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9 Internet Printing Protocol (IPP):
10 **The ‘mailto’ Delivery Method for Event Notifications**

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23 **Abstract**

24 ~~The notification extension document [ipp-ntfy] defines operations that a client can perform in order to~~
25 ~~create *Subscription Objects* in a Printer and carry out other operations on them. The Subscription~~
26 ~~Object specifies that when one of the specified *Events* occurs, the Printer sends an asynchronous *Event*~~
27 ~~*Notification* to the specified *Notification Recipient* via the specified *Delivery Method* (i.e., protocol).~~

28 [This document describes an extension to the Internet Printing Protocol/1.0 \(IPP\) \[RFC2566, RFC2565\]](#)
29 [and IPP/1.1 \[RFC2911, RFC2910\]. This document specifies the ‘mailto’ Delivery Method for use with](#)
30 [the “IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions” specification \[ipp-ntfy\]. When IPP Notification \[ipp-](#)
31 [ntfy\] is supported, the Delivery Method defined in this document is one of the RECOMMENDED](#)
32 [Delivery Methods for Printers to support. The notification extension document \[ipp-ntfy\] specifies that](#)
33 [each Delivery Method is defined in another document. This document is one such document, and it](#)
34 [specifies the ‘mailto’ Delivery Method.](#)

35 For this Delivery Method, when an Event occurs, the Printer immediately sends an Event Notification
36 via an email message to the Notification Recipient specified in the Subscription Object. The message
37 body of the email consists of Human Consumable text that is not intended to be parsed by a machine.
38 The Notification Recipient receives the Event Notification in the same way as it receives any other email

39 message. |

40 ~~The basic set of IPP documents includes:~~

41 ~~Design Goals for an Internet Printing Protocol [RFC2567]~~
42 ~~Rationale for the Structure and Model and Protocol for the Internet Printing Protocol [RFC2568]~~
43 ~~Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Model and Semantics [ipp-mod]~~
44 ~~Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Encoding and Transport [ipp-pro]~~
45 ~~Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementer's Guide [ipp-iig]~~
46 ~~Mapping between LPD and IPP Protocols [RFC2569]~~
47 ~~Internet Printing Protocol (IPP): IPP Event Notification Specification [ipp-ntfy]~~

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49 ~~The "Design Goals for an Internet Printing Protocol" document takes a broad look at distributed~~
50 ~~printing functionality, and it enumerates real-life scenarios that help to clarify the features that need to~~
51 ~~be included in a printing protocol for the Internet. It identifies requirements for three types of users:~~
52 ~~end users, operators, and administrators. It calls out a subset of end user requirements that are satisfied~~
53 ~~in IPP/1.0. A few OPTIONAL operator operations have been added to IPP/1.1.~~

54 ~~The "Rationale for the Structure and Model and Protocol for the Internet Printing Protocol" document~~
55 ~~describes IPP from a high level view, defines a roadmap for the various documents that form the suite of~~
56 ~~IPP specification documents, and gives background and rationale for the IETF working group's major~~
57 ~~decisions.~~

58 ~~The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Model and Semantics" document describes a simplified model with~~
59 ~~abstract objects, their attributes, and their operations that are independent of encoding and transport. It~~
60 ~~introduces a Printer and a Job object. The Job object optionally supports multiple documents per Job.~~
61 ~~It also addresses security, internationalization, and directory issues.~~

62 ~~The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Encoding and Transport" document is a formal mapping of the~~
63 ~~abstract operations and attributes defined in the model document onto HTTP/1.1 [RFC2616]. It defines~~
64 ~~the encoding rules for a new Internet MIME media type called "application/ipp". This document also~~
65 ~~defines the rules for transporting over HTTP a message body whose Content Type is "application/ipp".~~
66 ~~This document also defines a new scheme named 'ipp' for identifying IPP printers and jobs.~~

67 ~~The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementer's Guide" document gives insight and advice to~~
68 ~~implementers of IPP clients and IPP objects. It is intended to help them understand IPP/1.1 and some~~
69 ~~of the considerations that may assist them in the design of their client and/or IPP object~~
70 ~~implementations. For example, a typical order of processing requests is given, including error checking.~~
71 ~~Motivation for some of the specification decisions is also included.~~

72 ~~The "Mapping between LPD and IPP Protocols" document gives some advice to implementers of~~
73 ~~gateways between IPP and LPD (Line Printer Daemon) implementations.~~

74 ~~The "Event Notification Specification" document describes an extension to the IPP/1.0, IPP/1.1, and~~
75 ~~future versions. This extension allows a client to subscribe to printing related Events. The Subscription~~
76 ~~Object specifies that when one of the specified *Event* occurs, the Printer sends an asynchronous *Event*~~
77 ~~*Notification* to the specified *Notification Recipient* via the specified *Delivery Method* (i.e., protocol). A~~
78 ~~client associates Subscription Objects with a particular Job by performing the Create Job Subscriptions~~

