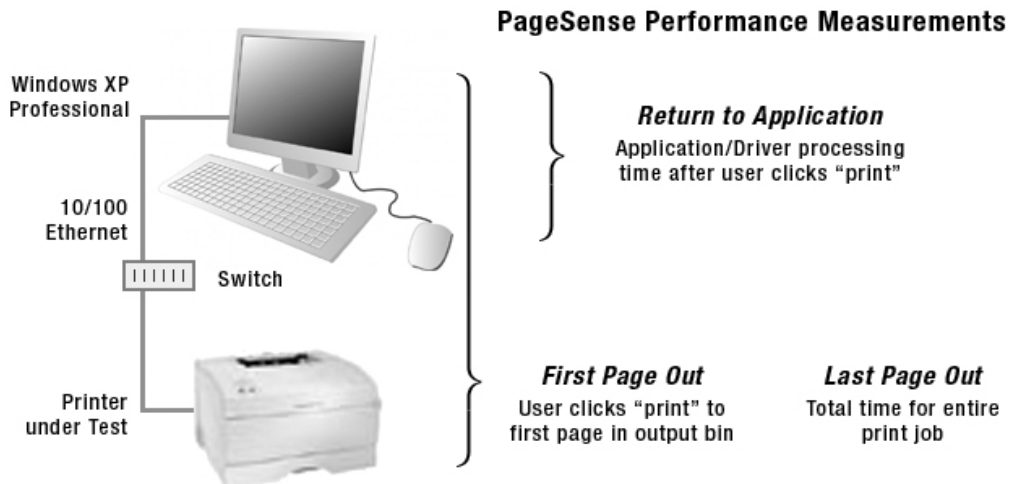
## **Methodology**

PageSense uses an automated process for printing and recording time measurements using a smart paper-sensing unit. Accurate performance data is logged into a database automatically. Each printer is run with the same network configuration. Each file is run twice to ensure a total print time measurement variation no greater than 5 percent. The Business Suite test files selected by QualityLogic are a subset of the standard PageSense 4.2 test files and are intended to replicate the type of files printed by the typical business customer. Lexmark identified the test group of printers based on comparable price and target markets. Performance tests that use different printer firmware versions, drivers, test files, or test computers may generate results different from those in this report. The test results were provided by QualityLogic. Testing was performed under laboratory conditions and your results may vary.

## **Configuration**

Testing was performed with applications running on a Dell Optiplex GX270 3.2 GHz Pentium 4 Windows XP Professional client with 1.0 GB of RAM. The client and the printer were attached via a 10/100 Mbps switch. Each printer was tested at its respective standard printer memory configuration. The Lexmark E342n had 32 MB of installed memory, the HP LaserJet 2420dn had 64 MB, and the HP LaserJet 1320n had 16 MB.

All printers and printer drivers were configured to their default settings. All printers used a PCL 6 datastream. Detailed printer specifications may be obtained from the respective printer manufacturer's web sites.



## About QualityLogic

QualityLogic Inc. is a Software Quality Services and Test Tools Company, with a focus on Imaging and Telecommunications industries. QualityLogic's target markets are companies that develop and market printers, multifunction peripherals, facsimile devices, and client-based and mobility software. The company's testing services and related tools focus on the conformance, performance, and interoperability testing needs of its customers, from low level firmware testing, to high level multi-tier application testing. Visit QualityLogic's web site, [www.qualitylogic.com](http://www.qualitylogic.com), or call 800-436-6292, Ext 35.

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