

# LRS USER GROUP



TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

10.2025



#### **Technical Session**

- Mainframe
  - Trends and directions
  - Re-engineering mainframe output
- SAP
  - Replacing SAP Document Composition Tools
- Digitisation and Scanning
- Stories from the Field
  - Redaction
  - Copy print restriction
  - Bundling and Pull Printing
  - Scan process as part of Print process





# **◄ 1** Mainframe





#### The Mainframe...

 Today, Mainframes are still running 70% of global business transactions, quietly powering the digital world behind the scenes.

• LRS are not here to sell "legacy technology" - we're here to help our clients modernize, scale, and unlock untapped value as a competitive advantage.



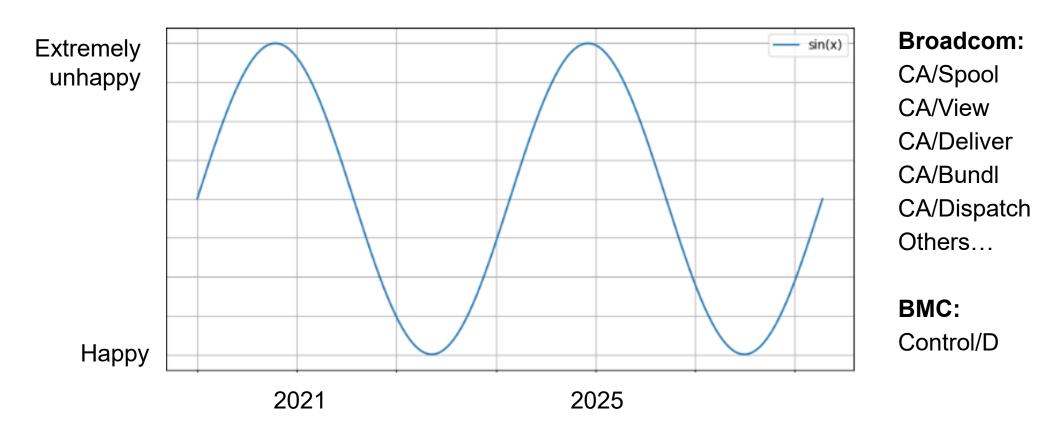
# Where LRS can help...

- Attrition of mainframe-skilled staff
- Initiatives to move away from mainframe applications
- Initiatives to modernize pieces of the mainframe landscape
- Incompatibility with modern tools
- Need for Modern APIs, real-time access
- Mitigation of dependency on legacy skills
- Reduce high operational (storage, MIPS) and licensing costs





## What we are seeing...



CA (Broadcom) and BMC licensing policy!





#### LRS solutions...

- Deliver output from the mainframe...
  - direct to printers
  - to eMail
  - to Archive
- ... and via the LRS open systems platform to enable
  - print to remote/internet-only locations
  - pull-printing for mainframe documents
  - document Transformation and/or re-engineering
  - audit and analysis
  - future proof delivery of mainframe output

**VPS** 

**VPS/TCPIP** 

**VPS/EMAIL** 

**PageCenter** 

Gateway

**VPSX** 

**Transform** 

Innovate/Mill

MFPsecure/Print

Audit





## How LRS can help...

- As an alternative mainframe solution
  - proven technology, endless experience, ...
  - core product, continued development and support
- Moving to MicroFocus, Anubex, Fujitsu, etc.
  - LRS has interfaces to many of these products
  - many "modernisation projects" fail to consider printing/archiving soon enough LRS have already thought of it and know what to do
- Moving to open-systems Report Archiving\Viewing
  - LRS Conversion and Migration Services team has done many of these
  - This brings VPSX/PCX into play





#### What I RS have done

Totals by "From" Archive Production	ct Completed	Vendor/comments	Platform
Beta93	0	Beta Systems	z/OS
CA- Bundl	2	Computer Assoc. (now Broadcom)	z/OS
CA-Dispatch	5	Computer Assoc. (now Broadcom)	z/OS
View	7	Computer Assoc. (now Broadcom) - fka SAR	z/OS
View/Deliver	11	Computer Assoc. (now Broadcom) - fka SAR/Express	z/OS
CMOD for z/OS	1	IBM - Content Manager OnDemand	z/OS
CMOD for Multiplatforms	1	IBM - Content Manager OnDemand for Multiplatforms	Open
Columbus DW	1	Macro4 (a division of UNICOM)	Open
Content Server z/OS	4	Systemware (fka XPTR)	z/OS
Control-D	8	BMC	z/OS
LaserArc	2		Open
Marchive	1	M/Archive - Kuhn & Weyh - Software GMBH	Open
Mobius	15	ASG (Rocket Software) (fka InfoPac, ViewDirect)	z/OS
Mobius for Nets	4	ASG (Rocket Software) (fka ViewDirect for Networks)	Open
PageCenter	9	LRS	z/OS
PageCenter Plus	3	LRS	Open
Report2Web	1	Redwood	Open
ReportSafe	0	Acscend	Open
RMDS	4	IBM (withdrawn from marketing/support)	z/OS
RMS	1	Mantissa	z/OS
Rocket EOS	<mark>3</mark>	RSD (now Rocket Software) (fka RSD EOS, EOS 360)	z/OS
Rocket Folders	1	RSD (now Rocket Software) (fka RSD Folders)	Open
TRMS	3	SEA	z/OS
Vista Plus	3	OpenText Vista Plus (fka Quest Vista Plus)	Open
Other	10	One-off projects: In-house or non-mainstream	
TOT	AL 100		





## How LRS can help...

- Enhancing / re-engineering mainframe output
  - change document layout, logo, letter text, ...
  - deliver in different format to a new destination



## **Document re-engineering example**

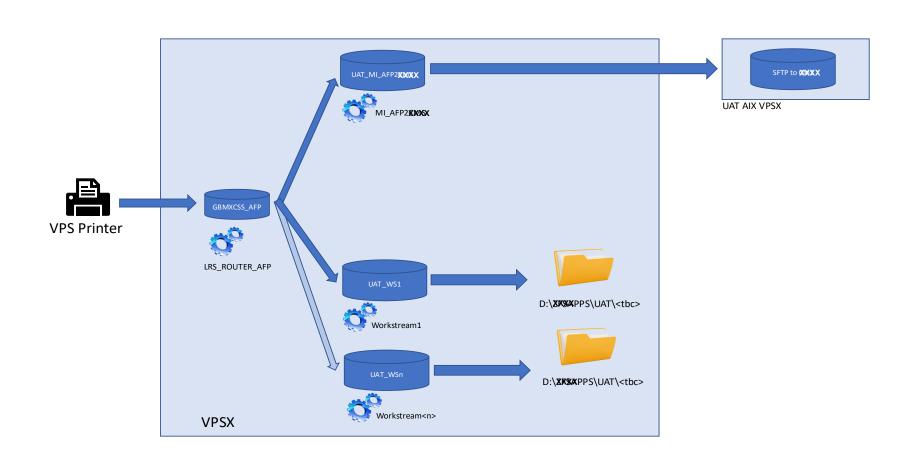
Customer insurance policy documents are generated on mainframe as AFPDS print files

Documents must be identified and routed into 1 of 8 workstreams

Documents are 'modernised' to new style and layout

New document then delivered as PDF depending on type to:

