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Today, all high volume document producers, either in-plant or service bureaus are under constant pressure to increase productivity, operational efficiency and support the evolving output needs of the organization. However, with the relentless pace of technology and burden of legacy systems, many organizations are left with a complex, closed and diverse output technology infrastructure.

An Output Management Solution to Meet Your Challenges

Organizations accumulate a wide range of disparate output devices and specialized software components that fail to respond effectively to their growing business needs. Ultimately, this results in significantly higher operating costs.

Faced with these challenges, organizations turn to an output management solution that provides an open, centralized and cost effective approach to manage current and future document output requirements.

The Output Manager of Choice

P/I Output Manager is an open, industrial strength, output management solution that incorporates flexible printstream transformation, centralized resource management, and output device independence. It frees users from proprietary printstreams and vendors, allowing them to tailor a solution to meet their business output needs.

A Modular and Scalable Architecture

P/I Output Manager is based on a modular, multi-tasking, scalable MS Windows architecture. Regardless of the size of the printing environment, P/I Output Manager can be configured to meet the output requirements of the operation. The architecture ensures that P/I Output Manager is able to easily scale to your precise output needs, especially in today's evolving and heterogeneous output environments.

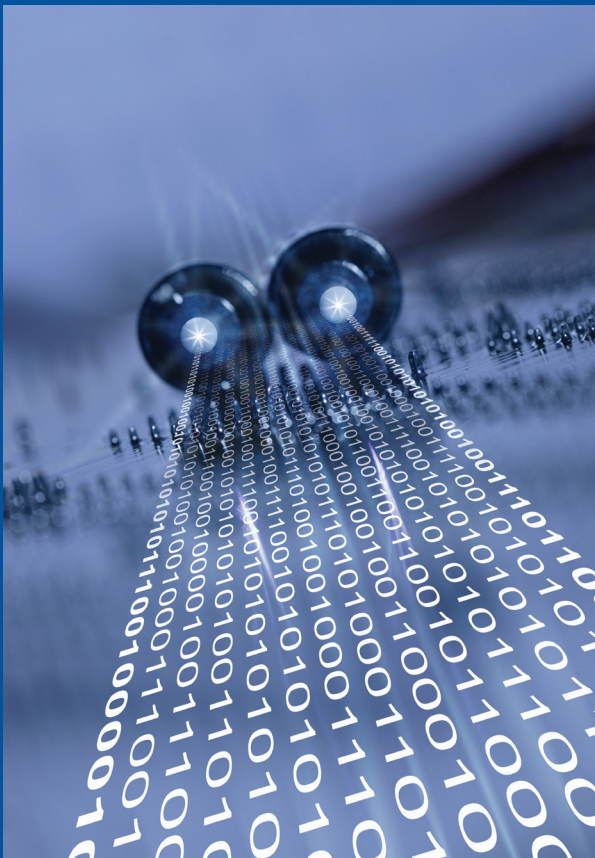
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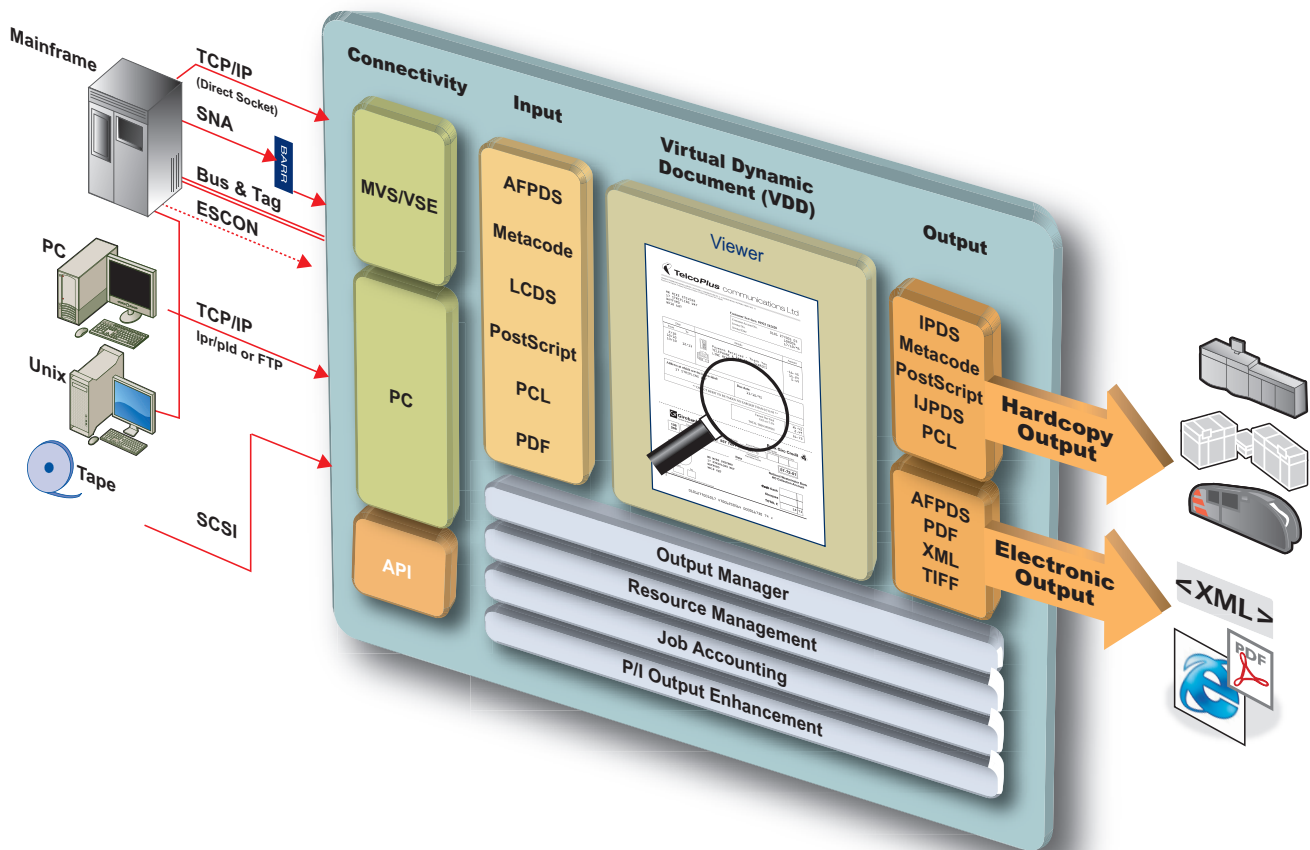
The power of P/I Output Manager lies in its unique Virtual Document Format. Unlike many other solutions, P/I Output Manager transforms all input printstreams into its 'Virtual Dynamic Document' (VDD) format that maintains the document integrity, allowing P/I Output Manager to have complete control over the document to either index, split or sort the job. To output, the VDD is simply transformed to the required output printstream or electronic format. An integrated VDD browser is also provided to allow Operations to view jobs before, during, or after printing.

