

PWG Plenary Status Report MFD Working Group

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Purpose of the effort



The MFD working group is concerned with the modeling of Multifunction Devices. The Objectives are:

- Definition of a framework for the data model for the Services and subunits that comprise a Multifunction Device.
 - Began with PWG SM v1.0 (based on IPP Print Service)
 - Incorporated Printer MIB (covers device aspects)
 - Incorporated WIMS model extensions (generalizes framework)
- Definition of Print Service operations derived from IPP.
- Scan Service is current focus of the Working Group.
 - Requirements near complete
 - Straw man proposal for Scan Service operations and data model is available
 - Objective is semantic alignment for Scan similar to what PWG SM v1 did for Print
- Other Services of Multifunction Devices will reuse semantics from Print and Scan whenever possible

Work Items for the WG



- What We're Doing
 - Initial focus is limited to Scan
 - Developing an XML Schema in parallel with the specification
 - Separating common information from service specific information
 - Reusing existing semantic whenever possible
 - We are delaying the definition of the other Services (e.g. Copy, FaxIn) until Scan is complete
- What We're NOT Doing
 - We are not defining complex services or work flow

Current Status



- Scan Requirements near completion.
- Next round of discussions will flesh out the objects, attributes, values, operations and parameters (straw man proposal available)
- A protocol binding should follow

Next Steps/Schedule



- Work on specification of Scan objects, attributes, values, operations and parameters that meet defined requirements

More Info/How to participate



- The group maintains a Web Page and WIKI pages,
<http://www.pwg.org/mfd/>
<http://pwg-wiki.wikispaces.com/MFD>
- You can subscribe to the MFD mailing list by sending an e-mail to majordomo@pwg.org with a **blank subject line** and a message of:
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- The group holds periodic phone conferences, with dates, call numbers and agenda listed on the PWG Google Calendar.
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