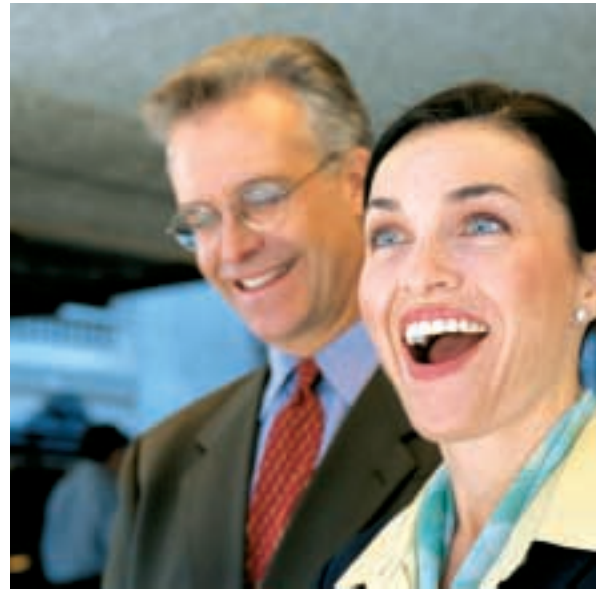


# Job Accounting

—Manage your print environment more efficiently with real-time monitoring and reporting



You could already have an installed printer base in your organisation, or you are in the process of planning a better printer deployment. Whichever the case may be, knowing your actual printing cost is the crucial first step to maximising the return on your printer investment and minimising the total cost of printer ownership. However, it is often difficult and time-consuming to track who is printing what, where, and when. Even if you manage to gather this information, you will probably still need to consolidate the data into meaningful reports.

This is especially so in a multiple-printer environment, where it is critical to be able to know at a glance the status of each and every printer—whether it is lying idle or printing, and how many pages are being printed, and how many pages are being printed by each user. These are information important to your business, as it gives you an overview of your investments and puts you in a better position to future decision-making, resource allocation and management.

Now, HP makes all that possible with one of the Job Accounting print solutions offered by HP today—MegaTrack.

## MegaTrack

MegaTrack gathers, evaluates and presents the information you need to control your printing costs. It monitors both local and remote print servers to gather detailed, comprehensive, real-time statistical information on printer usage and costs. The gathered data is broken down according to department, cost-centre, project, employee or printer, thus enabling the optimisation of printer deployment, workload and purchase of consumables.

MegaTrack is available in two versions – the MegaTrack Pro and the MegaTrack Lite. Each contains 3 modules, namely the MegaTrack Print Server (MPS), the MegaTrack Database Server (MDS) and the MegaTrack Web Server (MWS). The MegaTrack Pro version contains enhanced features such as automatic e-mail reports, more than 180 built-in reports, SNMP support, media cost and printer templates.

## How it works

The MegaTrack Print Server (MPS) monitors, scans and queries local and remote Windows NT/2000 and XP print servers, to compile detailed information on print usage. By analysing this information, MPS calculates a cost per page, based on a detailed printer profile, such as toner and media costs, depreciation, colour, duplex mode, etc. This information will be consolidated from each print server by the central MegaTrack Database Server (MDS).

The MegaTrack Web Server (MWS) software then prepares detailed, customised reports showing the detailed breakdown of printing costs. These can be accessed remotely using a web browser, and can also be easily exported to Excel, or configured to send automatically to designated email addresses.

## How does MegaTrack help in my role?

Areas of application	The MegaTrack advantage
<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Control Total Cost of Ownership</li><li>• Control total printing budget</li><li>• Save money by identifying and replacing inefficient printers</li></ul>
<b>General office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allocate printing cost by documents, devices or users</li><li>• Charge clients for printing (for lawyer firms, advertising agencies, etc)</li><li>• Justify printer/toner/paper maintenance costs</li></ul>
<b>IT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Justify printer purchases to the purchasing/financial manager</li><li>• Control the appropriate usage of printers</li><li>• Adapt printer functionality to print requirements</li><li>• Consolidate statistics on your company's printing habits</li></ul>
<b>Purchasing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toner/paper purchasing forecasts</li><li>• Justify printer/toner/paper maintenance costs</li></ul>

## Features at a glance

- Monitors, tracks and reports all network printer activity (Postscript and PCL)
- Produces detailed document and pages information including media type, size, duplex, economode, colour, monochrome, etc—for an accurate cost/document and detailed user/printer information
- Automatically detects printers once cost profiles for each printer has been assigned
- Scheduled report generation, automatically send results to email, one-click direct export to Excel
- Multi-currency management
- Tracking and reporting is totally transparent to users, and requires no client/workstation applications
- Distributed architecture for a fully scalable solution on multiple NT/2000/XP print-servers covering unlimited number of printers
- Billing/allocation code pop-up window for local printer tracking for NT/2000/XP workstations
- Macintosh workstation support (TCP/IP)
- Multi-language interface and reports in English, French, German, Spanish, Czech, Russian, Polish and Dutch
- Additional features on MegaTrack Pro:
  - More than 180 built-in reports on costs, users, devices and documents
  - Automatic email reports
  - SNMP support
  - Media cost and printer templates

## Benefits at a glance

- Enables web-based management/reporting and access across intranet/extranet/Internet
- Provides accurate, detailed and comprehensive real-time and statistical information on printer usage and printing costs—by department, cost-centre, project, employee and printer
- Enables the direct allocation of printing costs to a project, department, allocation code, etc. (via billing option)
- Transparent tracking function ensures no effect on user productivity, printing speed and LAN bandwidth

## Contact information

To find out more about MegaTrack and other HP printing solutions, simply visit our website at [www.hp.com/apac/printsolutions](http://www.hp.com/apac/printsolutions) today.

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