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11 **The ‘mailto’ Delivery Method for Event Notifications**

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23 **Abstract**

24 This document describes an extension to the Internet Printing Protocol/1.0 (IPP) [RFC2566, RFC2565]
25 and IPP/1.1 [RFC2911, RFC2910]. This document specifies the ‘mailto’ Delivery Method for use with
26 the “IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions” specification [ipp-ntfy]. When IPP Notification [ipp-
27 ntfy] is supported, the Delivery Method defined in this document is one of the RECOMMENDED
28 Delivery Methods for Printers to support.

29 For this Delivery Method, when an Event occurs, the Printer immediately sends an Event Notification
30 via an email message to the Notification Recipient specified in the Subscription Object. The message
31 body of the email consists of Human Consumable text that is not intended to be parsed by a machine.
32 The Notification Recipient receives the Event Notification in the same way as it receives any other email
33 message.
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84 1 Introduction

85 The "IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions" document [ipp-ntfy] defines an OPTIONAL extension
86 to Internet Printing Protocol/1.0 (IPP) [RFC2566, RFC2565] and IPP/1.1 [RFC2911, RFC2910] (for a
87 description of the base IPP documents, see section 13). That extension defines operations that a client
88 can perform in order to create *Subscription Objects* in a Printer and carry out other operations on them.
89 A Subscription Object represents a Subscription abstraction. A client associates Subscription Objects
90 with a particular Job by performing the Create-Job-Subscriptions operation or by submitting a Job with
91 subscription information. A client associates Subscription Objects with the Printer by performing a
92 Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation. Four other operations are defined for Subscription Objects:
93 Get-Subscriptions-Attributes, Get-Subscriptions, Renew-Subscription, and Cancel-Subscription. The
94 Subscription Object specifies that when one of the specified *Events* occurs, the Printer sends an
95 asynchronous *Event Notification* to the specified *Notification Recipient* via the specified *Delivery*
96 *Method* (i.e., protocol).

97 The "IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions" document [ipp-ntfy] specifies that each Delivery
98 Method is defined in another document. This document is one such document, and it specifies the
99 'mailto' delivery method. When IPP Notification [ipp-ntfy] is supported, the Delivery Method defined
100 in this document is one of the RECOMMENDED Delivery Methods and Printers to support.

101 For this Delivery Method, when an Event occurs, the Printer immediately sends an Event Notification
102 via an email message to the Notification Recipient specified in the Subscription Object. The message
103 body of the email consists of Human Consumable text that is not intended to be parsed by a machine.
104 The 'mailto' Delivery Method is a 'push' Delivery Method as defined in [ipp-ntfy].

105 The Notification Recipient receives the Event Notification in the same way as it receives any other email
106 message.

107 2 Terminology

108 This section defines the following terms that are used throughout this document:

109 This document uses the same terminology as [RFC2911], such as "client", "Printer", "attribute",
110 "attribute value", "keyword", "operation", "request", "response", and "support".

111 Capitalized terms, such as **MUST**, **MUST NOT**, **REQUIRED**, **SHOULD**, **SHOULD NOT**, **MAY**,
112 **NEED NOT**, and **OPTIONAL**, have special meaning relating to conformance as defined in RFC 2119
113 [RFC2119] and [RFC2911] section 12.1. If an implementation supports the extension defined in this
114 document, then these terms apply; otherwise, they do not. These terms define conformance to *this*
115 *document only*; they do not affect conformance to other documents, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

116 Capitalized terms, such as Notification Recipient, Event Notification, Compound Event Notification,
117 Printer, etc., are defined in [ipp-ntfy], have the same meanings, and are not reproduced here.

118 3 Model and Operation

119 In a Subscription Creation Operation, when the value of the “notify-recipient-uri” attribute contains the
120 URI scheme “mailto”, the client is requesting that the Printer use the ‘mailto’ Delivery Method for
121 Event Notifications generated from the new Subscription Object.

122 For this Delivery Method, the “notify-recipient-uri” attribute value MUST consist of a “mailto” scheme
123 followed by a colon, and then followed by an address part (e.g., ‘mailto:smith@abc.com’). See section
124 5.2.1 for the syntax of the “notify-recipient-uri” attribute value for this Delivery Method.

125 A Printer MUST support SMTP [RFC821], and it MAY support other email protocols. A Printer MAY
126 use additional services, such as SMTP delivery status notification [RFC1891] or S/MIME encryption
127 [RFC2633].

128 If the client wants the Printer to send Event Notifications via the ‘mailto’ Delivery Method, the client
129 MUST choose a value for “notify-recipient-uri” attribute which conforms to the rules of section 5.2.1.
130 To avoid denial-of-service attacks, a client SHOULD NOT use distribution lists as the Notification
131 Recipient.

