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Glossary

Sender – A piece of hardware and / or software that sends IPP fax documents to an IPP Fax receiver

Receiver – A piece of hardware and / or software that receives IPP Fax traffic.

Sending user – The human that initiates the transmission of an IPP Fax

Receiving user – The intended human recipient of an IPP Fax

Protocol Requirements

Public access

An administrator of a IPP Fax Receiver needs to be able to make it publicly available on the Internet (or an intranet) but also needs to be informed of the identity of the sending user and equipment.

Basic requirements

- Synchronous and timely delivery to the Receiver
- Uses Internet suit protocols
- Can be private – encryption must be supported
- Can be reliable – data integrity and server authentication must be supported

Basic rules

- A receiver is specified by an ippfax: URL
- Data privacy must be supported by the Receiver.
- The receiver must supply strong authentication
- The sender may supply strong authentication; the receiver may require strong authentication of the sender.

IPP extensions

- A sender must identify a job as being an IPP Fax Job.
- Anonymous access is allowed but the Receiver may be administratively configured to disallow anonymous access.
- A sender may indicate a notification URI.

Identity exchange

- Senders and receiver have a unique 'identity'.
- A Sender must be able to discover the Receiver's identity.
- The Receiver must be able to discover the identity of the Sender.
- Sending and receiving users have structured descriptions – their identity. This data is machine-readable. It contains name, email, mail, phone, etc.
- The receiver must be able to discover the sending user's identity
- The sender should specify the receiving users identity.

IPP restrictions

- An IPP Fax Receiver should not allow anonymous users to access job information
- An IPP Fax Receiver should not allow an anonymous user to cancel or modify jobs.
- An IPP Fax Receiver should only allow authenticated operator or administrator to cancel jobs.
- An IPP Fax Receiver should not allow any user to modify jobs.

Notifications

- An IPP Fax receiver must support notifications for authenticated senders.

Logging

- A sender must log its IPP fax transactions
- A receiver must log its IPP Fax transactions
- A receiver must mark the sender identity on at least the first page of an IPP Fax document

Document format

- A receiver must support at least one IPPFax required document format.

Data Format Requirements

I propose the name Portable Document Format – Image Streamable (PDF/is) for the resulting specification since this covers more than just the data format and the new name will allow manufacturers to indicate to customers support for this feature as a whole.

Image format

- PDF/is supports raster image data.

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- All image formats, and compressions are mandatory for a receiver to support.
- PDF/IS supports JPEG, JBIG2, and CCITT Group 4 image compression types.
- The set of compressions supported is extensible in future versions of PDF/IS.
- Support for vector data may be added in a future version of PDF/IS.
- A PDF/IS document must be a valid subset of PDF 1.X (TBD) and be fully compatible with Adobe's Acrobat Reader version X (TBD).
- The format must be streamable on a page by page basis. That is, the receiver can begin rendering a page once the sender has sent all data for that page. In addition, the sender can begin sending a page's data before other pages in the document are available to the sender.
- The format must allow for digital signatures which will be optional for both the sender and the receiver.
- The format must allow for optional searchable/extractable text. The text must only be displayed as part of an image and not as a stand-alone text object.
- The format must allow for an optional identifiable "Originator-ID" image.
- The format should be suitable for archiving.
- The format should be compatible with PDF/A (www.aiim.org).

Color

- PDF/IS support color, grayscale, and monochrome images.
- All images must be in the sRGB colorspace.

Resolution

- Any image resolution at or above 300 dpi is supported.
- The horizontal and vertical resolutions must be the same (square aspect ratio).

Pages

- PDF/IS supports multi-page documents.
- The data is presented within a PDF/IS document in its 'natural' order. Normally, a receiver does not need to buffer more than one page of data to be able to process the page.
- An individual page is presented from top-left to bottom-right. A receiver therefore does not need to buffer a whole page.
- A page may be presented as one or more images (banding is permitted).
- Page orientation is determined by the sender
- Pages are independent with regards to color, resolution and image format.
- The format must support duplexed documents.
- The format must support recovery from damaged files.

Printable area

- Page positioning and scaling of images is explicitly specified in the format.
- The PDF/IS document specifies the original document media size for each page.

Meta-data

- PDF/IS is capable of carrying metadata as well as images.
- The set of metadata attributes is extensible.

Persistence

- A PDF/is document can be stored as a PDF file.

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1	10/16/2000	Paul Moore, Peerless Systems Networking	Initial
3	7/15/2003	Gail Songer, Peerless	Clean-up. Modify "Public Access" and "Basic Requirements"
4	7/23/2003	Gail Songer, Peerless	Clean-up. Remove references to IPPGet and PDF/is and replaced with generic statements. Remove section on Gateways.
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