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Industry Trends





Modern Print

The world as we know it is changing





Microsoft Modern Print Platform

 "Modern print is Windows' preferred means of communicating to printers, including the Internet Printing Protocol (IPP), eSCL scanning, and Universal Print."

- "Driverless printing architecture built into Windows.
- Replacing the traditional driverdependent print stack with a more secure, simplified, and consistent solution across all Windows devices."

Collection of features for Microsoft's vision of printing





Microsoft Modern Print Platform

- Key Terms:
- Mopria
- Windows protected print mode (WPP)
 - Direct Print requiring line of sight
- Print support applications (PSA's)
- Universal Print
 - A way to reduce the need for an intranet with limitations
- WPP, PWG IPP, Mopria, Driverless, PSA's, Wi-Fi-Direct, WSD...
- A paradise world for the Alphabet Soup Chefs (ASC's)





Mopria



- Formed in 2013 by Canon, HP, Samsung, and Xerox
- Created to standardize mobile printing
- Provides specs and certification tools for deviceprinter communication
- Supports local and internet-based printing
- Uses IPP, PWG, WSD, mDNS, Wi-Fi Direct, eSCL, IPP FAX
- Standards managed by multiple working groups
- LRS is an Executive Member of the Mopria Alliance





Windows Protected Print (WPP)

- Disables all print drivers except for the built in Microsoft IPP class driver
- Disables PrintUI and other connection mechanisms
- Enforces printing to Mopria certified devices only using Microsoft's drivers
- Windows verifies printer compatibility and abilities using IPP communications (if it can find the right device.)
- May be enabled by GPO, but currently no way to prevent accidental activation by an inquisitive end user





Windows Protected Print (WPP)

- Generates PDF's
- Finishing options via IPP Attributes
- Supports Universal Print
 - User must be authorized in Entra ID



re you sure you want to use Windows protected print mode

nis will remove printers that are not compatible with Windows protected print mode om your devices.

Yes, continue

Cancel





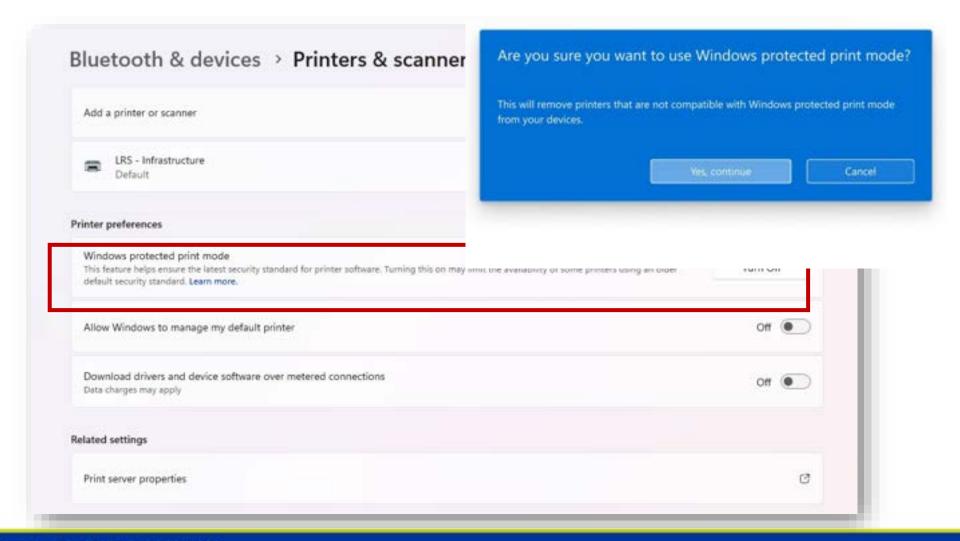
Microsoft Future

- Eliminate Windows Print Servers
- Everyone just prints locally or via universal print
- Focusing on end user generated print (Front-end printing)