- file storage
- out-sourced production print fulfilment service via SFTP







# **Document re-engineering example**



#### Innovate/Mill

- reads APFDS content
- identifies 'variable' fields from placeholders and reads to memory
- removes all text and images from page
- reads in new page 'overlay' and places on page
- inserts 'variable' fields into new positions
- outputs new document as PDF/a





# Mainframe product futures

- VPS support for IPP and IPPS printing
- Expansion of LRS Transforms to mainframe platforms
  - Z/OS Container Extensions (zCX)
  - Move transform process to IBM LinuxOne
  - Initially AFP to PCL5, PCL6, PDF, PS, ZPL, IFF
  - Later LCDS(DJDE) to AFP, PCL5, PCL6, PDF, PS, ZPL, IFF
- DRS support for spool file encryption
- VPS V2R13. Target date: end of 2025





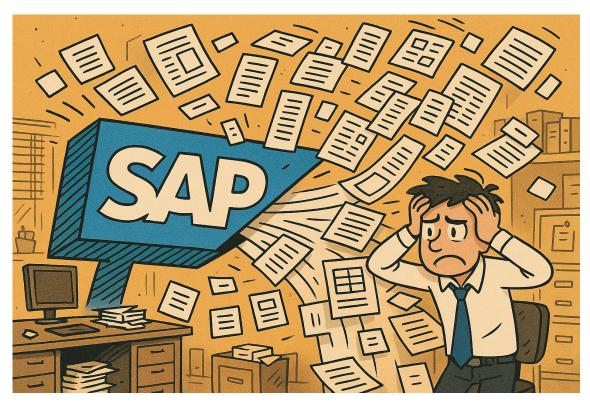
Mainframe is still very important to you...
 ...and to LRS!

LRS mainframe products actively developed and supported

- LRS seeing trends to
  - replace existing m/frame products with "like-for-like"
  - use LRS open systems products to
    - enhance document output
    - enable mainframe output with same features of 'workplace'



# **Document Composition for SAP**



... presented for use with SAP, but can be used in many other scenarios!





SAP are changing the game with RISE:

- SAP Presentment means Document Composition (like StreamServe which is now part of Open Text) but they were ALL click charged
- SAP Forms by Adobe (replaces Adobe Document Server, which was Free for printing) running on BTP - now charges by block, and results in massive charges for companies who print a lot



Adobe Document Services out of support in 2027 - extended maintenance available until 2030

- Change required: SAP Forms by Adobe (BTP Service)
- Will SAP offer an OnPremise option ?
- It is pay per use (also preview) click charge



SAP for Adobe Document Services,
SmartForms/SAPScript will also be out of support.

 Business documents will be supported and maintained ONLY in the new BTP based service.

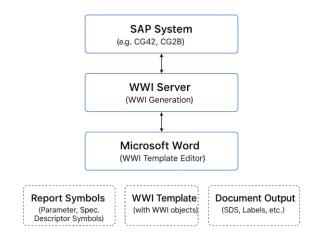


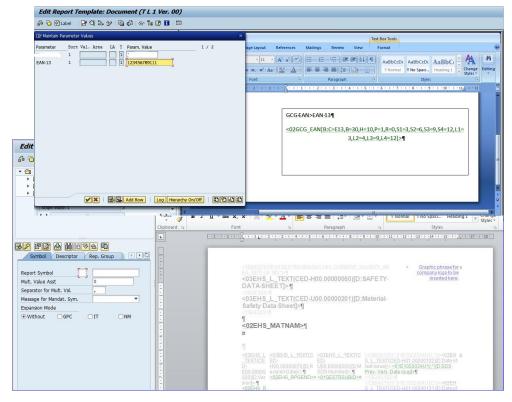


Windows Word Integration (WWI) is often a part of label printing as a tool to create templates

SAP is sunsetting WWI and actively promoting third party [cloud-based] solutions.

(See SAP Note: 2557755 - EH&S WWI and EH&S Expert End of Maintenance, how does that impact your CMO for label printing.)







SAP are working with Loftware to create a new Cloud based Global Label Management solution (GLM).

This will replace the current SAP Windows Word Integration GLM solution.





... because labels and forms are STILL critical in many business processes, where a printing problem very quickly leads to a business problem.





### **Assured delivery**



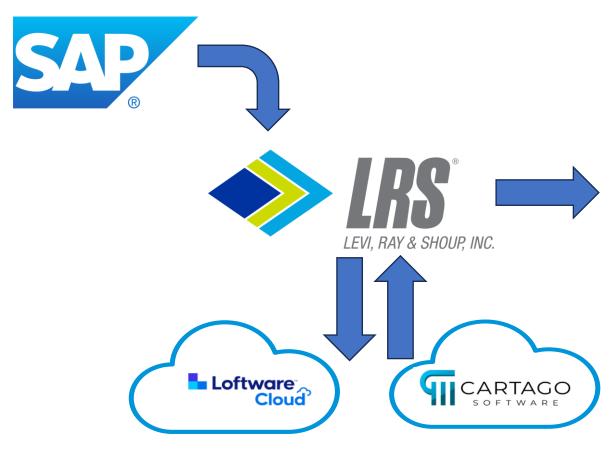
Perfect Integration with Production Line software, all available papers for a given package are requested from VPSX at the scan point, consolidated into a single print job and printed.



Perfect Integration with Commissioning, Pull by Voice etc. Back End Print is collected at ANY available device by the RIGHT person. With PJL even an interrupted print can be resumed with label exact restart at the next available device.