132 When an Event occurs, the Printer MUST immediately:

- 133 1. Find all pertinent Subscription Objects P according to the rules of section 9 of [ipp-ntfy], AND
- 134 2. Find the subset M of these Subscription Objects P whose “notify-recipient-uri” attribute has a
135 scheme value of ‘mailto’, AND
- 136 3. For each Subscription Object in M, the Printer MUST
 - 137 a) generate an email message as specified in section 5.2.2 AND
 - 138 b) send the email message to the Notification Recipient specified by the address part of the “notify-
139 recipient-uri” attribute value (see section 5.2.1).

140 If the Printer supports only SMTP, it MUST send the email message via SMTP. If the Printer supports
141 additional email protocols, it MUST determine the protocol from the address part of the “notify-
142 recipient-uri” attribute value and then send the email message via the appropriate email protocol.

143 When a Subscribing Client is subscribing to the ‘job-progress’ event (which is a frequently occurring
144 event), it SHOULD supply the “notify-time-interval” attribute (see [ipp-ntfy]) in the Subscription
145 Creation request with a suitable value to limit the time between ‘job-progress’ Event Notifications sent
146 by the Printer.

147 4 General Information

148 If a Printer supports this Delivery Method, the following are its characteristics.

Table 1 – Information about the Delivery Method

Document Method Conformance Requirement	Delivery Method Realization
1. What is the URL scheme name for the Delivery Method?	mailto
2. Is the Delivery Method REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED, or OPTIONAL for an IPP Printer to support?	RECOMMENDED
3. What transport and delivery protocols does the Printer use to deliver the Event Notification Content, i.e., what is the entire network stack?	A Printer MUST support SMTP. It MAY support other email protocols.
4. Can several Event Notifications be combined into a Compound Event Notification?	A Printer implementation MAY combine several Event Notifications into a single email message (see section 6).
5. Is the Delivery Method initiated by the Notification Recipient (pull), or by the Printer (push)?	This Delivery Method is a push.
6. Is the Event Notification content Machine Consumable or Human Consumable?	Human Consumable
7. What section in this document answers the following question? For a Machine Consumable Event Notification, what is the representation and encoding of values defined in section 9.1 of [ipp-ntfy] and the conformance requirements thereof? For a Human Consumable Event Notification, what is the representation and encoding of pieces of information defined in section 9.2 of [ipp-ntfy] and the conformance requirements thereof?	Section 6
8. What are the latency and reliability of the transport and delivery protocol?	Same as the underlying SMTP (or other optional) email transport
9. What are the security aspects of the transport and delivery protocol, e.g., how it is handled in firewalls?	Same as the underlying SMTP (or other optional) email transport
10. What are the content length restrictions?	None
11. What are the additional values or pieces of information that a Printer sends in an Event Notification content and the conformance requirements thereof?	None
12. What are the additional Subscription Template and/or Subscription Description attributes and the conformance requirements thereof?	See section 5.1.1 on "notify-mailto-text-only"
13. What are the additional Printer Description attributes and the conformance requirements thereof?	None

150 5 Subscription Template Attributes

151 5.1 Additional Subscription Template Attributes

152 This Delivery Method introduces one additional Subscription Template Attribute (See Table 2).

153 **Table 2 – Additional Subscription Template Attributes**

Attribute in Subscription Object	Default and Supported Printer Attributes
notify-mailto-text-only (boolean)	N/A

154 5.1.1 notify-mailto-text-only (boolean)

155 When the Printer generates an Event Notification from a Subscription Object, this attribute specifies
 156 whether the Printer generates the Event Notification with only plain text (i.e. 'text/plain') or with
 157 Content-Types that the Printer chooses.

158 The Printer **MUST** support this attribute if it supports the 'mailto' Delivery Method.

159 A client **MAY** supply this attribute. If a client does not supply this attribute, the Printer **MUST** populate
 160 this attribute with the value of 'false' on the Subscription Object. There is no "notify-mailto-text-only-
 161 default" attribute.

162 If the value of this attribute is 'true' in a Subscription Object, the message body of each Event
 163 Notification that the Printer generates from the Subscription Object **MUST** contain plain text only (i.e.
 164 'text/plain' with the charset specified by the "notify-charset" Subscription Object attribute).

165 If the value of this attribute is 'false' in a Subscription Object, the Content-Type of the message body of
 166 each Event Notification that the Printer generates from the Subscription Object **MUST** be either
 167 'text/plain' or 'multipart', depending on implementation. If the Content-Type is 'multipart', one
 168 message body of the 'multipart' **MUST** be the same as the 'text/plain' message body when this attribute
 169 has the value of 'true'. Each of the other message bodies of the 'multipart' **MAY** be any Content-Type
 170 (e.g. 'text/html', 'image/gif', 'audio/basic', etc.).