79 ~~operation or by submitting a Job with subscription information. A client associates Subscription Objects~~
80 ~~with the Printer by performing a Create Printer Subscriptions operation. Four other operations are~~
81 ~~defined for Subscription Objects: Get Subscriptions Attributes, Get Subscriptions, Renew Subscription,~~
82 ~~and Cancel Subscription.~~

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133 1 Introduction

134 The ~~notification extension~~ "IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions" document [ipp-ntfy] defines an
135 OPTIONAL extension to Internet Printing Protocol/1.0 (IPP) [RFC2566, RFC2565] and IPP/1.1
136 [RFC2911, RFC2910] (for a description of the base IPP documents, see section 13). That extension
137 defines operations that a client can perform in order to create *Subscription Objects* in a Printer and
138 carry out other operations on them. A Subscription Object represents a Subscription abstraction. A
139 client associates Subscription Objects with a particular Job by performing the Create-Job-Subscriptions
140 operation or by submitting a Job with subscription information. A client associates Subscription Objects
141 with the Printer by performing a Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation. Four other operations are
142 defined for Subscription Objects: Get-Subscriptions-Attributes, Get-Subscriptions, Renew-Subscription,
143 and Cancel-Subscription. The Subscription Object specifies that when one of the specified *Events*
144 occurs, the Printer sends an asynchronous *Event Notification* to the specified *Notification Recipient* via
145 the specified *Delivery Method* (i.e., protocol).

146 The "IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions" ~~notification extension~~ document [ipp-ntfy] specifies
147 that each Delivery Method is defined in another document. This document is one such document, and it
148 specifies the 'mailto' delivery method. When IPP Notification [ipp-ntfy] is supported, the Delivery
149 Method defined in this document is one of the RECOMMENDED Delivery Methods and Printers to
150 support.

151 For this Delivery Method, when an Event occurs, the Printer immediately sends an Event Notification
152 via an email message to the Notification Recipient specified in the Subscription Object. The message
153 body of the email consists of Human Consumable text that is not intended to be parsed by a machine.
154 The 'mailto' Delivery Method is a 'push' Delivery Method as defined in [ipp-ntfy].

155 The Notification Recipient receives the Event Notification in the same way as it receives any other email
156 message.

157 2 Terminology

158 This section defines the following terms that are used throughout this document:

159 This document uses the same terminology as [RFC2911], such as "client", "Printer", "attribute",
160 "attribute value", "keyword", "operation", "request", "response", and "support".

161 Capitalized terms, such as **MUST**, **MUST NOT**, **REQUIRED**, **SHOULD**, **SHOULD NOT**, **MAY**,
162 **NEED NOT**, and **OPTIONAL**, have special meaning relating to conformance to this specification.
163 These terms are defined in [ipp-mod-section-13.1-on-conformance-terminology, most of which is taken
164 from as defined in RFC 2119 [RFC2119] and [RFC2911] section 12.1. If an implementation supports
165 the extension defined in this document, then these terms apply; otherwise, they do not. These terms
166 define conformance to this document only; they do not affect conformance to other documents, unless
167 explicitly stated otherwise.

168 Capitalized terms, such as Notification Recipient, Event Notification, Compound Event Notification,
169 Printer, etc., are defined in [ipp-ntfy], have the same meanings, and are not reproduced here.~~For~~
170 ~~capitalized terms that appear in this document, see [ipp-ntfy].~~

171 3 Model and Operation

172 In a Subscription Creation Operation, when the value of the “notify-recipient-uri” attribute contains the
173 URI scheme “mailto”, the client is requesting that the Printer use the ‘mailto’ Delivery Method for
174 Event Notifications generated from the new Subscription Object.

175 For this Delivery Method, the “notify-recipient-uri” attribute value **MUST** consist of a “mailto” scheme
176 followed by a colon, and then followed by an address part (e.g., ‘mailto:smith@abc.com’). See section
177 5.2.1 for the syntax of the “notify-recipient-uri” attribute value for this Delivery Method.

178 A Printer **MUST** support SMTP [RFC821], and it **MAY** support other email protocols. A Printer **MAY**
179 use additional services, such as SMTP delivery status notification [RFC1891] or S/MIME encryption
180 [RFC2633].

181 If the client wants the Printer to send Event Notifications via the ‘mailto’ Delivery Method, the client
182 **MUST** choose a value for “notify-recipient-uri” attribute which conforms to the rules of section 5.2.1.
183 To avoid denial-of-service attacks, a client **SHOULD NOT** use distribution lists as the Notification
184 Recipient.