## Is there another way? Oh, Yes!



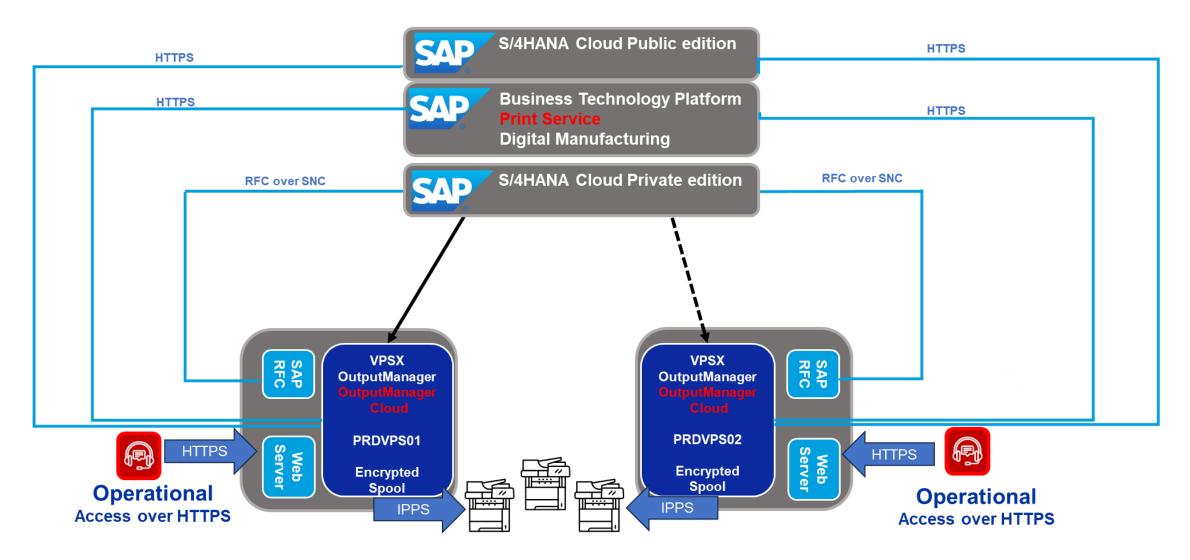


Presentment (Composition) Systems



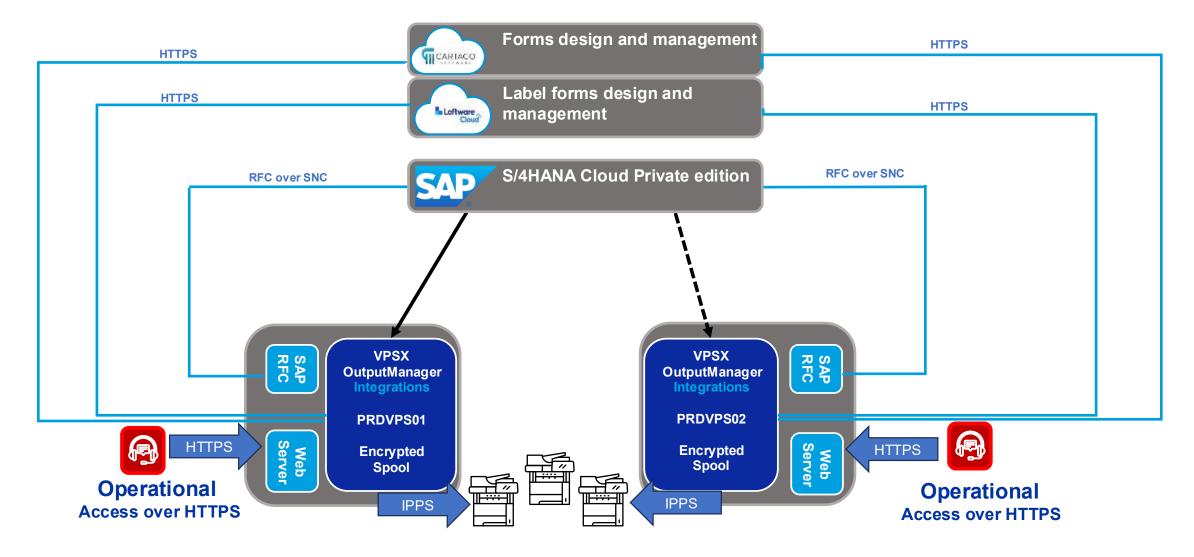


#### SAP S/4HANA Private and Public Cloud, SAP Print Service





#### **Integrate Presentment systems**







(NiceLabel)





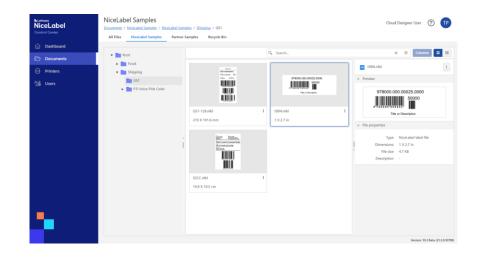
Loftware Cloud is a cloud-based labeling and artwork management platform that integrates seamlessly with SAP S/4HANA Cloud and SAP Business Technology Platform (BTP).

It enables centralized control of label design, storage, and printing across global operations.

Loftware is, like LRS, the Software of choice for many Enterprise customers

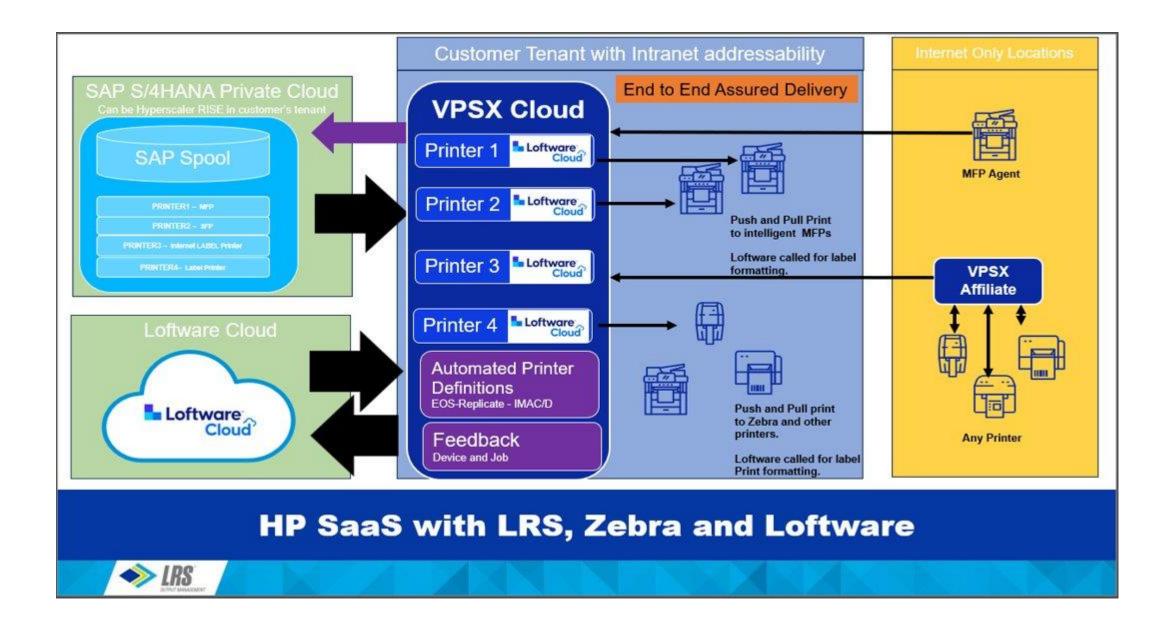
Now LRS and Loftware Cloud can be integrated into an end-to-end, assured delivery workflow.













#### SAP sends XML to a processing queue in VPSX

#### XML contains:

- data
- format
- printer name



#### VPSX sends XML to Loftware Cloud via REST API (HTTPS)

#### https://\_\_\_\_nicelabel.com/Trigger/v1/CloudTrigger/

<LOFTWARE\_FILTER > LOFTWARE\_FILTER SPOOLID 00007882 70C1938C-B033-4A91-8DF2-28EE7E1A725B FILTER1 PROCESSING STARTED

Request will be -inputfile C:\LRSROOT\vpsxroot\spool\LOFTWARE\_FILTER\00007882.dat - outputFile C:\LRSROOT\vpsxroot\tmp\filter\LOFTWARE\_FILTER00007882.tmp -pdfaMode pdfa\_3a -formatType pdf -templateID -inJobName -inOwner e1351 -inTitle -inSpool 7882 - inPrinter LOFTWARE\_FILTER -retain\_Loftware true HTTP RC 200

Return Code set to 0 - Job has been successfully processed - XSL()

Output pdf File will be written 9190 byte(s)

End to End time 7260(ms). Overhead 7260(ms) (HTTPS-Network-Round-

Trip 7199(ms), IO to disk 4(ms), this Program 57(ms))

Bytes sent 331, received 12338, so average network throughput is calculated at 2(kilobits/second)