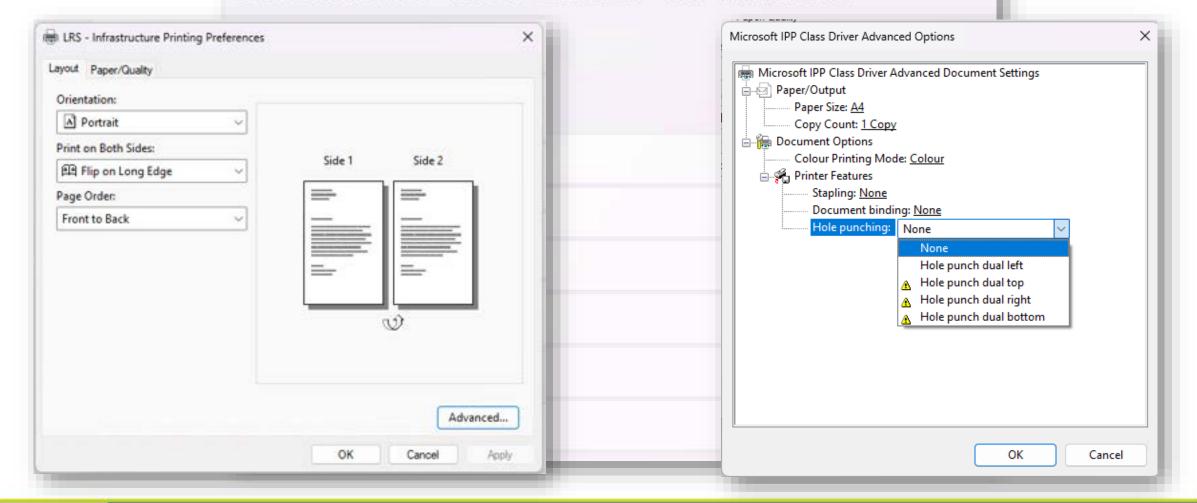
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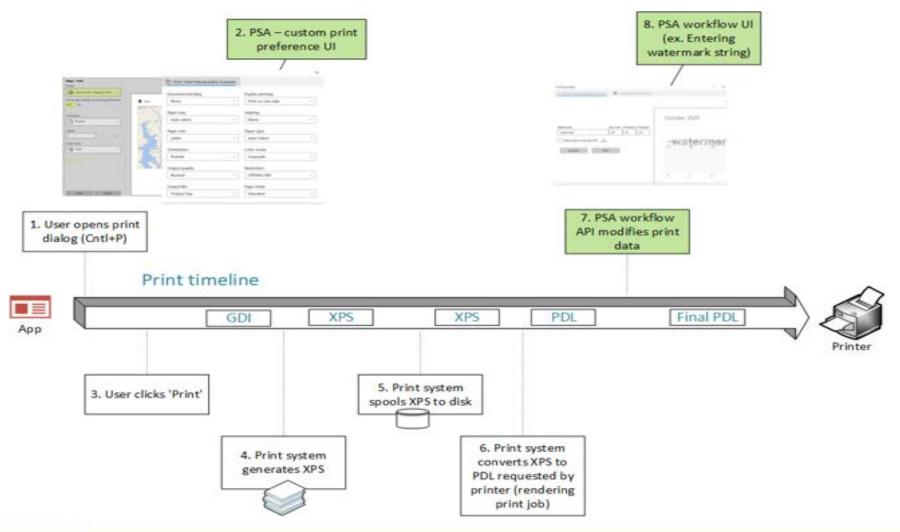
Bluetooth & devices > Printers & scanners > LRS - Infrastructure







Printer Support Apps



Third Party tools which allow for customisation of the printing process.



LRS Response

- LRS will continue to handle
- Printer installation
- Security via encryption
 - At rest
 - In motion
- Data stream conversion
- Policy enforcement
- Access control
- Specialized print applications

 LRS is actively developing a robust WPP Mopria-compatible solution that allows your organization to work as it always has





Cloud Strategies





Cloud first, Cloud all?

- I asked AI why companies try to move everything to the Cloud
- Here are three of the most common and compelling reasons companies shift their IT operations to the cloud:
- 🗅 1. Cost Efficiency
- Reduces capital expenditure on hardware and infrastructure.
- Converts fixed costs into variable ones—pay only for what you use.
- Minimizes maintenance and upgrade expenses by outsourcing to cloud providers.
- 2. Scalability and Flexibility
- Easily scale resources up or down based on demand.
- Supports rapid growth without the need for physical infrastructure changes.
- Enables global access and collaboration across distributed teams.
- 3. Improved Security and Reliability
- Cloud providers invest heavily in cybersecurity and compliance.
- Data backups, disaster recovery, and redundancy are built-in.
- Systems are monitored 24/7, reducing downtime and ensuring business continuity.





Why are 80% of companies repatriating?

- 🕸 1. Escalating Cloud Costs
- Cloud pricing can balloon over time, especially with storage-heavy or legacy workloads.
- Companies like 37 signals reported saving millions by exiting AWS.
- Subscription fees, data transfer costs, and unpredictable billing models often outweigh initial savings.
- Industries like healthcare and finance face strict regulations (e.g., HIPAA, GDPR).
- Keeping sensitive data in-house helps meet legal and internal policy requirements.
- Some organizations prefer direct control over where and how data is stored.
- 🔯 3. Performance and Architectural Control
- Repatriation allows for tailored infrastructure optimized for specific workloads.
- GEICO found cloud reliability issues and architectural limitations that hindered performance.
- On-prem setups can offer better latency, customization, and integration with legacy systems.