185 When an Event occurs, the Printer **MUST** immediately:

- 186 1. Find all pertinent Subscription Objects P according to the rules of section 9 of [ipp-ntfy], **AND**
- 187 2. Find the subset M of these Subscription Objects P whose “notify-recipient-uri” attribute has a
188 scheme value of ‘mailto’, **AND**
- 189 3. For each Subscription Object in M, the Printer **MUST**
 - 190 a) generate an email message as specified in section 5.2.2 **AND**
 - 191 b) send the email message to the Notification Recipient specified by the address part of the “notify-
192 recipient-uri” attribute value (see section 5.2.1).

193 If the Printer supports only SMTP, it **MUST** send the email message via SMTP. If the Printer supports
194 additional email protocols, it **MUST** determine the protocol from the address part of the “notify-
195 recipient-uri” attribute value and then send the email message via the appropriate email protocol.

196 When a Subscribing Client is subscribing to the ‘job-progress’ event (which is a frequently occurring
197 event), it **SHOULD** supply the “notify-time-interval” attribute (see [ipp-ntfy]) in the Subscription
198 Creation request with a suitable value to limit the time between ‘job-progress’ Event Notifications sent
199 by the Printer.

200 **4 General Information**

201 If a Printer supports this Delivery Method, the following are its characteristics.

202 **Table 1 – Information about the Delivery Method**

Document Method Conformance Requirement	Delivery Method Realization
1. What is the URL scheme name for the Delivery Method?	mailto
2. Is the Delivery Method REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED, or OPTIONAL for an IPP Printer to support?	RECOMMENDED
3. What transport and delivery protocols does the Printer use to deliver the Event Notification Content, i.e., what is the entire network stack?	A Printer MUST support SMTP. It MAY support other email protocols.
4. Can several Event Notifications be combined into a Compound Event Notification?	A Printer implementation MAY combine several Event Notifications into a single email message (see section 6).
5. Is the Delivery Method initiated by the Notification Recipient (pull), or by the Printer (push)?	This Delivery Method is a push.
6. Is the Event Notification content Machine Consumable or Human Consumable?	Human Consumable
7. What section in this document answers the following question? For a Machine Consumable Event Notification, what is the representation and encoding of values defined in section 9.1 of [ipp-ntfy] and the conformance requirements thereof? For a Human Consumable Event Notification, what is the representation and encoding of pieces of information defined in section 9.2 of [ipp-ntfy] and the conformance requirements thereof?	Section 6
8. What are the latency and reliability of the transport and delivery protocol?	Same as the underlying SMTP (or other optional) email transport
9. What are the security aspects of the transport and delivery protocol, e.g., how it is handled in firewalls?	Same as the underlying SMTP (or other optional) email transport
10. What are the content length restrictions?	None
11. What are the additional values or pieces of information that a Printer sends in an Event Notification content and the conformance requirements thereof?	None
12. What are the additional Subscription Template and/or Subscription Description attributes and the	See section 5.1.1 on “notify-mailto-text-only”

conformance requirements thereof?	
13. What are the additional Printer Description attributes and the conformance requirements thereof?	None

203 5 Subscription Template Attributes

204 5.1 Additional Subscription Template Attributes

205 This Delivery Method introduces one additional Subscription Template Attribute (See Table 2).

206 **Table 2 – Additional Subscription Template Attributes**

Attribute in Subscription Object	Default and Supported Printer Attributes
notify-mailto-text-only (boolean)	N/A

207 5.1.1 notify-mailto-text-only (boolean)

208 When the Printer generates an Event Notification from a Subscription Object, this attribute specifies
 209 whether the Printer generates the Event Notification with only plain text (i.e. 'text/plain') or with
 210 Content-Types that the Printer chooses.

211 The Printer **MUST** support this attribute if it supports the 'mailto' Delivery Method.

212 A client **MAY** supply this attribute. If a client does not supply this attribute, the Printer **MUST** populate
 213 this attribute with the value of 'false' on the Subscription Object. There is no "notify-mailto-text-only-
 214 default" attribute.

215 If the value of this attribute is 'true' in a Subscription Object, the message body of each Event
 216 Notification that the Printer generates from the Subscription Object **MUST** contain plain text only (i.e.
 217 'text/plain' with the charset specified by the "notify-charset" Subscription Object attribute).

218 If the value of this attribute is 'false' in a Subscription Object, the Content-Type of the message body of
 219 each Event Notification that the Printer generates from the Subscription Object **MUST** be either
 220 'text/plain' or 'multipart', depending on implementation. If the Content-Type is 'multipart', one
 221 message body of the 'multipart' **MUST** be the same as the 'text/plain' message body when this attribute
 222 has the value of 'true'. Each of the other message bodies of the 'multipart' **MAY** be any Content-Type
 223 (e.g. 'text/html', 'image/gif', 'audio/basic', etc.).

224 A Printer **MUST** support both values ('true' and 'false') of this attribute. There is no "notify-mailto-
 225 text-only-supported" attribute.

