

■ MegaTrack® In Printer Agent – MIPA

Despite all of the major strides that tech savvy businesses have made in the areas of cost control and accountability, many organizations still have a difficult time quantifying printer use and MFP activity. Since even a small number of employees misusing printer hardware can significantly drive up expenses, it only makes sense for companies to take charge of their printing processes. The MegaTrack In Printer Agent (MIPA) lets you record and monitor printer and MFP activity directly at the device, enhancing accountability and giving you the ability to assign costs, forecast expenses and target waste and abuse.

By collecting data directly inside the printer or MFP, MIPA gives you a precise accounting of print, copy and fax functions. Because this “in printer” solution is not reliant on SNMP traps or MIB polling, MIPA offers improved accuracy and reliability over other tracking and data collection systems. Each time the printer or MFP finishes printing a document, MIPA collects important data about the job, including:

- User I.D.
- User machine
- Pages Processed
- Paper Size
- Media Type
- # of Copies
- Print/Copy/Fax/E-mail jobs from MFP’s
- Duplexing Information
- Color / Monochrome pages and more . . .

This data is then recorded to either the printer’s hard disk (if available) or to a small amount of compact flash memory. The data can then be accessed and uploaded by the MegaTrack Reporting Tool (MTR), providing meaningful analysis of printer and MFP activity.

Track All of Your Printer and MFP Activity

MIPA tracks print jobs that have been submitted both directly (via TCP/IP) or through a windows print server. By requiring employees to “log in” to the MFP using the front panel (VuNTLM, VuLDAP or HP DSS), or a SmartCard or Proximity Badge (SecureJet) these authentication systems give MIPA the ability to track scan, copy and fax functions by user.

Simplified Reporting

The data collected by the MIPA is accessed and analyzed using the MTR. This web client application provides easy access to printer data from anywhere on your organization’s network. Once MIPA collects the data, the MTR can be used to create up to 216 detailed, customized summary reports of printer and MFP usage. MTR also offers a “one-button” option that will help you create and schedule comprehensive summary reports to identify the top printer users, forecast future consumable requirements and analyze monthly usage by media and document type. MTR uses both text and graphics to illustrate not just how much your organization is spending on printing but exactly where and when this money is being spent.

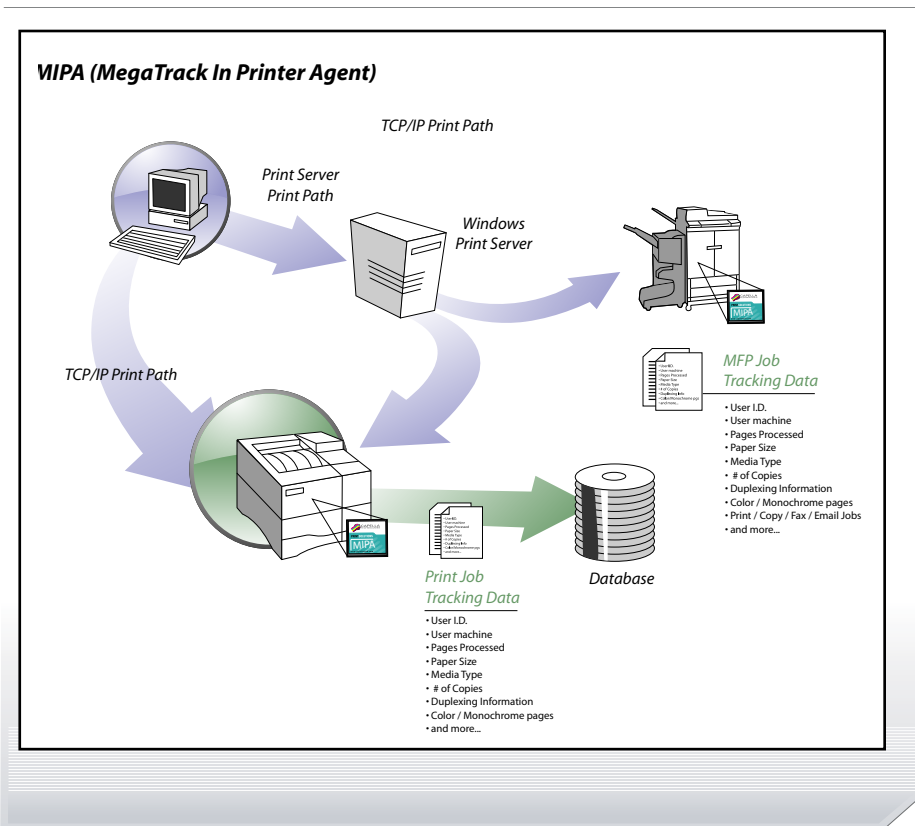
To make data collection and analysis even easier, MTR can be set to automatically generate and deliver regularly scheduled reports. Schedule a monthly summary report, and MTR will automatically deliver that report to your E-mail address on the first day of the following month. Customized daily reports can be administered in a similar manner, keeping you continually abreast of changing printer usage. Reports can also be e-mailed to multiple recipients – such as IT, accounting and procurement personnel – keeping all affected parties “in the loop”.

Customized Data Queries

Using the MTR web client, you can query the data collected by MIPA to highlight many different aspects of printer activity. These custom queries can be used to forecast hardware replacement, justify cost saving measures or plan for future printer installations. Data from queries can be exported into Excel spreadsheets, which can then be imported into word processing documents or even databases.

Detailed Cost Information

MTRs Page Cost Management tools let you track all printer related costs, so you can finally get a realistic view of your printer expenses. Track the actual cost of media, as it’s being used. Track costs by user or department. MTR can even be used to track hardware depreciation, toner specifications and more. For companies that wish to charge printer expenses back to clients or departmental cost centers, MTR also offers a fixed cost mode. This mode gives administrators the ability to assign a pre-determined cost to each type of print job based on printer and media.



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- Streamline printing processes
- Reduce overhead costs
- Enhance document/data security
- Improve document quality and consistency

To learn more about Capella Technologies MegaTrack® In Printer Agent – MIPA or other products, please visit our website at www.capellatech.com or email sales.info@capellatech.com.

System Requirements

- Hewlett-Packard LaserJet Printer or MFP with DirectJet installed and connected directly to the network
- Available memory expansion slot
- Correct and current printer drivers installed on all client systems
- A small amount of available persistent storage (hard disk or compact flash)

To track fax, copy and scan usage on MFP devices, one of the following user authentications systems must be installed:

- HP DSS Copy Authentication
- HP Embedded LDAP
- VuNTLM and VuLDAP
- MIPA Pin

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