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4 Abstract: This document is a whitepaper that proposes the creation of a new “save-  
5 password” Job Template attribute that provides the Job with a persistent password that will  
6 need to be provided when initially printing or re-printing that Job.

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## 57 **1 Introduction**

58 Users and network administrators are increasingly concerned about network and data  
59 security, and this extends to printing. Most all Users are familiar with sending a Job to a  
60 Printer and the Printer processing that Job fairly immediately, and some do so using a “job  
61 password” that prevents the Job from being processed until the User provides that  
62 password on the Printer's control panel to approve its release to processing. The IPP “job-  
63 password” operation attribute [PWG5100.11] and related attributes provide support for this  
64 workflow. Some Printers also support saving jobs for later printing or re-printing. In certain  
65 cases there may be Users that wish to take advantage of both capabilities. Unfortunately  
66 however, since “job-password” is an operation attribute, and that Job's processing is the  
67 act of saving the Job, the “job-password” attribute does not persist beyond its being saved.  
68 Therefore, to support scenarios involving a password protected saved job, new attributes  
69 need to be defined that convey a Job password that persists beyond Job processing  
70 completion.

## 71 **2 Terminology**

### 72 **2.1 Protocol Roles Terminology**

73 This document defines the following protocol roles in order to specify unambiguous  
74 conformance requirements:

75 *Client*: Initiator of outgoing IPP session requests and sender of outgoing IPP operation  
76 requests (Hypertext Transfer Protocol -- HTTP/1.1 [RFC7230] User Agent).

77 *Printer*: Listener for incoming IPP session requests and receiver of incoming IPP operation  
78 requests (Hypertext Transfer Protocol -- HTTP/1.1 [RFC7230] Server) that represents one  
79 or more Physical Devices or a Logical Device.

### 80 **2.2 Other Terms Used in This Document**

81 *User*: A person or automata using a Client to communicate with a Printer.

### 82 **2.3 Acronyms and Organizations**

83 *IANA*: Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, <http://www.iana.org/>

84 *IETF*: Internet Engineering Task Force, <http://www.ietf.org/>

85 *ISO*: International Organization for Standardization, <http://www.iso.org/>

86 *PWG*: Printer Working Group, <http://www.pwg.org/>

## 87 **3 Requirements for IPP Job Save Password**

### 88 **3.1 Use Cases**

#### 89 **3.1.1 Protecting a Saved Document with a Persistent Password**

90 Wilma has written a document that she intends to save on her departmental MFD, to allow  
91 some of her peers to print copies as needed. But as the document contains sensitive  
92 information, Wilma wishes to only allow those who know the job's password to re-print  
93 copies. She is familiar with providing a password when configuring a print job, and she is  
94 also familiar with configuring the job to be saved in the printer. In the print dialog used to  
95 configure the print job on her computer, Wilma provides a password, and also chooses to  
96 have the job saved. Wilma clicks "Print" and the computer submits the job to the printer.  
97 The printer saves the job content and protects it with the password provided.

#### 98 **3.1.2 Re-printing a Saved Job Via Printer Control Panel**

99 Barney hears from Wilma that she has saved that document to the departmental MFD.  
100 Wilma tells Barney the job's name, and Barney then goes to the MFD and looks up the job.  
101 He taps on the control panel to have a copy printed, and is prompted to enter the job's  
102 password. He enters that on the control panel, and the MFD prints a copy. Barney collects  
103 it from the output bin and returns to his desk.

#### 104 **3.1.3 Re-printing a Saved Job Using An IPP Client**

105 Barney sends an IM to Betty that Wilma has saved a job on the departmental MFD. Betty  
106 opens her computer's print system and browses the saved jobs on the MFD. She selects  
107 the job and clicks "Print" to have a copy made for her. A dialog is presented asking for the  
108 job's password. Betty types in the job's password, and the MFD prints a copy. She collects  
109 it from the MFD and returns to her office.

### 110 **3.2 Exceptions**

111 Harvey, an employee from another department, walks up to Wilma's departmental MFD.  
112 The .

### 113 **3.3 Out of Scope**

114 The following are considered out of scope for this document:

- 115 1. How the Document or Documents in a Job are stored by the Printer
- 116 2. Methods for encrypting the document itself.
- 117 3. Mechanisms for supporting per-user credentials / access control list for releasing
- 118 the stored job.

## 118 **3.4 Design Requirements**

119 The design requirements for this document are:

- 120 1. Use existing attributes or collections if possible.
- 121 2. Support at the least the fidelity supported currently by “job password” and “job-  
122 password-encryption”
- 123 3. Register all attributes and operations with IANA

124 The design recommendations for this document are:

- 125 1. Reusing UI controls with similar enough purposes so that the user doesn't need  
126 to be confused by e.g. needing to interact with different controls for different  
127 kinds of passwords.

## 128 **4 Printer Description Attributes**

### 129 **4.1 save-password-supported (rangeOfInteger(0:255))**

130 The “save-password” Printer Description attribute specifies whether the Printer supports  
131 the persistent Job password specified by the “save-password” Job Template attribute, and  
132 if so, what range of lengths the Printer's password policy requires for the unencrypted  
133 value of “save-password”. If the Client allows the User to provide it with an unencrypted  
134 password value shorter than the lower bounds of “save-password-supported”, the behavior  
135 is undefined but the Job may never print.