226 5.2 Additional Information about Subscription Template Attributes

227 This section describes additional values for attributes defined in [ipp-ntfy].

228 5.2.1 notify-recipient-uri (uri)

229 This section describes the syntax of the value of this attribute for the 'mailto' Delivery Method. The
230 syntax for values of this attribute for other Delivery Method is defined in other Delivery Method
231 Documents.

232 In order to support the 'mailto' Delivery Method, the Printer MUST support the following syntax for
233 the 'mailto' Delivery Method when the Printer uses SMTP. The line below use RFC 822 syntax rules
234 and terms.

235 "mailto:" mailbox

236 Note: the above syntax allows 1 occurrence of 'mailbox'. The occurrence of 'mailbox' represents an
237 email address of a Notification Recipient.

238 For SMTP, the phrase 'address part' of the "notify-recipient-uri" attribute value refers to the 'mailbox'
239 part of the value. Example:

240 <mailto:jones@acme.com>

241

242 Unlike other URLs, the mailto scheme MUST NOT use // after the colon (see [RFC2368]).

243 The Printer MAY support other syntax for the 'address part' if it supports email protocols in addition to
244 SMTP.

245 As noted in [ipp-ntfy], the uriScheme value of the corresponding "notify-schemes-supported" Printer
246 attribute does not include the ":" character.

247 5.2.2 notify-user-data (octetString(63))

248 This attributes has a special use for the 'mailto' Delivery Method. It specifies the email address of the
249 Subscribing Client. It is primarily useful when the Notification Recipient is some person other than the
250 Subscribing Client. Then the Notification Recipient has a way to reply to the Subscribing Client.

251 If a client specifies this Delivery Method in a Subscription Creation Operation, and the specified
252 Notification Recipient is not associated with the same person as the client, the client SHOULD supply
253 its email address as the value of the "notify-user-data" attribute. If the client does not supply this
254 attribute, the Printer MUST NOT populate the Subscription Object with this attribute.

255 6 Event Notification Content

256 This section describes the content of an Event Notification sent via the 'mailto' Delivery Method using
257 the SMTP protocol. This document does not describe the content for other email protocols, but an
258 implementation should use this section as a model.

259 When a Printer sends an email message via SMTP, the content MUST conform to RFC 822. The
260 following sections define the content that a Printer MUST send. A Printer MAY send additional content
261 as long as the resulting content conforms to RFC 822.

262 While the "Event Notification Ordering" in [ipp-ntfy] section 9 specifies ordering requirements for
263 Printers when sending separate Event Notifications, email messages are not guaranteed to arrive in the
264 order sent so that the Notification Recipient may not receive them in the same order.

265 Each subsection below specifies the syntax that pertains to the subsection. The syntax rules and
266 syntactic terms (e.g. 'date-time') in each subsection come from RFC 822, except for the section on
267 "Content-Type" which comes from RFC 1521.

268 The Event Notification content has two parts, the headers and the message body. The headers precede
269 the message body and are separated by a blank line (see [RFC 822]).

270 A Printer implementation MAY combine several Event Notifications into a single email message body.
271 Such an email message is considered a single Compound Event Notification and MUST follow the
272 "Event Notification Ordering" requirements for Event Notifications within a Compound Event
273 Notification specified in [ipp-ntfy] section 9.

274 6.1 Headers

275 When a Printer sends an Event Notification via SMTP, it MUST include the following headers. RFC
276 822 RECOMMENDS that the headers be in the order that they appear below.

277 6.1.1 'Date' header

278 **Syntax:** "Date" ":" date-time

279 This header contains the date and time that the Event occurred.

280 The Printer MUST include a "Date" header if and only if it supports the "printer-current-time" Printer
281 attribute.

282 6.1.2 'From' header

283 **Syntax:** "From" ":" mailbox

284 where

285 mailbox = addr-spec / phrase route-addr

286 This header causes a typical email reader to show the email as coming from the Printer that is sending
287 the Event Notification.

288 The Printer MUST include a "From" header whose syntax is specified above.

289 The Printer MUST use the second alternative of the syntax for 'mailbox' defined above (i.e. 'phrase
290 route-addr'). The 'phrase' is the Printer's display name and it MUST be the value of the "printer-
291 name" Printer attribute. The 'route-addr' MUST contain an email address (inside angle brackets)
292 belonging to either an administrator or the output-device. This email address NEED NOT be capable of
293 receiving mail. There is no Printer attribute to hold this email address, so that it cannot be configured
294 using the IPP protocol without an implementation-defined attribute extension.

295 6.1.3 'Subject' header

296 **Syntax:** "Subject" ":" *text

297 This header specifies the subject of the message and contains a short summary of the Event Notification.

298 The Printer MUST include a "Subject" header whose syntax is specified above.

299 The Printer MUST localize the '*text' using the values of the "notify-charset" and "notify-natural-
300 language" Subscription Object attributes.

301 For Printer Events, the '*text' SHOULD start with the localized word "printer:", followed by the
302 Printer name, and then followed by the localized Event name, e.g., in English: "printer: 'tiger' stopped"
303 or in Danish: "Printeren 'tiger' er standset".