FILTER ATTRIBUTE UPDATES COMMITTED

Saved Output @ ipp://EOMDE162.lrsinc.org:631/LOFTWARE-ARCHIVE/27499

VPSX receives composed document back via same HTTPS connection









- Leading Label Solution for SAP
- supports a HUGE variety of Label Printers including thermal printers, label printers, card printers, RFID printers, and specialty Inkjet printers.
- available as a cloud service (SaaS), applicable/certified for S/4HANA and SAP Print Service (DM,BTP)
- well-made web-based designer
- 'conformant label' assistance for Hazmat etc. to required standards



- Leading Output Management Solution for SAP
- supporting and certified for all SAP
- end-to-end workflow control and monitor
- assured delivery and feedback to SAP
- layers of functionality:
  - pull-print
  - print to internet-only locations
  - print to Affiliate/non-corporate printers
  - Transform
  - Audit











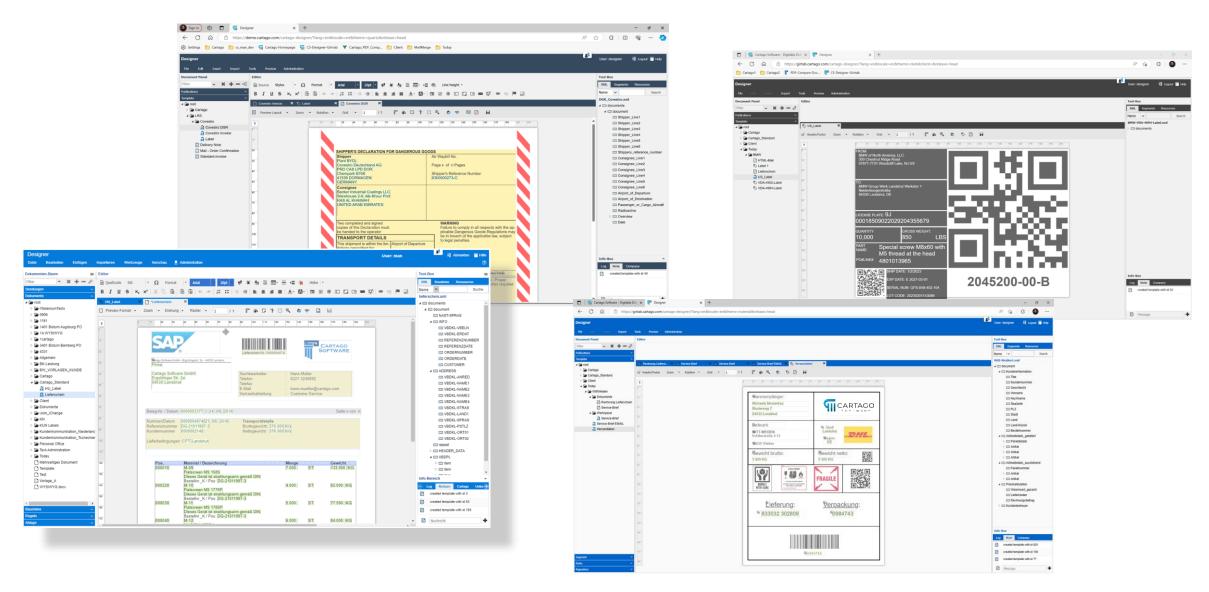
## Cartago is ...

- Very modern, state of the art software
- Web Based editor
- Runs in the cloud, on site, or hybrid
- Container based
- Highly flexible API... RDI, SAPGOF, XML
- Synchronous Multi-Channel Output





#### Cartago®Live Designer



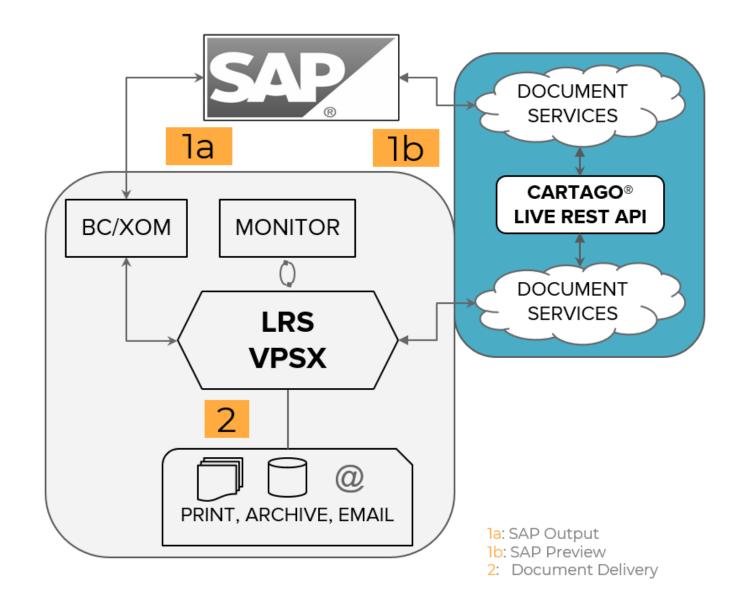


#### **SAP Connectivity**

- SAP
- LRS / VPSX
  - o Enterprise Output Management
  - Central Monitoring and Control
- Cartago
  - Document Generation Services
  - SAP Preview Services













- Leading Document Composition solution
- comprehensive forms-design
- available as a cloud service



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LRS has proven integration with Document Presentment Solutions for SAP as alternative solutions and architecture

... and for any other document composition requirement

Business processes can benefit from end-to-end control and monitoring with assured delivery









# Digitisation and Scanning



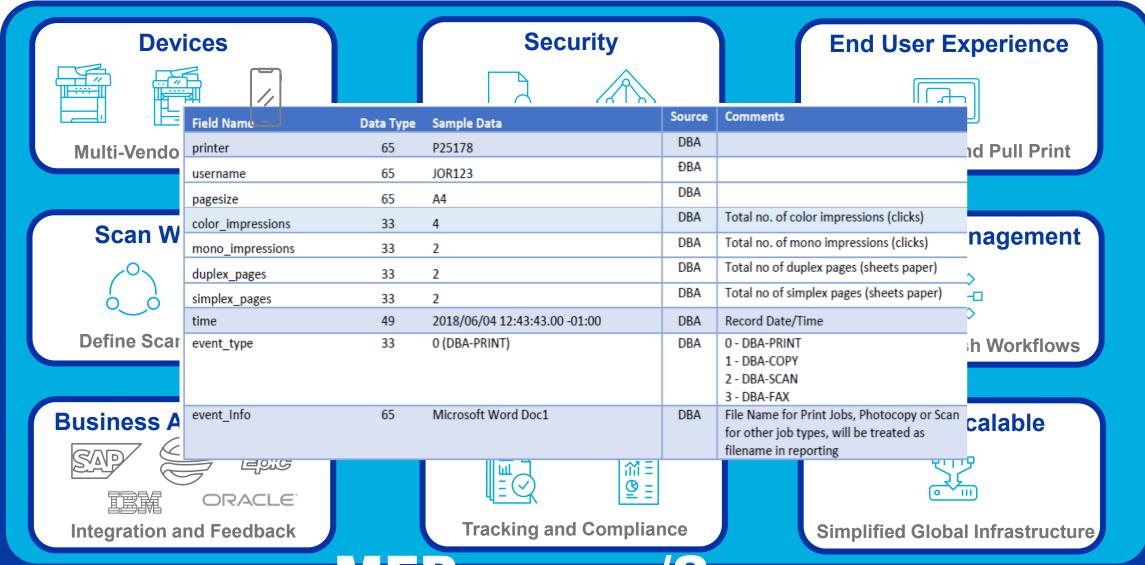


# **Scan Complexities**

#### **LRS Observations**

- Print vendors focus on workplace printing solutions
- Scanning is often overlooked
- Print manufacturers often include device scan applications at no cost
- User experience is inconsistent in mixed fleet deployments
- Scanning typically requires intranet deployment;
   not suited for internet-only setups
- Embedded scan applications are often unsecure and outdated
- Decentralized administration