### 136 **4.2 save-password-encryption-supported (1setOf (type2 keyword))**

137 The “save-password-encryption-supported” Printer Description attribute specifies the  
138 encryption formats supported by the Printer for encrypting “save-password”. Any of the  
139 keywords registered for the “job-password-encryption” attribute may be listed in the “save-  
140 password-encryption-supported” attribute, except for the keyword 'none' and all the  
141 keywords that are deprecated by the PWG in the IANA IPP Registry [IANA-IPP] as of this  
142 writing: 'sha', 'md2', 'md4', 'md5'. The 'sha3-256' encryption hashing algorithm MUST be  
143 supported if this attribute is supported, to ensure interoperability between implementations.  
144 This attribute MUST be supported if the “save-password” member attribute of “job-save-  
145 disposition” is supported.

### 146 **4.3 save-password-repertoire-configured (1setOf (type2 keyword))**

147 The “save-password-repertoire-configured” Printer Description attribute specifies the set of  
148 repertoires the Printer is configured to accept for a Job's “save-password-repertoire”  
149 attribute. The values specified by “save-password-repertoire-configured” MUST be present  
150 in the set of keyword values specified by “save-password-repertoire-supported”.

#### 151 **4.4 save-password-repertoire-supported (1setOf (type2 keyword))**

152 The “save-password-repertoire-supported” Printer Description attribute specifies the range  
153 of repertoires the Printer supports that may be configured for listing in the Printer’s “save-  
154 password-repertoire-configured” attribute. All keywords specified in the “save-password-  
155 repertoire-supported” must be registered in the IANA IPP Registry [IANA-IPP] for the “job-  
156 password-repertoire” attribute [IPPREPERTOIRE]. The 'iana\_utf-8\_any' keyword MUST be  
157 supported if this attribute is supported. This attribute MUST be supported if the “save-  
158 password-repertoire” member attribute of “job-save-disposition” is supported.

## 159 **5 Additional Values and Semantics for Existing Attributes**

### 160 **5.1 job-save-disposition Member Attributes**

161 This specification defines several new "job-save-disposition" member attributes to support  
162 the specification of a Job Save Password.

#### 163 **5.1.1 save-password (octetString(1024))**

164 The “save-password” member attribute specifies a password for the Job, which is  
165 semantically analogous to the “job-password” Operation attribute [PWG5100.11]. The  
166 Printer MUST NOT process the Job unless a User provides a password value that  
167 matches the value stored in “save-password” to authorize the Printer to allow its release.  
168 This member attribute MUST be present if the “save-password-encryption” member  
169 attribute is present.

170 The maximum length of this attribute is greater than the length of “save-password-  
171 supported” because this attribute needs to accommodate encrypted passwords which  
172 have longer fixed lengths.

#### 173 **5.1.2 save-password-encryption (type2 keyword)**

174 The “save-password-encryption” Job Template attribute specifies the hashing algorithm the  
175 Client employed to obfuscate the password value specified in the “save-password” Job  
176 Template attribute. This member attribute MUST be present if the “save-password”  
177 member attribute is present. The value held by “save-password-encryption” MUST be one  
178 of the values in the “save-password-encryption-supported” Printer Description attribute.

#### 179 **5.1.3 save-password-repertoire (type2 keyword)**

180 The “save-password-repertoire” Job Template attribute specifies the repertoire selected for  
181 the “save-password” attribute. This member attribute MUST be present if the “save-  
182 password” member attribute is present. The value held by “save-password-repertoire”  
183 MUST be one of the values in the “save-password-repertoire-supported” Printer  
184 Description attribute.

## 185 **6 Internationalization Considerations**

186 For interoperability and basic support for multiple languages, conforming implementations  
187 MUST support the Universal Character Set (UCS) Transformation Format -- 8 bit (UTF-8)  
188 [RFC3629] encoding of Unicode [UNICODE] [ISO10646] and the Unicode Format for  
189 Network Interchange [RFC5198].

190 Implementations of this specification SHOULD conform to the following standards on  
191 processing of human-readable Unicode text strings, see:

- 192 • Unicode Bidirectional Algorithm [UAX9] – left-to-right, right-to-left, and vertical
- 193 • Unicode Line Breaking Algorithm [UAX14] – character classes and wrapping
- 194 • Unicode Normalization Forms [UAX15] – especially NFC for [RFC5198]
- 195 • Unicode Text Segmentation [UAX29] – grapheme clusters, words, sentences
- 196 • Unicode Identifier and Pattern Syntax [UAX31] – identifier use and normalization
- 197 • Unicode Collation Algorithm [UTS10] – sorting
- 198 • Unicode Locale Data Markup Language [UTS35] – locale databases

199 Implementations of this specification are advised to also review the following informational  
200 documents on processing of human-readable Unicode text strings:

- 201 • Unicode Character Encoding Model [UTR17] – multi-layer character model
- 202 • Unicode in XML and other Markup Languages [UTR20] – XML usage
- 203 • Unicode Character Property Model [UTR23] – character properties
- 204 • Unicode Conformance Model [UTR33] – Unicode conformance basis

## 205 **7 Security Considerations**

206 The IPP extensions defined in this document require the same security considerations as  
207 defined in the IPP/1.1: Model and Semantics [RFC8011], IPP: Job and Printer Extensions  
208 – Set 2 (JPS2), and IPP Job Password Repertoire, plus additional security considerations  
209 below.

### 210 **7.1 Human-readable Strings**

211 Implementations of this specification SHOULD conform to the following standard on  
212 processing of human-readable Unicode text strings, see:



- 213       • Unicode Security Mechanisms [UTS39] – detecting and avoiding security attacks
- 214 Implementations of this specification are advised to also review the following informational
- 215 document on processing of human-readable Unicode text strings:
- 216       • Unicode Security FAQ [UNISECFAQ] – common Unicode security issues

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