304 For Job Events, the '*text' SHOULD start with the localized phrase "print job:", followed by the Job
305 name, and then followed by the localized Event name, e.g., in English: "print job: 'financials'
306 completed".

307 The wording is implementation dependent. A Notification Recipient MUST NOT expect to be able to
308 parse this text. But an email filter might look for "printer" or "print job".

309 6.1.4 'Sender' header

310 **Syntax:** "Sender" ":" mailbox

311 This header causes a typical email reader to show the email as coming on behalf of the person
312 associated with the Subscribing Client.

313 If the Subscription Object contains the "notify-user-data" attribute, and if its value satisfies the RFC 822
314 syntax rules for 'mailbox', the Printer MUST include a "Sender" header whose syntax is specified
315 above. Otherwise, the Printer MUST NOT include a "Sender" header.

316 For the "Sender" header, the 'mailbox' MUST be the value of the "notify-user-data" Subscription
317 Object attribute. See section 5.2.2 for details about the "notify-user-data" attribute.

318 6.1.5 'Reply-to' header

319 **Syntax:** "Reply-to" ":" mailbox

320 If the Notification Recipient replies to Event Notification email, this header causes a typical email reader
321 to send email to the person acting as the Subscribing Client. The rules are identical to the "Sender"
322 header.

323 If the Subscription Object contains the "notify-user-data" attribute, and if its value satisfies the RFC 822
324 syntax rules for "mailbox", the Printer **MUST** include a "Reply-to" header whose syntax is specified
325 above. Otherwise, the Printer **MUST NOT** include a "Reply-to" header.

326 For the "Reply-to" header, the "mailbox" **MUST** be the value of the "notify-user-data" Subscription
327 Object attribute. See section 5.2.2 for details about the "notify-user-data" attribute.

328 6.1.6 'To' header

329 **Syntax:** "To" ":" 1#mailbox

330 See [RFC 1521] for the syntax.

331 This header specifies the Notification Recipient(s).

332 The Printer **MUST** include a "To" header whose syntax is specified above.

333 The '1#mailbox' **MUST** be the '1#mailbox' part of the value of the "notify-recipient-uri" Subscription
334 attribute, i.e. the part after the "mailto:".

335 6.1.7 'Content-type' header

336 **Syntax:** "Content-Type" ":" type "/" subtype *((";"parameter)

337 See [RFC 1521] for the syntactic terms (e.g. 'type').

338 This header specifies the format of the message body.

339 The Printer **MUST** include the "Content-Type" header.

340 The "notify-mailto-text-only" attribute determines the 'type' and 'subtype' values. The possible values
341 are "text/plain" and "multipart" values.

342 6.2 Message Body

343 The message body **MUST** contain Human Consumable content as plain text. It **MAY** also contain other
344 types of implementation dependent content.

345 For plain text, the Content-Type of Human Consumable content MUST be 'text/plain'. For
 346 implementation dependent content, the Content-Type of Human Consumable content MUST be
 347 'multipart'. The Content-Type of one body part MUST be 'text/plain' and the Content-Types of the
 348 other body parts are implementation dependent. See section 6.3 for a description of plain text content.

349 The following table shows the Content-Type of the message body for the "notify-mailto-text-only"
 350 attribute:

"notify-mailto-text-only" attribute	Content-Type of Message Body	Message Body
false	'text/plain'	Human Consumable
true	'text/plain' or*	Human Consumable plain text
	'multipart'	Human Consumable where one body part is plain text

351
 352 * The Content-Type depends on the implementation. A Printer MAY send 'text/plain' only or it MAY
 353 send several body parts of various Content-Types within a message body whose Content-Type is
 354 'multipart'.

355 6.3 Plain Text Content

356 When a Printer sends a plain text message, it MUST localize the text using the values of the "notify-
 357 charset" and "notify-natural-language" Subscription Object attributes.

358 Section 9.2 in [ipp-ntfy] specifies the information that a Delivery Method MUST specify and a Printer
 359 SHOULD send.

360 A Printer SHOULD send the following localized information in the message body. The specific wording
 361 of this information and its layout are implementation dependent.

- 362 a) the Printer name (see Table 3)
- 363 b) omitted (see below).
- 364 c) for Printer Events only:
 - 365 i) the Event (see Table 4) and/or Printer state information (see Table 7)
- 366 d) for Job Events only:
 - 367 i) the job identity (see Table 5)
 - 368 ii) the Event (see Table 4) and/or Job state information (see Table 6)

369
 370 Item b) in the above list is omitted because the Printer sends the time of the Event as an email header
 371 (see section 6.1.1 on the 'Date' header).