171 A Printer **MUST** support both values ('true' and 'false') of this attribute. There is no "notify-mailto-
 172 text-only-supported" attribute.

173 5.2 Additional Information about Subscription Template Attributes

174 This section describes additional values for attributes defined in [ipp-ntfy].

175 5.2.1 notify-recipient-uri (uri)

176 This section describes the syntax of the value of this attribute for the 'mailto' Delivery Method. The
177 syntax for values of this attribute for other Delivery Method is defined in other Delivery Method
178 Documents.

179 In order to support the 'mailto' Delivery Method, the Printer MUST support the following syntax for
180 the 'mailto' Delivery Method when the Printer uses SMTP. The line below use RFC 822 syntax rules
181 and terms.

182 "mailto:" mailbox

183 Note: the above syntax allows 1 occurrence of 'mailbox'. The occurrence of 'mailbox' represents an
184 email address of a Notification Recipient.

185 For SMTP, the phrase 'address part' of the "notify-recipient-uri" attribute value refers to the 'mailbox'
186 part of the value. Example:

```
187 mailto:jones@acme.com
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188
189 Unlike other URLs, the mailto scheme MUST NOT use // after the colon (see [RFC2368]).

190 The Printer MAY support other syntax for the 'address part' if it supports email protocols in addition to
191 SMTP.

192 As noted in [ipp-ntfy], the uriScheme value of the corresponding "notify-schemes-supported" Printer
193 attribute does not include the ":" character.

194 5.2.2 notify-user-data (octetString(63))

195 This attribute has a special use for the 'mailto' Delivery Method. It specifies the email address of the
196 Subscribing Client. It is primarily useful when the Notification Recipient is some person other than the
197 Subscribing Client. Then the Notification Recipient has a way to reply to the Subscribing Client.

198 If a client specifies this Delivery Method in a Subscription Creation Operation, and the specified
199 Notification Recipient is not associated with the same person as the client, the client SHOULD supply
200 its email address as the value of the "notify-user-data" attribute. If the client does not supply this
201 attribute, the Printer MUST NOT populate the Subscription Object with this attribute.

202 6 Event Notification Content

203 This section describes the content of an Event Notification sent via the 'mailto' Delivery Method using
204 the SMTP protocol. This document does not describe the content for other email protocols, but an
205 implementation should use this section as a model.

206 When a Printer sends an email message via SMTP, the content MUST conform to RFC 822. The
207 following sections define the content that a Printer MUST send. A Printer MAY send additional content
208 as long as the resulting content conforms to RFC 822.

209 While the "Event Notification Ordering" in [ipp-ntfy] section 9 specifies ordering requirements for
210 Printers when sending separate Event Notifications, email messages are not guaranteed to arrive in the
211 order sent so that the Notification Recipient may not receive them in the same order.

212 Each subsection below specifies the syntax that pertains to the subsection. The syntax rules and
213 syntactic terms (e.g. 'date-time') in each subsection come from RFC 822, except for the section on
214 "Content-Type" which comes from RFC 1521.

215 The Event Notification content has two parts, the headers and the message body. The headers precede
216 the message body and are separated by a blank line (see [RFC 822]).

217 A Printer implementation MAY combine several Event Notifications into a single email message body.
218 Such an email message is considered a single Compound Event Notification and MUST follow the
219 "Event Notification Ordering" requirements for Event Notifications within a Compound Event
220 Notification specified in [ipp-ntfy] section 9.

221 6.1 Headers

222 When a Printer sends an Event Notification via SMTP, it MUST include the following headers. RFC
223 822 RECOMMENDS that the headers be in the order that they appear below.

224 6.1.1 'Date' header

225 **Syntax:** "Date" ":" date-time

226 This header contains the date and time that the Event occurred.

227 The Printer MUST include a "Date" header if and only if it supports the "printer-current-time" Printer
228 attribute.

229 6.1.2 'From' header

230 **Syntax:** "From" ":" mailbox

231 where

232 mailbox = addr-spec / phrase route-addr

233 This header causes a typical email reader to show the email as coming from the Printer that is sending
234 the Event Notification.

235 The Printer MUST include a "From" header whose syntax is specified above.

236 The Printer MUST use the second alternative of the syntax for 'mailbox' defined above (i.e. 'phrase
237 route-addr'). The 'phrase' is the Printer's display name and it MUST be the value of the "printer-
238 name" Printer attribute. The 'route-addr' MUST contain an email address (inside angle brackets)