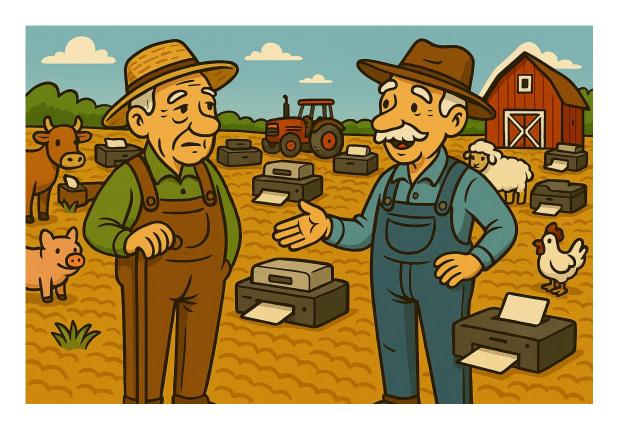








# ✓ I Stories from the Field





# Document Information Redaction





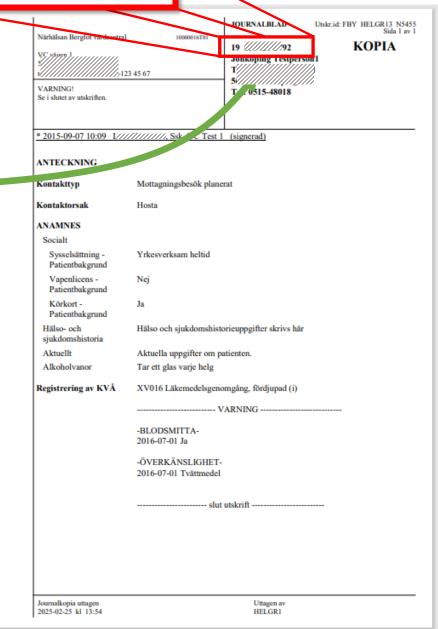


## **Healthcare Redaction**

Medical Documents which require scanning may contain information which should be redacted in an archive copy

- no view of text in image
- no text-search result



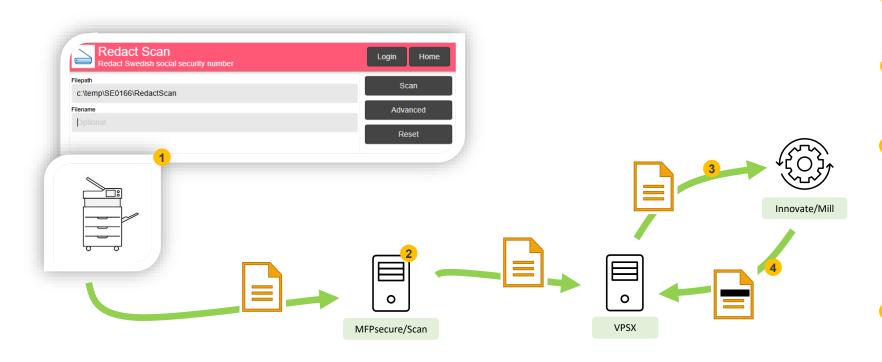






## **Workflow solution**

Solution involves multiple LRS products in a workflow to deliver required result



Scan document and deliver to Secure Scan

Output "Application" to transfer to VPSX via IPPS (COM API)

Examine all TEXT objects from PDF search strings

Compare TEXT strings to redaction target(s) For matches,

- capture x,y position
- place black marks at x,y for string length \* estimated character width
- remove text object from PDF

Back to VPSX for its final destination:

- Folder
- Onward VPSX queue
- Printer (redacted copy)





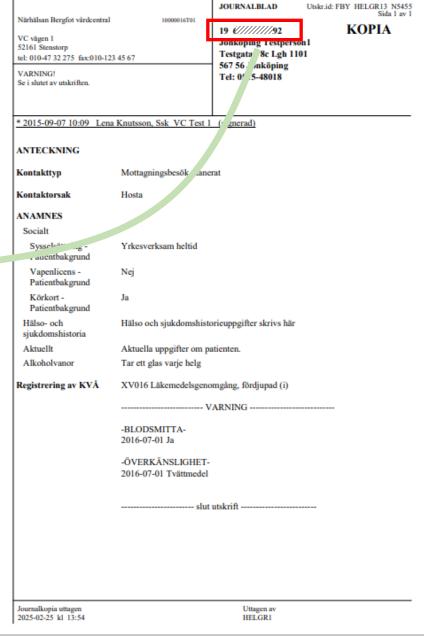
# MFPsecure/Scan

Scan image with OCR to PDF

PDF will contain:

- original scan image
- searchable 'hidden' text strings



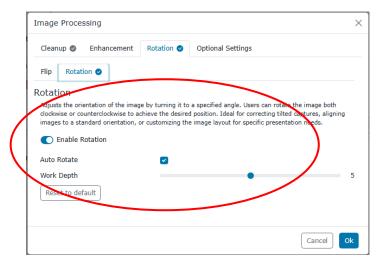


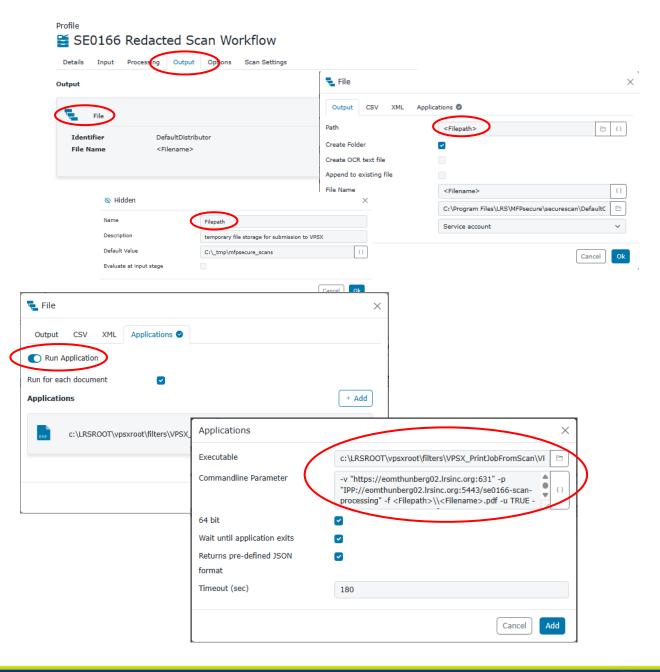




## **Transfer to VPSX**

- Output is File to temporary folder
- Run Application on the File
- VPSX\_PrintJobFromScan.exe
  - -v "https://<vpsx server>:631"
  - -p "ipp://<vpsx server>:5443/<queue>"
  - -f <Filepath>\\<Filename>.pdf