Hybrid Cloud Trends

Cloud as a Platform

The cloud is a powerful platform—ideal for certain workloads, but not a one-size-fits-all solution.

Print as an IoT Solution

Print services align more with IoT than SaaS. It's not just about browser access—it's about connected devices and smart infrastructure.

Cloud Economics

Transitioning to the cloud doesn't necessarily cut costs at the enterprise level—it redistributes capital across different operational areas.





Networks and Architecture







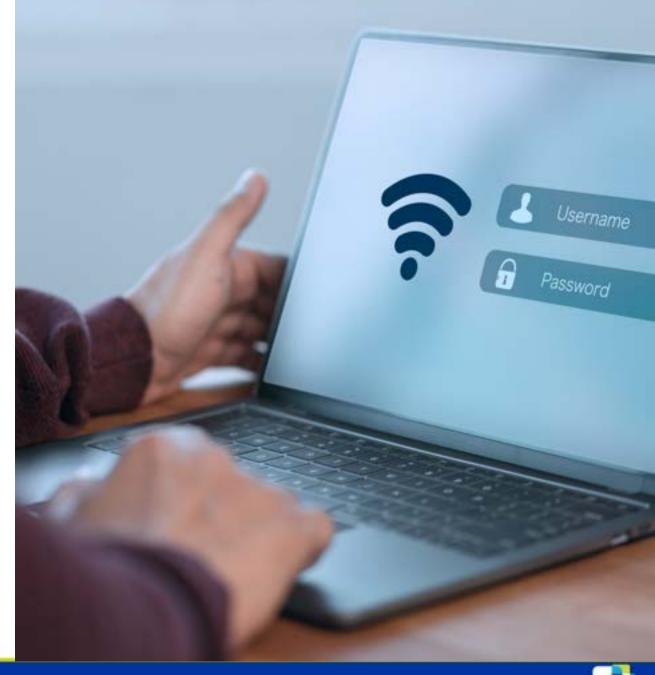
The old world | but that didn't work





So what are companies doing?

- Workstations on the open internet
- Printers either on the open internet (less common)
- Printers on an isolated subnet
 - So how do I print?





Strategies for the new world







HPPS over the open internet

Mopria Cloud

Pull print only

All of these things struggle with real, backend print.





AI





Is this real or is this another buzz word?

- · Yes.
 - Some companies are promoting old automation strategies as AI.
 - Some are creating new and innovative interfaces into real AI engines
 - Gemini
 - Co-Pilot
 - ChatGPT
 - Etc.
 - All is really good at generating anything that has an A→B need but there are requirements
 - An appropriate data set
 - Processing
 - Money





What to consider

- Get educated. Many things are good candidates for AI
- Look at cost in the Cloud. Also look at cost to build it in house many companies are repatriating AI engines.
- What about output management.
 - More on that later.



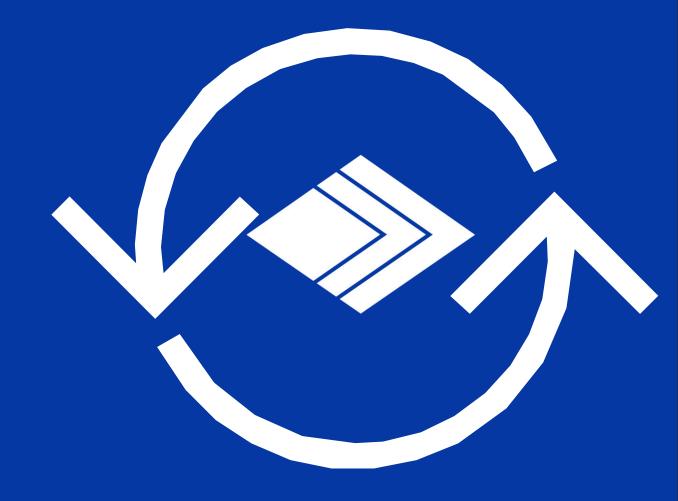


Product Update and Roadmap





Product Update



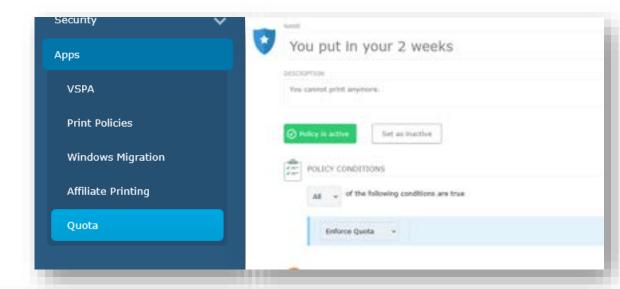


- New stuff released
 - Product updates
 - VPSX Family
 - MFPsecure/Print
 - MFPsecure/Scan
 - PageCenterX
 - Process updates
 - Futures



VPSX family - Quota

- What is Quota?
- Why, after all this time?
- How might it be used?