Any-to-Any 'Text-Based' Transforms

Most print centers typically include a combination of disparate output devices to deal with a variety of output Page Description Languages (PDL) from both legacy and modern print applications. To maximize asset utilization, P/I Output Manager provides the most extensive set of PDL transformation capabilities available on the market.

Through its unique VDD architecture, P/I Output Manager performs text-based transforms for all the common input printstreams and outputs them as either printer specific PDLs or electronic formats – giving you "Any-to-Any" document output capability.





Optimized for Speed

In a production environment, maintaining maximum throughput is essential. P/I Output Manager 'Real-Time' transformation enable real-time concurrent input and output processing. This ensures that the 'First Page' out time is reduced to a minimum. For large print jobs, this significantly improves printer performance and job throughput and differs from other solutions which are "batch process" oriented.

Open, Multi-Vendor Support

With the industry-wide push towards open or non-proprietary systems, P/I Output Manager's "any-to-any" printstream transform architecture supports devices from industry leading hardware printer vendors, allowing customers to choose the printer(s) best suited to their operation and thus reducing the dependency on a single vendor.

Connectivity

Close to 80 percent of an enterprise's mission-critical data still resides on mainframe, AS/400, Linux, and UNIX systems. P/I Output Manager offers many ways to help you access these host printstreams. Whether it's replacing expensive channel extenders or connection over the network via TCP /IP, P/I Output Manager can connect to your host systems in the most efficient and productive way possible.

Easy to Use

From initial application set-up to on-going operational tasks, P/I Output Manager provides a simple, yet powerful, graphical

user interface that offers advanced job queue management, document viewing and accounting, a system capable of supporting the most sophisticated print operation while minimizing operator training needs.

Resource Management

Managing resources (especially Xerox LCDS resources) in a dynamic multi-printer environment is a major headache for all Print Operations. P/I Output Manager Resource Management removes the pain by intelligently managing all print resources. P/I Output Manager supports resource downloading, in-line resources and date and time stamping to ensure that the right resource is available for the right application at the right printer.

Centralized Control

Many organizations typically have a myriad of output devices, often from different printer vendors, dealing with a complex set of legacy and modern applications with its unique workflow processes. P/I Output Manager is ideally suited to a heterogeneous environment, providing centralized control for all devices. The P/I Output Manager GUI allows operators to quickly set-up new applications, assign devices, and drive printers from a central console - enhancing overall operational control while reducing operations workload.

P/I Output Manager Business Benefits

Greater Operational Efficiency

Maximizing operational efficiencies and productivity is vital for any organization. P/I Output Manager's superior functionality and ease of use ensures optimum performance, control and minimizes staff and training requirements. Automating processes such as reprints with P/I Output Manager offers increased efficiencies.

Core to an ADF

Today, enterprises constantly strive to reduce errors, lower operating costs and increase productivity. The Automated Document Factory (ADF) is typically the embodiment of this relentless pursuit for greater operational efficiency. P/I Output Manager is ideally positioned to become the core component of an ADF by providing centralized control, "any-to-any" transformation, job indexing and automated reprints.

A Catalyst for Convergence

As the need for convergence of Print on Demand and Data Center operations intensifies, P/I Output Manager provides the catalyst to make this a reality. Whether the data comes from a mainframe in AFP or LCDS, or from the network in PostScript, PDF or PCL format, P/I Output Manager handles them all, maximizing asset utilization.

Reduces Cost

P/I Output Manager's centralized control, "any-to-any" transforms, job indexing, channel extension replacement, and automated reprinting capability, can significantly help organizations to reduce errors, lower operating costs, increase productivity, and improve document presentation in order to stay competitive.



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