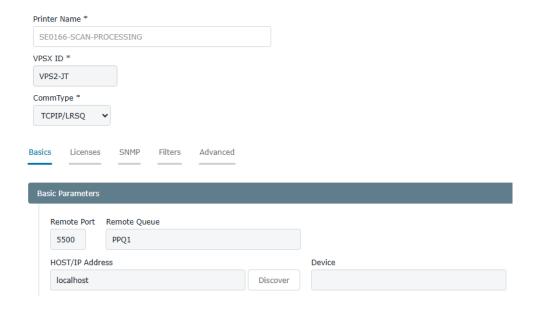


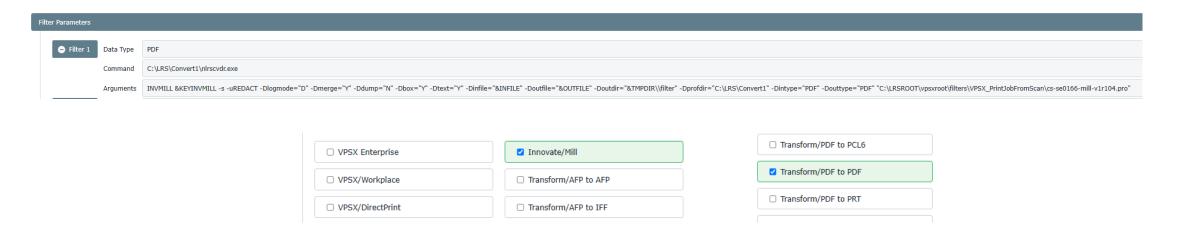




# The VPSX processing queue

- Remote queue destination (optional)
- Filter with arguments
- Licenses:
  - Innovate/Mill
  - Transform PDF to PDF







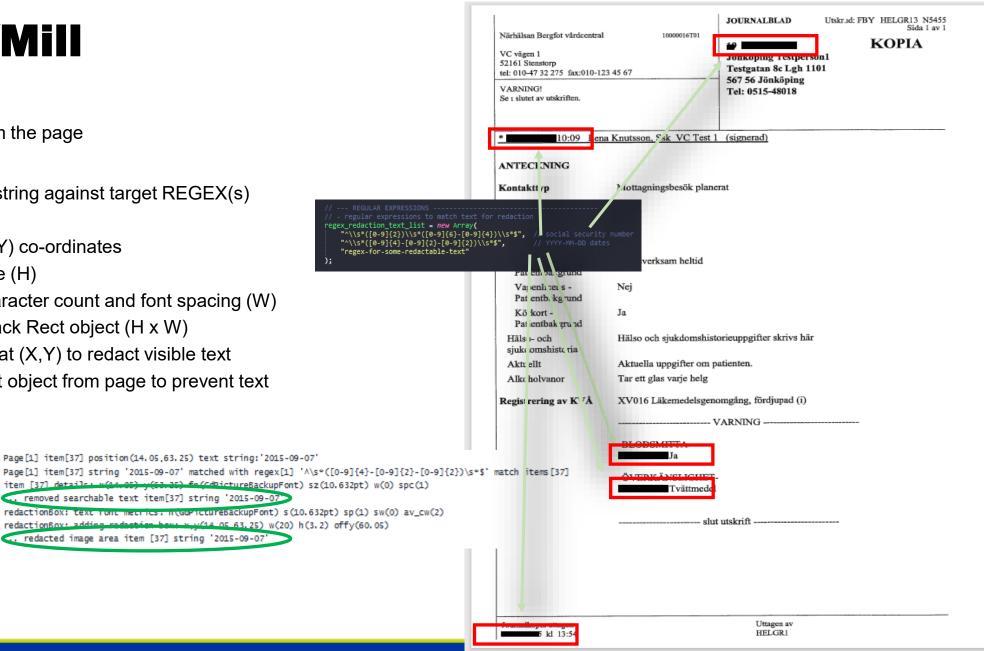
# Innovate/Mill

#### For each PAGE

- Capture all objects from the page
- For each TEXT object
  - Match each text string against target REGEX(s)
  - If matched.
    - get text (X,Y) co-ordinates
    - get font size (H)
    - get text character count and font spacing (W)
    - create a black Rect object (H x W)
    - place Rect at (X,Y) to redact visible text
    - remove text object from page to prevent text search

... removed searchable text item[37] string '2015-09-07'

... redacted image area item [37] string '2015-09-07'







# **Innovate/Mill**

#### Never that easy!!

- Printed text may be split into separate Text objects
  - eg Social Security Number "19 650420-3792" is split "19" and "650420-3792"
- Combine Text objects with same Y co-ord (ie same line) and Regex again
  - Image may have been de-skewed and Y co-ordinate not EXACTLY the same
  - Allow tolerance for Y co-ord

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Närhälsan Bergfot vårdcentral

tel: 010-47 32 275 fax:010-122

10:09 Lena Knutsson, Ssk VC Test 1 (signerad)

Yrkesverksam heltid

Hosta

Mottagningsbesök planerat

VC vägen 1

VARNING!

52161 Stenstorp

Se i slutet av praten.

ANTECKNING Kontakttyp

Kontaktorsak

Sysselsättning -Patientbakgrund

Journalkopia uttagen

ANAMNES

Socialt

• If combined match, then remove and redact both Text objects





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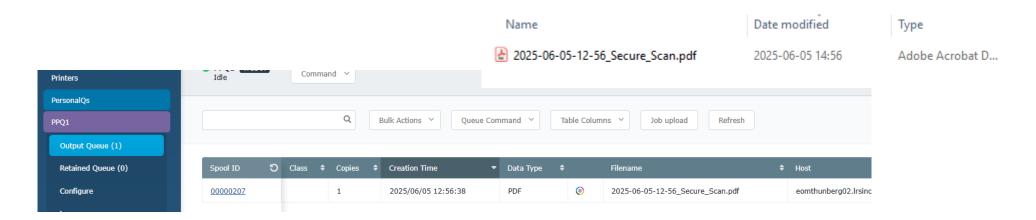
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KOPIA

# **VPSX Delivery**

- Delivery by VPSX to final destination:
  - Redacted Archive PDF
  - Redacted COPY printed back to printer where it was scanned
  - Redacted COPY stored in PPQ for later release







# Solution is...

- Generic
- **\**
- Works with all MFPsecure/Scan devices
- Works with VPSX or HPA
- Works with mobile VPSX Print App / Scan
- Works for print output as well AFPDS, PCL, PS, PDF,
  - ori
- Simple to change
  - add the REGEX to match the required redacted text
  - update scaling factors to suit font size for redaction Rect (if necessary)
  - update Y variance for deskew (if necessary)
- Multi-purpose