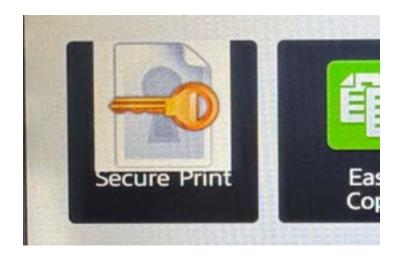








MFPsecure/Print updates

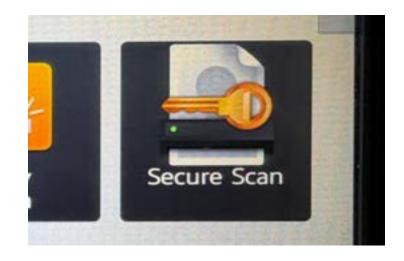


- Agents are always being improved
 - Underlying infrastructure and security
- Language additions and adjustments
- I printed it to my personal print queue but I did it wrong. Now what?
 - Some agents allow for adjustment at release time now
- Oh, Brother!
- Canon i-SENSE and ImageCLASS models
- What is meant by supported?





MFPsecure/Scan



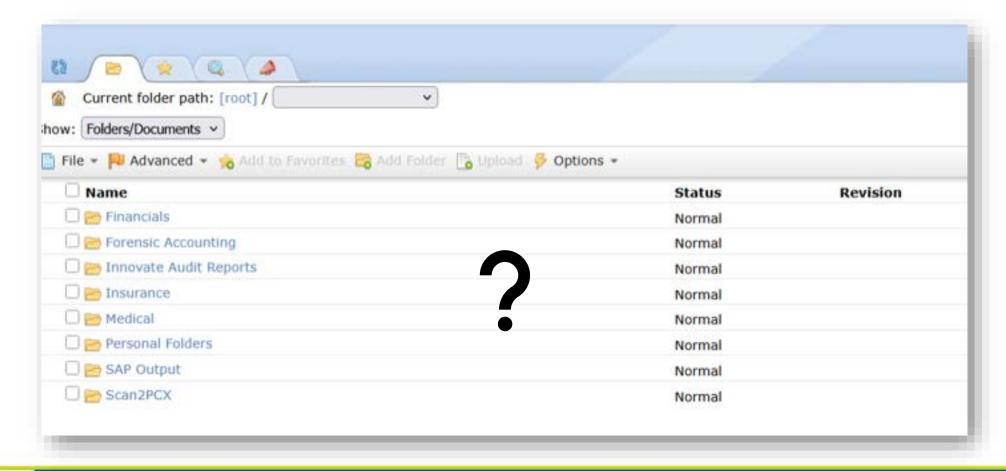
- Web UI Changes in the Web and legacy Uis
 - Google Drive, Google Mail, FTP
- Devices are always changing
 - HP Hi Res screens
- Real time adjustments at the MFD
- Language adjustments to OCR
- New job processor
- Numerous customer enhancements