372 The subsections of this section specify the attributes that a Printer MUST use to obtain this information.

373 The Printer MAY send additional information, depending on implementation.

374 Notification Recipients MUST NOT expect to be able to parse the message.

375 The next three sections define the attributes in Event Notification Contents that are:

376 a) for all Events

377 b) for Job Events only

378 c) for Printer Events only

379 6.3.1 Event Notification Content Common to All Events

380 The Printer MUST send the following information.

381 There is a separate table for each piece of information. Each row in the table represents a source value
 382 for the information and the values are listed in order of preference, with the first one being the preferred
 383 one. An implementation SHOULD use the source value from the earliest row in each table. It MAY use
 384 the source value from another row instead, or it MAY combine the source values from several rows. An
 385 implementation is free to determine the best way to present this information.

386 The tables in this section and following sections contain the following columns for each piece of
 387 information:

388 a) **Source of Value:** the name of the attribute that supplies the value for the Event Notification

389 b) **Sends:**

390 **MAY:** this is the only value used in the tables. It means that the Printer OPTIONALLY
 391 sends this value. However, the Printer SHOULD use at least one value from each table.

392 c) **Source Object:** the object from which the source value comes.

393 Table 3 lists the source of the information for the Printer Name. The “printer-name” is more user-
 394 friendly unless the Notification Recipient is in a place where the Printer name is not meaningful. For
 395 example, an implementation could have the intelligence to send the value of the “printer-name” attribute
 396 to a Notification Recipient that can access the Printer via value of the “printer-name” attribute and
 397 otherwise send the value of the “notify-printer-uri” attribute.

398 **Table 3 – Printer Name in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
printer-name (name(127))	MAY	Printer
notify-printer-uri (uri)	MAY	Subscription

399

400 Table 4 lists the source of the information for the Event name. A Printer MAY combine this information
 401 with state information described for Jobs in Table 6 or for Printers in Table 7.

402 **Table 4 – Event Name in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
notify-subscribed-event (type2 keyword)	MAY	Subscription

403

404 6.3.2 Additional Event Notification Content for Job Events

405 This section lists the source of the additional information that a Printer MUST send for Job Events.

406 Table 5 lists the source of the information for the job name. The “job-name” is likely more meaningful
 407 to a user than “job-id”.

408 **Table 5 – Job Name in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
job-name (name(MAX))	MAY	Job
job-id (integer(1:MAX))	MAY	Job

409

410 Table 6 lists the source of the information for the job-state. If a Printer supports the “job-state-message”
 411 and “job-detailed-state-message” attributes, it SHOULD use those attributes for the job state
 412 information, otherwise, it should fabricate such information from the “job-state” and “job-state-
 413 reasons”. For some Events, a Printer MAY combine this information with Event information.

414 **Table 6 – Job State in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
job-state-message (text(MAX))	MAY	Job
job-detailed-status-messages (1setOf text(MAX))	MAY	Job
job-state (type1 enum)	MAY	Job
job-state-reasons (1setOf type2 keyword)	MAY	Job

415 6.3.3 Additional Event Notification Content for Printer Events

416 This section lists the source of the additional information that a Printer MUST send for Printer Events.

417 Table 7 lists the source of the information for the printer-state. If a Printer supports the “printer-state-
 418 message”, it SHOULD use that attribute for the job state information, otherwise it SHOULD fabricate

419 such information from the “printer-state” and “printer-state-reasons”. For some Events, a Printer MAY
 420 combine this information with Event information.

421

Table 7 – Printer State in Event Notification Content

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
printer-state-message (text(MAX))	MAY	Printer
printer-state (type1 enum)	MAY	Printer
printer-state-reasons (1setOf type2 keyword)	MAY	Printer
printer-is-accepting-jobs (boolean)	MAY	Printer

422 6.4 Examples

423 This section contains three examples. One is a Job Event and the other two are Printer Events, the latter
 424 in Danish.

425 A Printer implementation NEED NOT generate Event Notification content that is identical or even
 426 similar to these examples. In fact it would be unfortunate if every implementation copied these example
 427 as is. These examples merely show some possibilities and are not necessarily the best way to convey
 428 information about an Event.

429 6.4.1 Job Event Example

430 This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Job Event.

431 A Subscribing Client Mike Jones (who works for xyz Corp.) performs a Subscription Creation
 432 Operation as part of the Print-Job operation on Printer “ipp://tiger@abc.com”. Mike Jones specifies that
 433 the “job-name” is “financials”. Mike is printing the Job for Bill Smith at abc Corp. The Subscription
 434 Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:bsmith@abc.com
notify-events	job-completed
notify-user-data	mjones@xyz.com
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	us-ascii
notify-natural-language	en-us
notify-subscription-id	35692
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-up-time	34593
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tiger@abc.com
notify-job-id	345
notify-subscriber-user-name	mjones