- Archive redacted print and/or scan
- Print a redacted paper copy

```
// --- REGULAR EXPRESSIONS ------
// - regular expressions to match text for redaction
// - this needs to return a capture group so include ( ) in your regex to
regex_redaction_text_list = new Array(
    // text
    "(Project Ignite)",
    // SE social security number
    "\\s*([0-9]{2}\\s*[0-9]{6}-[0-9]{4})\\s*",
    // dates YYYY-MM-DD
    "\\s*([0-9]{4}-[0-9]{2}-[0-9]{2})\\s*",
    // email addresses
   //"\\s*([a-zA-Z0-9._%+-]+@[a-zA-Z0-9.-]+\.[a-zA-Z]{2,})",
    // LRS email addresses
    "\\s*([a-zA-Z0-9._%+-]+@LRS+\.[a-zA-Z]{2,})",
    // some regex
    "regex-for-some-redactable-text"
// --- REDACTION BOX SIZING FACTORS
// - we don't know character font width/height so have scaling factors to
// - estimate redaction box width as = number of chars * font_size * char_
// - estimate redaction box height as = font_size * char_height_factor
char_width_factor = 0.5;
char_height_factor = 0.8;
// --- MERGING SPLIT TEXT ELEMENTS ON THE SAME LINE
// --- LINE VARIANCE
// - if the scan is not 100% desked/horizontal, we may get a variation of
// - when comparing items to determine Y-coord for same line, add a +/- ma
line_ycoord_variance = 0.5;
// --- MAX MERGE ITEMS
// - the maximum number of items to merge in same line
max_merge_items = 1;
```



# **Demo**

# Redact LRS email addresses

#### Sample List of People

First Name	Surname	Email
Alice	Smith	alice.smith@LRS.com
Bob	Johnson	bob.johnson@example.com
Charlie	Williams	charlie.williams@LRS.com
Diana	Brown	diana.brown@example.com
Ethan	Jones	ethan.jones@example.com
Fiona	Miller	fiona.miller@LRS.com
George	Davis	george.davis@example.com
Hannah	Garcia	hannah.garcia@example.com
Ian	Martinez	ian.martinez@LRS.com
Julia	Taylor	julia.taylor@example.com

#### Sample List of People

First Name	Surname	Email
Alice	Smith	
Bob	Johnson	bob.johnson@example.com
Charlie	Williams	
Diana	Brown	diana.brown@example.com
Ethan	Jones	ethan.jones@example.com
Fiona	Miller	
George	Davis	george.davis@example.com
Hannah	Garcia	hannah.garcia@example.co
Ian	Martinez	
Julia	Taylor	julia.taylor@example.com





# Print from Secure document repository

**Copy-marked reprint** 



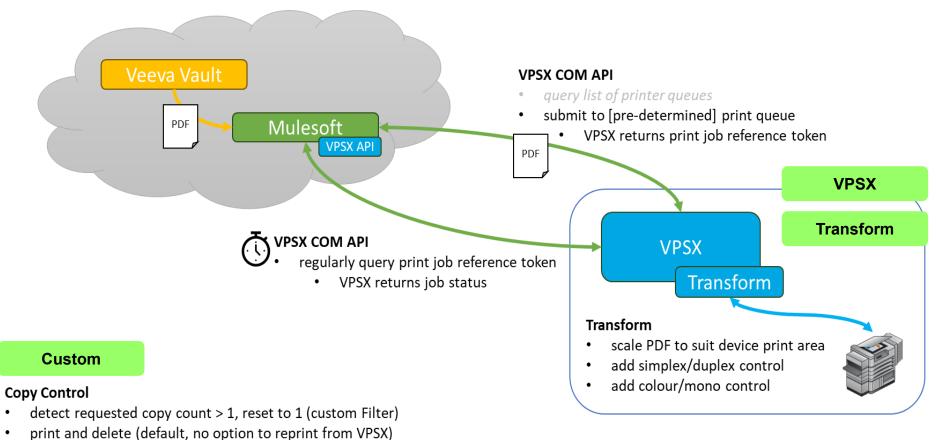


# **Copy control**

#### **Global Pharmaceutical**

#### Document storage printing:

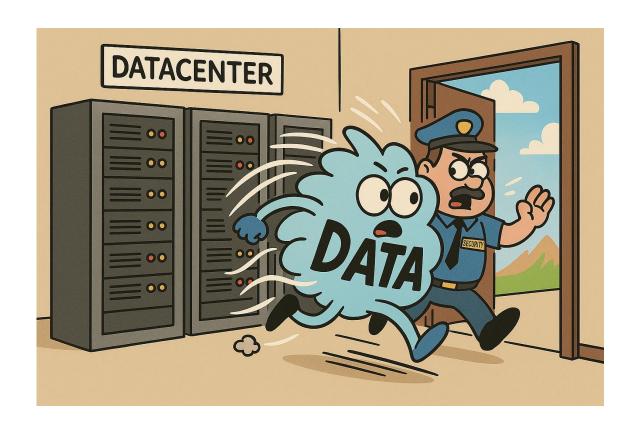
- Mulesoft
  - Extract a document from the Veeva document vault
  - Call VPSX API to submit document to VPSX for print
  - Query job status via job reference token
- VPSX:
  - receive job and provide job reference token
  - Transform to
    - scale PDF to fit paper
    - add print controls
  - limits print to 1 original copy
  - adds "COPY" watermark on any re-print



re-print option: copy-count printed noted, add overlay "COPY" for subsequent re-prints



# **Data loss protection**



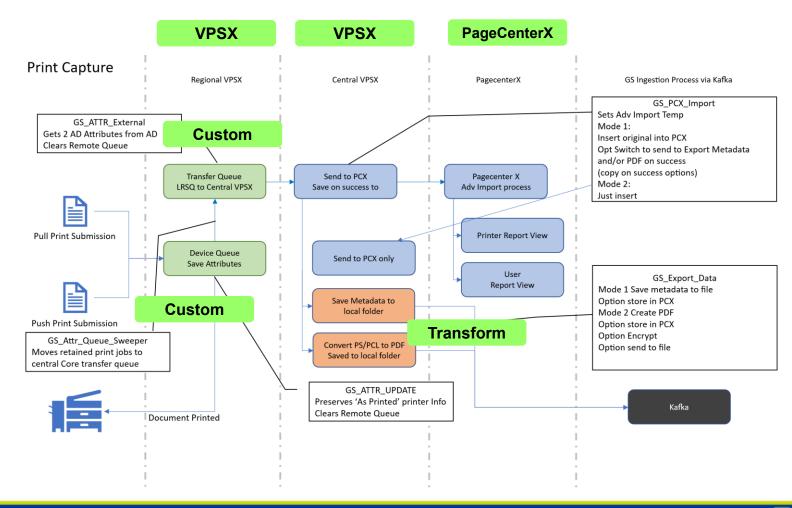


# **Data loss protection**

#### **Global Bank**

#### Data Loss Protection program:

- Take a copy of every print job to regional and then central VPSX
- · On successful print:
  - Transform to encrypted PDF with unique key per file
  - create original user/printer/date/time meta-data file
  - store to PageCenterX
    - · compliance view
      - eg print analysis for leaving employees
    - · content display
    - report trends
  - · copy to Kafka Data Lake storage
    - · content analysis
    - Al training