PageCenterX

Added Drag and Drop functionality for moving documents

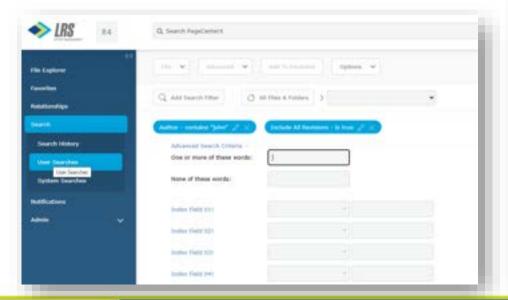


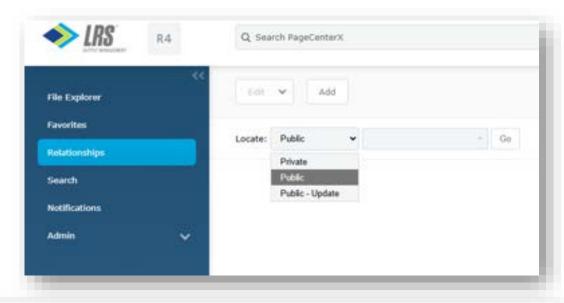


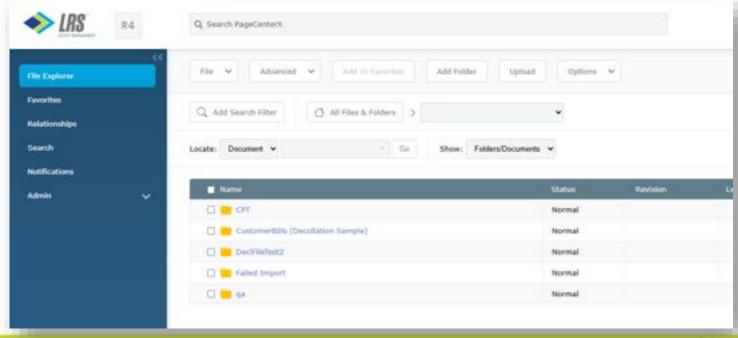


PageCenterX R4

- Gateway authentication
 - Authenticated transactions
 - Multi factor authentication?
 - That's up to you.
- New UI



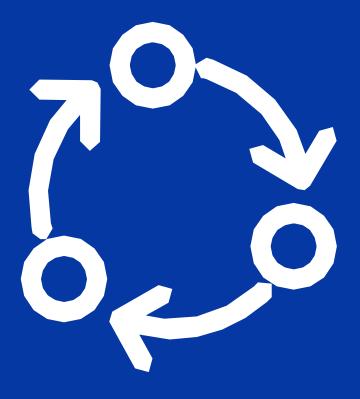








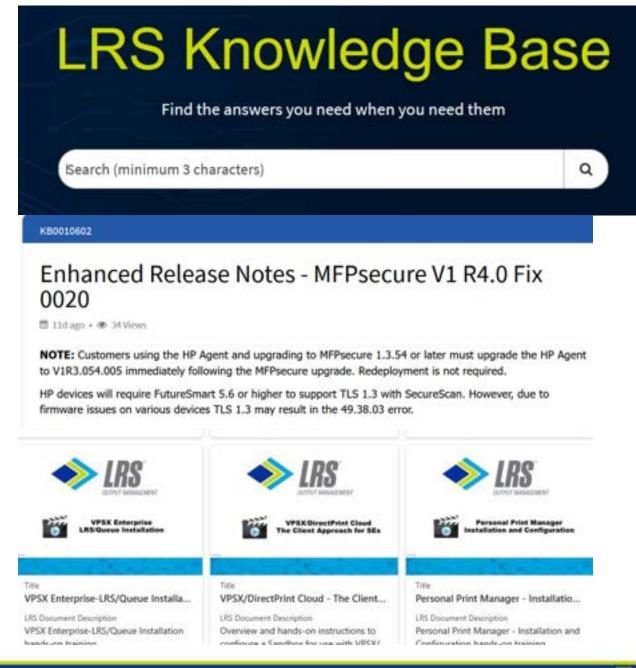
Process updates





Process Updates

- Knowledge base
- Enhanced release notes
- Training
 - Documents
 - Presentations
 - Videos
 - Quizzes
 - Watch Parties





Canon **Mopria Initiatives** Executive Members





- Who is Mopria?
 - Why did we join?
- Technical working group
- Cloud Working group
 - Cloud Tiger team
- Enterprise Working Group
 - Enterprise Tiger Team
- The problem is . . .





KYDCERa 🔀 Lexmark

























Adopters









Software Supporters



















LRS Mission Control

To infinity and beyond!





LRS Mission Control

- Available and encouraged.
- A Platform. This is the basis for LRS SaaS offerings
- Runs in Microsoft Azure
 - Front Door
 - Terraform
 - Database(s)
 - Storage
 - CPU
 - Ad infinitum





Customer benefit

- LRS Mission Control platform is included in onsite licensees
- Provides Analytics

- Provides license distribution
- R4 is prerequisite







LRS Mission Control

- How to think about SaaS costs:
 - Base infrastructure Azure, Development, Maintenance
 - Usage of various facilities
 - Access
 - Infrastructure creation and deployment
 - Analytics
 - CPU usage
 - Various storage
 - Base files
 - Database components
 - Database consumption
- Note that for onsite products, the customer pays these same things and assumes certain risks!





Some LRS Mission Control Concepts





Environment

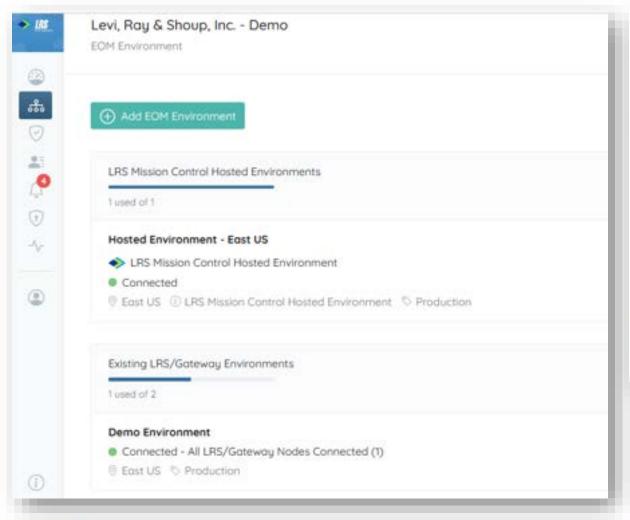
- LRS/Gateway Environment (On Premise)
- This is included with LRS Mission Control.
- We do not charge for this per se, but the cost to the customer is the onsite licenses they pay us for PLUS the infrastructure to run our products.
- You may have more than one of these within prescribed limits.