435

436 When the Job completes, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

```

437 Date: 17 Jul 00 1632 PDT
438 From: tiger <printAdmin@abc.com>
439 Subject: print job: 'financials' completed
440 Sender: mjones@xyz.com
441 Reply-to: mjones@xyz.com
442 To: bsmith@abc.com
443 Content-type: text/plain
444
445 printer: tiger
446 job: financials
447 job-state: completed
448

```

449 The reader should note that the phrases are not identical to IPP keywords. They have been localized to
450 English.

451 **6.4.2 Printer Event Example**

452 This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Printer Event.

453 A Subscribing Client Peter Williams, a Printer admin, performs a Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation
454 on Printer "ipp://tiger@abc.com". The Subscription Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:pwilliams@abc.com
notify-events	printer-state-changed
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	us-ascii
notify-natural-language	en-us
notify-subscription-id	4623
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-uptime	23002
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tiger@abc.com
notify-lease-expiration-time	0
notify-subscriber-user-name	pwilliams

455

456 When the Printer jams, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

```
457 Date: 29 Aug 00 0832 PDT
458 From: tiger <printAdmin@abc.com>
459 Subject: printer: 'tiger' has stopped
460 To: pwilliams@abc.com
461 Content-type: text/plain
```

```
462
463 Printer tiger has stopped with a paper jam.
```

465 The reader should note that the phrases are not identical to IPP keywords. They have been localized to
466 English.

467 6.4.3 Printer Event Example (localized to Danish)

468 This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Printer Event localized to Danish.

469 A Subscribing Client Per Jensen, a Printer admin, performs a Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation
470 on Printer "ipp://tiger@def.dk". The Subscription Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:pjensen@def.dk
notify-events	printer-state-changed
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	utf-8
notify-natural-language	da
notify-subscription-id	50225
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-uptime	53217
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tiger@def.dk
notify-lease-expiration-time	0
notify-subscriber-user-name	pjensen

471

472 When the Printer jams, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

```
473 Date: 29 Jan 00 0832 CET
474 From: tiger <admin@def.dk>
475 Subject: Printeren 'tiger' er standset
476 To: pjensen@def.dk
477 Content-type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
```

478

```
479 Printerens navn er 'tiger'.
```

480

```
480 Printeren er standset.
```

481

```
481 Aarsagen er papir stop.
```

482

483 7 Conformance Requirements

484 The 'mailto' Delivery Method is RECOMMENDED for a Printer to support.

485 If the Printer supports the 'mailto' Delivery Method, the Printer MUST:

- 486 1. meet the conformance requirements defined in [ipp-ntfy].
- 487 2. support the “notify-mailto-text-only”⁴⁴ Subscription Object attribute defined in section 5.1.1.
- 488 3. support the syntax for the “notify-recipient-uri” Subscription Object attribute defined in section
489 5.2.1
- 490 4. support the use for the “notify-user-data” Subscription Object attribute defined in section 5.2.2
- 491 5. support SMTP for sending Event Notifications.
- 492 6. support the 'text/plain' Content-Type for the message body.
- 493 7. support sending Event Notification via email with the content specified in section 5.2.

494 8 IANA Considerations

495 Because the 'mailto' URL scheme is already defined in a standards track document [RFC 2368] and has
 496 been registered with IANA as a URL scheme, this document does not require anything further of
 497 IANA that the mailto URL scheme be further registered as a protocol scheme.

498 The rest of this section contains the exact registration information for IANA to add to the various IPP
 499 Registries according to the procedures defined in RFC 2911 [RFC2911] section 6 to cover the
 500 definitions in this document.

501 *Note to RFC Editors: Replace RFC NNNN below with the RFC number for this document, so that it*
 502 *accurately reflects the content of the information for the IANA Registry.*

503 8.1 Attribute Registration

504 The following table lists the attribute defined in this document. This is to be registered according to the
 505 procedures in RFC 2911 [RFC2911] section 6.2.

Subscription Template attributes:	Ref.	Section:
notify-mailto-text-only (boolean)	RFC NNNN	5.1.1

508
 509 The resulting attribute registration will be published in the
 510 <ftp://ftp.iana.org/in-notes/iana/assignments/ipp/attributes/>
 511 area.

513 8.2 Additional uriScheme Attribute Value Registration for the "operations-supported" 514 Printer Attribute

515 The following table lists the uriScheme value defined in this document as an additional uriScheme value
 516 for use with the "notify-schemes-supported" Printer attribute defined in [ipp-ntfy]. This is to be
 517 registered according to the procedures in RFC 2911 [RFC2911] section 6.1.

uriScheme Attribute Values:	Ref.	Section:
mailto	RFC NNNN	5.2.1

520
 521 The resulting uri scheme attribute value registration will be published in the
 522 <ftp://ftp.iana.org/in-notes/iana/assignments/ipp/attribute-values/notify-schemes-supported/>
 523 area.

524 9 Internationalization Considerations

525 This Delivery Method presents no internationalization considerations beyond those covered in the [ipp-
 526 ntfy] document, and sections 6.1.3 and 6.2 of this document.