# Healthcare Patient Visit



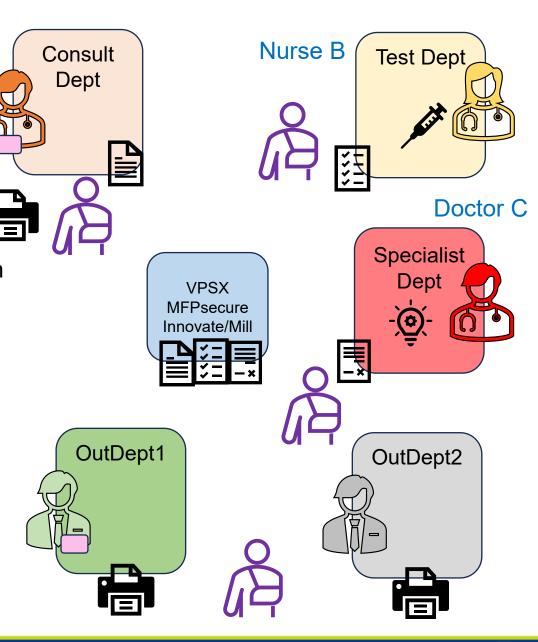


# **Healthcare Patient Visit**

- Patient X visits a hospital for a checkup at OutDept1
- Patient X sees Dr A for a consultation
  - Dr A writes up the notes and prints to OutDept1
  - sends Patient X to Nurse B for test
  - sends Patient X to Dr C in Dept2 for specialist examination

**Doctor A** 

- Nurse B takes test, notes results and prints to OutDept1
- Dr C examines Patient X, writes notes and prints to OutDept1
- Patient X goes to Reception to collect complete visit notes at OutDept1
- Dr A now also wants to print a copy of his notes for his own records







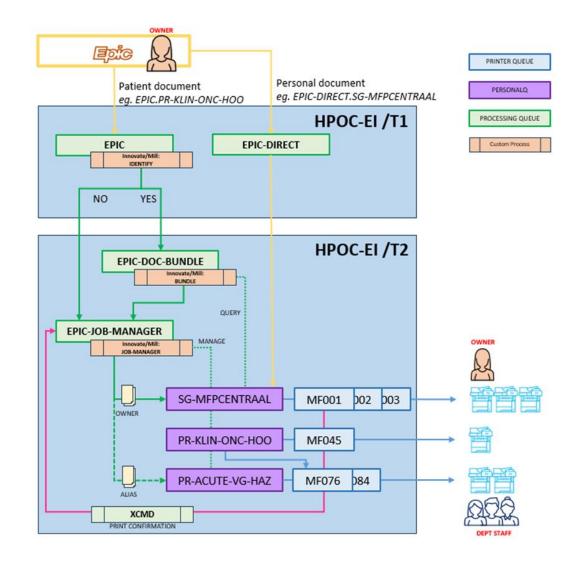
## **Healthcare Patient Visit**

#### **Document Processing**

There are four steps of processing for the submitted EPIC documents:

- Identify the document
- Bundle the document with any other documents for the same patient
- Manage routing of the bundle to appropriate PersonalQs for release ONLY:
  - by the physician who submitted the document, at **any** printer
  - by any healthcare worker in the location/department chosen by the physician
- Manage printing events to ensure either the physician OR the healthcare worker print the bundle so it cannot be printed in multiple places

These processing steps are performed by passing the document through various HP Output Central printer queues configured with Filters - the Filters call HP Innovate/Mill or LRS Custom Scripts to perform the appropriate processing on the document.





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#### The LRS/HP solution ensured:

- all documents for a patient are delivered together
- documents are printed only where needed by staff authorised to do so
- reduced manual effort and opportunity for mistakes
- enhanced and simplified the end-user experience for both medical staff and patient
- system is available 24/7 in a critical environment
- staff credentials and access are managed
- accurate real-time job status feedback to EPIC





# Sign-before-Print

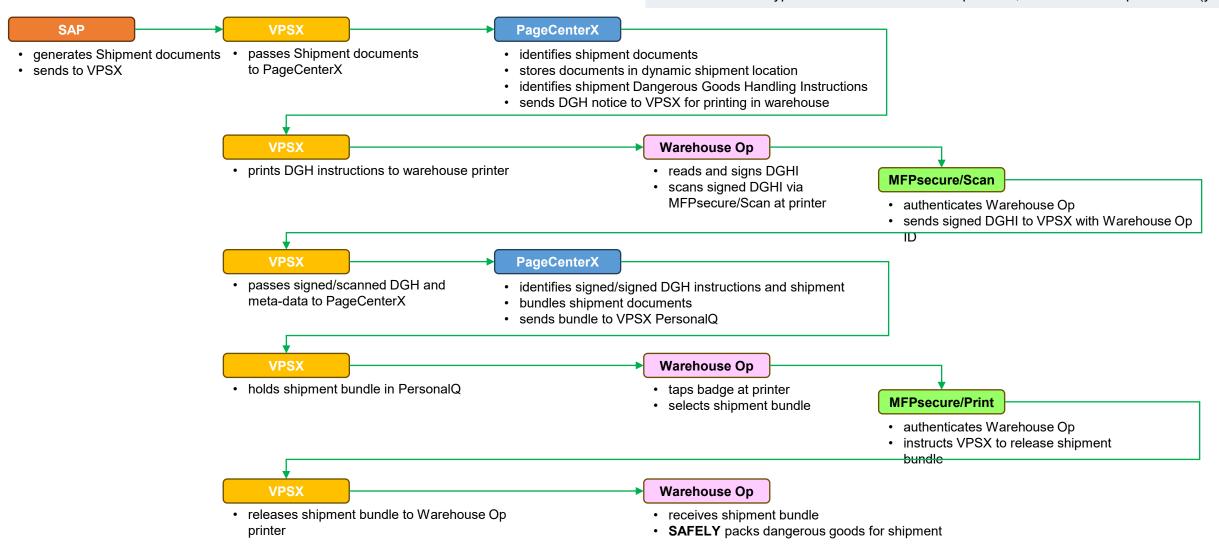




#### **Mining Company**

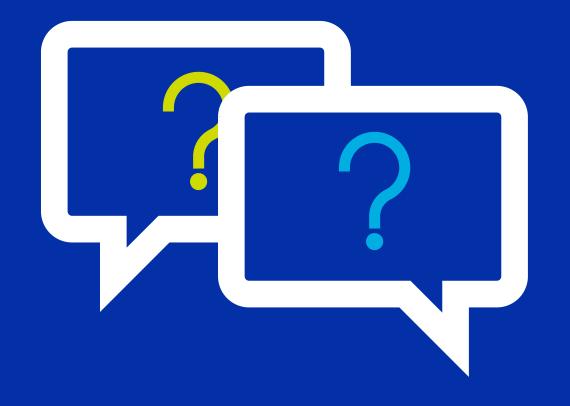
Dangerous product handling in shipping process\*

\* hypothetical solution to stated problem, not validated/implemented (yet!)









# Questions?





LRS EOM Notification Service for Direct Secure Release





### **LRS Notification Service**

#### Outages:

10.03.2025

"The EOM Notification Service was unable to fully service requests due to Azure App Service constraints"

17.04.2025

"There was a DNS change made that inadvertently impacted the EOM Notification Service"

18.09.2025

"A Microsoft maintenance event performed on the IoT hub caused all PPM clients globally to be disconnected from the EOM Notification Service. As the reconnection attempts began, the volume of requests resulted in simultaneous connection throttling limits to be encountered, which added additional time until full recovery could be achieved."



## **LRS Notification Service**

Lessons learnt and development changes.

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Personal Print Manager V1R4.0.019 (01/10/2025)

*** What's New ***
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- Added support for local release failover of a direct secure release print job is being processed while the system service is not connected to the EOM Notification Service.

#### Discussion with customer:

Options:

LRS EOM Notification Service vs MS SignalR

Fall-back:

Server-based pull-printing New: PPM V1R4.0.019







# Thank You