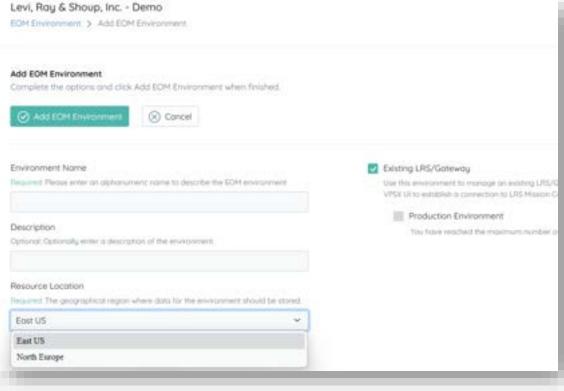
- LRS Mission Control Hosted Environment
- A single instance of LRS Mission Control resources. Customers may require multiple instances for purposes of managing the Azure data storage regions or for production and testing. Each is considered a separate LRS Mission Control instance and will incur an additional LRS Mission Control Hosted Environment fee.





For Example,







Single Hosted Environment

- This will be typical
- This provides a basis for products to run
- But
 - Some customers may have some unforeseen need for a second environment
 - Location?
 - Test? (I believe this is something we should discourage)
 - Storage segregation?
 - Who knows but . . .
 - A second environment will incur a fee that the first did not.

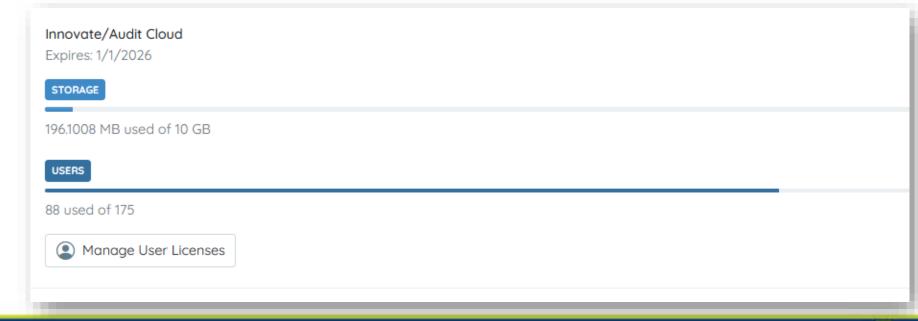






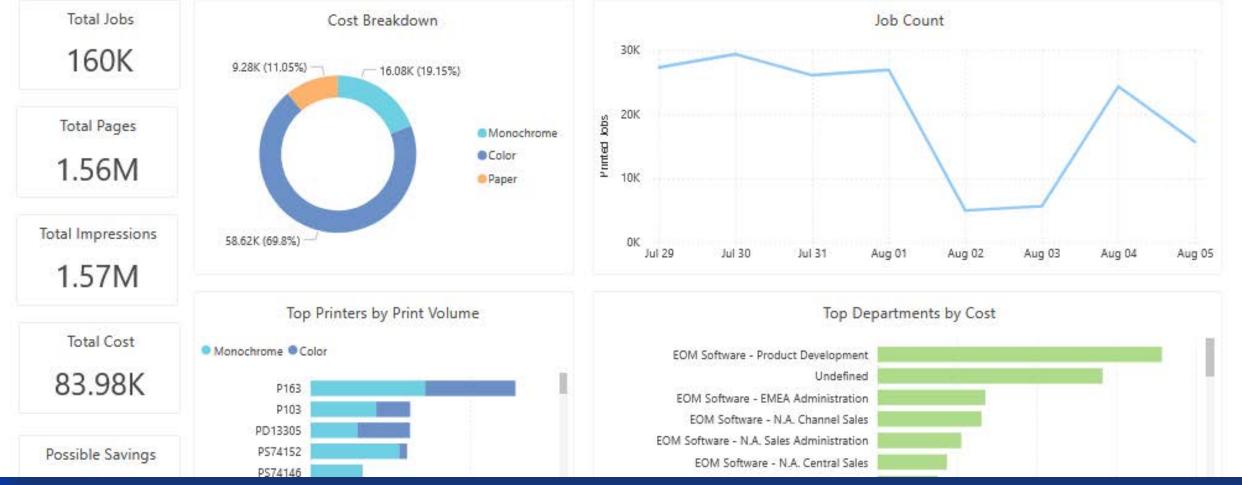
Innovate/Audit Cloud – Available today

- Accepts data from both LRS/Gateway and Hosted environments.
- If you have LRS/Gateway environment(s) (On Premise)
 - Innovate/Audit (AuditX) must be installed.
- Hosted Environments send data to Innovate/Audit Cloud only.
- Licensed
 - By storage and
 - By user









