

MIPA PIN

Overview

Fast, flexible and easy to use, MFP devices have revolutionized the way that businesses of all sizes communicate. Still, the very versatility of these machines presents businesses with a number of challenges:

- How do you keep unauthorized personnel from using these devices? How do you prevent misuse and waste?
- How do you find out about the effective copy and printing costs by department, project or cost centre?
- How do you safeguard proprietary and confidential documents?
- How do you track usage and forecast expenses?

The MegaTrack In Printer Agent (MIPA) with PIN-code access helps you address all these issues with a single „in printer“ solution..

Track and monitor printer and MFP activity

The MIPA half of this solution gives organizations the ability to record and monitor printer and MFP activity directly at the device, providing a precise accounting of printing functions. Each time the printer or MFP is used, MIPA collects important data about the job, including user I.D., pages processed and number of copies, paper size / media type, copy / fax and e-mail function usage, duplexing information, color / monochrome pages and so on. These informations can be accessed through the reporting module for generating reports.

Control access and promote accountability

In addition to tracking printer and MFP activity, the MIPA PIN solution also offers the ability to limit access to MFP functions using an alpha-numeric PIN (Personal Identification Number) code. Before utilizing copy, FAX or digital sending functions of the MFP, users must enter a PIN code into the alpha-numeric keypad on the front panel display of the MFP device. At its most basic level, PIN code access can be used to control costs and abuse by prohibiting unauthorized employees from accessing copying functions - no more paper and toner wasted copying personal documents. The MIPA PIN solution, however, goes beyond these benefits to promote both security and personal accountability. Since faxing and scan-to-mail functions also require PIN code access, MegaTrack Reporting Tool can record which user accessed these functions.

Easy, detailed reports

The data collected by MIPA can be used to create up to 216 detailed, customized reports of printer and MFP usage. To simplify your reporting efforts, a „one-button“ option can 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. These reports 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.

Automated reporting functions

To make data collection and analysis even easier, the MegaTrack can be set to automatically generate and deliver regularly scheduled reports. Schedule a monthly summary report, and MegaTrack will automatically deliver that report to the defined e-mail addresses on the first day of the following month.

Custom data queries

Using the MRT web client, you can create custom queries of the data collected by MIPA to investigate practically any aspect of printer and MFP activity. You can use these custom queries to forecast hardware replacement, justify cost saving measures or plan for future installations. For even more flexibility, query data can be exported into Excel spreadsheets, which then can be imported into word processing documents or PowerPoint presentations. The Excel documents can also be imported into databases for further analysis.

Detailed cost information

MRT's Page Cost Management tools let you track all printer and MFP-related costs, so you can get a real, comprehensive view of your printing, copying and faxing expenses. For increased budget control, you can track the actual cost of media as it's consumed. MRT can even be used to track hardware depreciation, toner specifications and more. In addition to helping you track and allocate current costs, this information can be used to budget future expenses and predict media replacement cycles. This information can also be quite useful when one is planning the impact of a business expansion on printing and copying costs.

Greater accountability

For enhanced accountability, MRT lets you track costs by user or department. A fixed cost mode (based on printer and media) makes it easy to charge printer expenses back to clients or department cost centers. For copying functions on MFP devices, MIPA PIN can also be configured so that the user will need to enter a department code, cost center or client account number prior to making copies, making it easy to track and charge back these expenses as well.