527 The Notification Recipient is expected to present the email as received because the Printer does all
528 necessary localization to the Event Notification contents.

529 10 Security Considerations

530 The biggest security concern is that a Subscribing Client will cause unsolicited Event Notifications to be
531 sent to third parties, potentially creating denial-of-service problems (i.e., spam). The problem is even
532 worse if the third parties are distribution lists.

533 There exist scenarios where third party notification is required (see Scenario #2 and #3 in [ipp-not-
534 req]). The fully secure solution would require active agreement of all persons before they can become
535 Notification Recipients. However, requirement #9 in [ipp-req] (“There is no requirement for IPP
536 Printer receiving the print request to validate the identity of an event recipient”) argues against this. To
537 minimize the risk, a Printer could disallow third party Notification Recipients (a traditional facsimile
538 model).

539 The Delivery Method recommends that the Subscribing Client supply his or her email address as the
540 value of the “notify-user-data” attribute in the Subscription Creation Operation when the Notification
541 Recipient is a third party. To reduce the chance of spamming or identify the spammer, a Printer could
542 disallow third party Notification Recipients if the Subscribing Client doesn't supply the “notify-user-
543 data” attribute with a valid email address.

544 Some firewall administrators prevent mail attachments from being accepted into their organizations
545 because of the problem of the attachments containing computer viruses. The 'mailto' Delivery Method
546 allows the Subscribing Client to request that the Content-Type of a message body be 'text/plain'.

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1) send it to majordomo@pwg.org

- 636 2) leave the subject line blank
637 3) put the following two lines in the message body:
638 subscribe ipp
639 end

640
641 Implementers of this specification document are encouraged to join IPP Mailing List in order to
642 participate in any discussions of clarification issues and review of registration proposals for additional
643 attributes and values. In order to reduce spam the mailing list rejects mail from non-subscribers, so you
644 must subscribe to the mailing list in order to send a question or comment to the mailing list.

645 13 Summary of Base IPP Documents

646 The base set of IPP documents includes:

- 647 Design Goals for an Internet Printing Protocol [RFC2567]
648 Rationale for the Structure and Model and Protocol for the Internet Printing Protocol [RFC2568]
649 Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Model and Semantics [RFC2911]
650 Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Encoding and Transport [RFC2910]
651 Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementer's Guide [ipp-iig]
652 Mapping between LPD and IPP Protocols [RFC2569]
653 Internet Printing Protocol (IPP): IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions [ipp-ntfy]

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655 The "Design Goals for an Internet Printing Protocol" document takes a broad look at distributed
656 printing functionality, and it enumerates real-life scenarios that help to clarify the features that need to
657 be included in a printing protocol for the Internet. It identifies requirements for three types of users:
658 end users, operators, and administrators. It calls out a subset of end user requirements that are satisfied
659 in IPP/1.0. A few OPTIONAL operator operations have been added to IPP/1.1.

660 The "Rationale for the Structure and Model and Protocol for the Internet Printing Protocol" document
661 describes IPP from a high level view, defines a roadmap for the various documents that form the suite of
662 IPP specification documents, and gives background and rationale for the IETF working group's major
663 decisions.

664 The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Model and Semantics" document describes a simplified model with
665 abstract objects, their attributes, and their operations that are independent of encoding and transport. It
666 introduces a Printer and a Job object. The Job object optionally supports multiple documents per Job.
667 It also addresses security, internationalization, and directory issues.

668 The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Encoding and Transport" document is a formal mapping of the
669 abstract operations and attributes defined in the model document onto HTTP/1.1 [RFC2616]. It defines
670 the encoding rules for a new Internet MIME media type called "application/ipp". This document also
671 defines the rules for transporting over HTTP a message body whose Content-Type is "application/ipp".
672 This document defines the 'ippget' scheme for identifying IPP printers and jobs.

673 [The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementer's Guide" document gives insight and advice to](#)
674 [implementers of IPP clients and IPP objects. It is intended to help them understand IPP/1.1 and some](#)
675 [of the considerations that may assist them in the design of their client and/or IPP object](#)
676 [implementations. For example, a typical order of processing requests is given, including error checking.](#)
677 [Motivation for some of the specification decisions is also included.](#)

678 [The "Mapping between LPD and IPP Protocols" document gives some advice to implementers of](#)
679 [gateways between IPP and LPD \(Line Printer Daemon\) implementations.](#)

680 [The "IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions" document defines an extension to IPP/1.0 \[RFC2566,](#)
681 [RFC2565\] and IPP/1.1 \[RFC2911, RFC2910\]. This extension allows a client to subscribe to printing](#)
682 [related Events and defines the semantics for delivering asynchronous *Event Notifications* to the](#)
683 [specified *Notification Recipient* via a specified *Delivery Method* \(i.e., protocols\) defined in \(separate\)](#)
684 [*Delivery Method* documents.](#)

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