Reports are environment-specific, generated in Power BI, and represent a superset of the current I/A Reporting capabilities.

Innovate/Audit Cloud



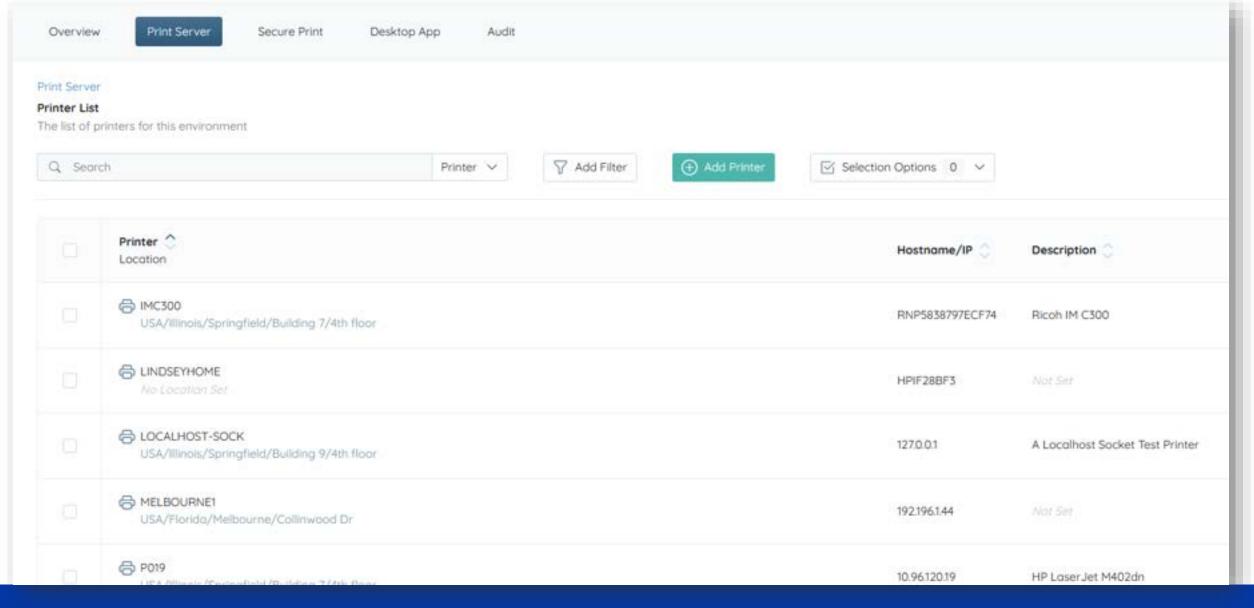


VPSX/DirectPrint Cloud – Available today

- Just like VPSX/DirectPrint, but without any onsite server
- Though the name says VPSX, this is NOT VPSX, but rather written for LRS Mission Control specifically
- The workstation agent used is the exact same Personal Print Manager.
 - This means the same look and feel
 - Driver uploads are the same
 - Direct Print is the same
 - Location data is . . .
 - Floorplans are . . .







VPSX/DirectPrint Cloud





MFPsecure/Print Cloud

- Allows users to print to a personal print queue and retrieve jobs from the device
- Jobs can be either Direct Secure Release or released from MFPsecure/Print Cloud
- If they are Direct Secure Release, then the workstation must have line of sight to the device
- If they are released from MFPsecure/Print Cloud, then it is the same as Internet Only printing.
- Submission is done via Personal Print Manager, same look and feel as onsite products to the end user.



