

## News

### Press releases

#### **IBM improves e-business output from iSeries V5R2**

##### **Infoprint for iSeries provides the choice to seamlessly deliver traditional or electronic output**

**BOULDER, Colo., June 4, 2002.** . . To better enable e-business output from IBM eServer iSeries' operating system -- OS/400 Version 5 Release 2 -- IBM has extended the functionality and improved on the ease-of-use of its Infoprint software offerings for iSeries. The new capabilities, which are now directly accessible from standard iSeries user interfaces, focus on PDF and e-mail capabilities in Infoprint Server for iSeries.

“V5R2 builds on the electronic output capabilities first delivered with V5R1,” said Bill Shaffer, iSeries product manager, IBM Printing Systems. “With the expanded capabilities and system integration of IBM’s Infoprint functions for V5R2, iSeries customers should really view these offerings as essential utilities for managing enterprise output in an e-business environment.”

##### Infoprint Server

Infoprint Server extends the capabilities of iSeries beyond printing, to management and distribution of electronic and printed output. The software enables iSeries users to transform any standard iSeries output format to produce electronic output -- Web-ready Advanced Function Presentation (AFP) or PDF. Once transformed, these documents can be e-mailed, viewed or printed. Another benefit of Infoprint Server is its iSeries management of network output. Infoprint Server provides transforms for PCL, PostScript, and PDF into AFP so output generated in those formats can be brought into the iSeries and effectively managed to the printer.

Infoprint Server for iSeries V5R2 offers the following:

- New easy-to-use interface to Infoprint Server PDF and e-mail functions
- Expanded control over e-mail content
- Support for virtually any mail server
- Integration with iSeries Access and iSeries Access for Web

##### **Infoprint Server Put to Good Use**

E.D. Smith & Sons, Limited, one of the best-known names in Canadian food industry, was looking to reduce paper flow and speed the pace of business when it became a beta site for iSeries V5R1. As a result of the iSeries solution that was implemented, which included Infoprint Server, E.D. Smith re-engineered its accounts payable payment application to e-mail PDF's of supplier payment remittance advices. This began a drive to electronically distribute as many business documents as possible.

According to Beverly R. Russell of E.D. Smith, "Quite a few years ago we eliminated most of our preprinted forms, opting to print them on plain paper or letterhead using overlays to re-create the look of the form. We then began automatically faxing many of these documents. Infoprint Server allows us to go to the next level of automation and reduce our distribution costs even further. By adding a few data fields, that contain the recipients' e-mail addresses, on to some of our master files, like our customer and vendor master, we have been able to transform our existing print/fax processes to automatically distribute these documents via e-mail at zero cost and have them delivered

almost instantly."

### **Infoprint Designer**

In addition to Infoprint Server, iSeries users can take advantage of Infoprint Designer a fully graphical tool for designing or redesigning iSeries output. The design interface runs on Windows with tight iSeries integration. The software is intended to meet the requirements of today's complex documents and reports, producing fully electronic documents that combine data, text, fonts, electronic forms, graphics, images, and bar coding.

### **Print Services Facility/400**

Print Services Facility/400 (PSF/400) manages the delivery of iSeries output to Intelligent Printer Data Stream (IPDS) printers and helps ensure that each page and job is printed completely, with full error recovery and page range support. For V5R2, PSF/400 includes support for two-dimensional bar codes, enhanced finishing capabilities, and IBM's recently introduced Infoprint 2085 and Infoprint 2105 high-speed, cut-sheet, production printers.

### **Pricing and Availability**

Infoprint Server and PSF/400 will be generally available worldwide on August 30, 2002.

U.S. list pricing is as follows[1]:

Infoprint Server pricing is a one time charge based on the iSeries server being utilized.

- \$595 for P05 server
- \$1,495 for P10 server
- \$2,495 for P20 server
- \$4,295 for P30 server
- \$5,995 for P40 server
- \$7,995 for P50 server
- \$9,995 for P60 server

Infoprint Designer is priced at a one-time charge of \$6,000.

PSF/400 is a one time charge based on the speed (impressions per minute -- ipm) of the printers, with no limit on the number of printers.

- \$2,495 to support printers that output at speeds up to 45 ipm
- \$4,500 to support printers that output at speeds up to 100 ipm
- \$6,995 to support printers that output at any speed

### **About IBM Printing Systems**

IBM Printing Systems specializes in e-business printing solutions. The company focuses on information and output management products and offerings that enhance print operations, maximize efficiencies and reduce print and related costs for companies and department of all sizes. A leader in production print solutions, print-on-demand technologies, distributed print technologies, one-to-one marketing initiatives and print management software, IBM Printing Systems' offerings include printers, software, consultation, systems integration, supplies, service and support. For more information visit [www.ibm.com/printers](http://www.ibm.com/printers). For more information on iSeries printing, visit [www.ibm.com/eserver/series/printing](http://www.ibm.com/eserver/series/printing)

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