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Program has quick link to save ink

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NEW YORK — Anyone who buys an inkjet printer soon discovers why it was so cheap: it's the ink that's expensive. There are several ways of dealing with it, from third-party cartridges (only slightly cheaper) to do-it-yourself refills (cheap, but messy).

Inksaver, from Strydent Software, offers another way. It's a software program that allows the user to set the amount of ink used in printing.

It works best for printing text, graphics and Web pages on plain paper. At Inksaver's 25-percent ink-reduction setting, text still looks sharp and presentable while colors lose a little saturation and pictures become slightly more grainy.

At the 50 percent setting, text is still OK — probably fine for a school paper, but not a resume. At 75 percent reduction, text looks washed out and colors are pale, but still better than "draft" mode on most printers:

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