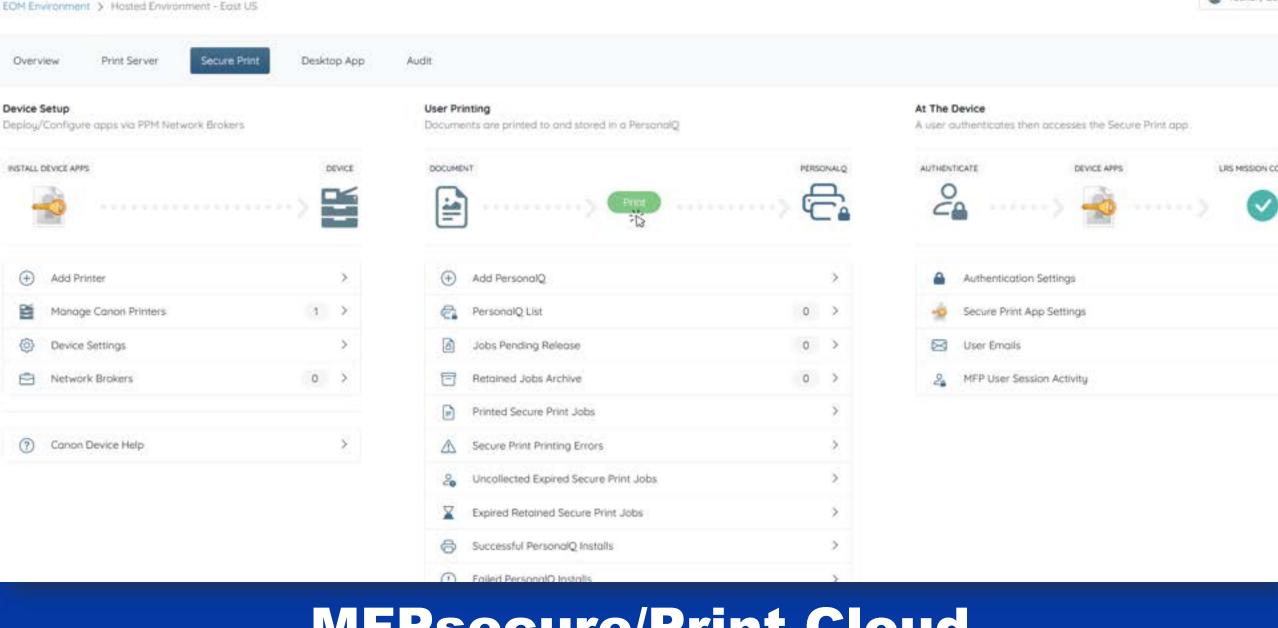


MFPsecure/Print Cloud

- Licensed by user
 - Enforced by safeguarding the add of a PPQ in PPM
- These are named users.
- The initial agents:
 - HP
 - Canon
 - Ricoh
 - Lexmark
- Agent deployment requires a Broker (PPM with line of sight to the printer) except for HP (Detailed to the SE team tomorrow).
- Agents work the same way as any Internet Only Agent.







MFPsecure/Print Cloud







MFPsecure/Scan Cloud – a product

- This is coming.
- Initial release will be scan to My Email and My OneDrive
- Licensed by users





MFPsecure/Print and Scan Cloud Timelines

- End of August
 - MFP/SecurePrint Cloud, Ricoh Agent, HP Agent
- End of September
 - Canon Agent
 - Lexmark Agent
- Mid October Phase 1
 - MFPsecure/Scan Cloud
 - Scan to My Email
 - Scan to My OneDrive
 - HP and Lexmark agents





MFPsecure/Print and Scan Cloud Timelines

- Mid-November Phase 2 Scan
 - Canon Agent (with page limit)
 - Ricoh Agent
 - Review plan for other potential agents
 - Xerox? KM?
- End of December Phase 3 Scan HP, Lexmark, Ricoh?
 - Scan to PPM Address book (email, OneDrive)
 - Scan to local folder as user (methods being discussed)
 - Scan to Teams
 - Scan to SharePoint
 - OneDrive folder navigation
 - PDF combining





MFPsecure/Print & Scan Cloud Timelines

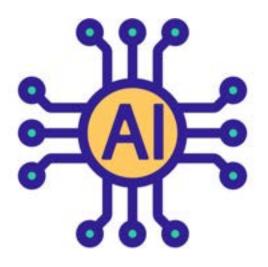
- End of January Phase 4
 - Update Canon Agent to remove page limit
- End of March Phase 5 HP, Lexmark, Ricoh
 - SecureScan Cloud Additional Features
 - Document processing and custom profiles
 - Scan to local folder extended
- End of April Phase 6
 - Canon Agent with SecureScan Cloud Additional Features
- May Phase 7
 - Additional Agents where possible.

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AI



- Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the ability of computer systems to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as learning, problem-solving, and decisionmaking. In essence, AI aims to create machines that can mimic human cognitive functions ~ AI
- Identify data in print scan jobs?
 - Data loss detection/prevention
- Actively being investigated
- How else might it fit into our product suite?







Questions?







Thank You



Technical Up-date

Mainframe Roadmap
Digitization & Scanning
Customer Stories
Q & A