239 belonging to either an administrator or the output-device. This email address NEED NOT be capable of
240 receiving mail. There is no Printer attribute to hold this email address, so that it cannot be configured
241 using the IPP protocol without an implementation-defined attribute extension.

242 6.1.3 'Subject' header

243 **Syntax:** "Subject" ":" *text

244 This header specifies the subject of the message and contains a short summary of the Event Notification.

245 The Printer MUST include a "Subject" header whose syntax is specified above.

246 The Printer MUST localize the '*text' using the values of the "notify-charset" and "notify-natural-
247 language" Subscription Object attributes.

248 For Printer Events, the '*text' SHOULD start with the localized word "printer:", followed by the
249 Printer name, and then followed by the localized Event name, e.g., in English: "printer: 'tiger' stopped"
250 or in Danish: "Printeren 'tiger' er standset".

251 For Job Events, the '*text' SHOULD start with the localized phrase "print job:", followed by the Job
252 name, and then followed by the localized Event name, e.g., in English: "print job: 'financials'
253 completed".

254 The wording is implementation dependent. A Notification Recipient MUST NOT expect to be able to
255 parse this text. But an email filter might look for "printer" or "print job".

256 6.1.4 'Sender' header

257 **Syntax:** "Sender" ":" mailbox

258 This header causes a typical email reader to show the email as coming on behalf of the person
259 associated with the Subscribing Client.

260 If the Subscription Object contains the "notify-user-data" attribute, and if its value satisfies the RFC 822
261 syntax rules for 'mailbox', the Printer MUST include a "Sender" header whose syntax is specified
262 above. Otherwise, the Printer MUST NOT include a "Sender" header.

263 For the "Sender" header, the 'mailbox' MUST be the value of the "notify-user-data" Subscription
264 Object attribute. See section 5.2.2 for details about the "notify-user-data" attribute.

265 **6.1.5 'Reply-to' header**

266 **Syntax:** "Reply-to" ":" mailbox

267 If the Notification Recipient replies to Event Notification email, this header causes a typical email reader
268 to send email to the person acting as the Subscribing Client. The rules are identical to the "Sender"
269 header.

270 If the Subscription Object contains the "notify-user-data" attribute, and if its value satisfies the RFC 822
271 syntax rules for "mailbox", the Printer **MUST** include a "Reply-to" header whose syntax is specified
272 above. Otherwise, the Printer **MUST NOT** include a "Reply-to" header.

273 For the "Reply-to" header, the "mailbox" **MUST** be the value of the "notify-user-data" Subscription
274 Object attribute. See section 5.2.2 for details about the "notify-user-data" attribute.

275 **6.1.6 'To' header**

276 **Syntax:** "To" ":" 1#mailbox

277 See [RFC 1521] for the syntax.

278 This header specifies the Notification Recipient(s).

279 The Printer **MUST** include a "To" header whose syntax is specified above.

280 The '1#mailbox' **MUST** be the '1#mailbox' part of the value of the "notify-recipient-uri" Subscription
281 attribute, i.e. the part after the "mailto:".

282 **6.1.7 'Content-type' header**

283 **Syntax:** "Content-Type" ":" type "/" subtype *(";" parameter)

284 See [RFC 1521] for the syntactic terms (e.g. 'type').

285 This header specifies the format of the message body.

286 The Printer **MUST** include the "Content-Type" header.

287 The "notify-mailto-text-only" attribute determines the 'type' and 'subtype' values. The possible values
288 are "text/plain" and "multipart" values.

289 **6.2 Message Body**

290 The message body **MUST** contain Human Consumable content as plain text. It **MAY** also contain other
291 types of implementation dependent content.

292 For plain text, the Content-Type of Human Consumable content MUST be 'text/plain'. For
 293 implementation dependent content, the Content-Type of Human Consumable content MUST be
 294 'multipart'. The Content-Type of one body part MUST be 'text/plain' and the Content-Types of the
 295 other body parts are implementation dependent. See section 6.3 for a description of plain text content.

296 The following table shows the Content-Type of the message body for the "notify-mailto-text-only"
 297 attribute:

"notify-mailto-text-only" attribute	Content-Type of Message Body	Message Body
false	'text/plain'	Human Consumable
true	'text/plain' or*	Human Consumable plain text
	'multipart'	Human Consumable where one body part is plain text

298
 299 * The Content-Type depends on the implementation. A Printer MAY send 'text/plain' only or it MAY
 300 send several body parts of various Content-Types within a message body whose Content-Type is
 301 'multipart'.

302 6.3 Plain Text Content

303 When a Printer sends a plain text message, it MUST localize the text using the values of the "notify-
 304 charset" and "notify-natural-language" Subscription Object attributes.

305 Section 9.2 in [ipp-ntfy] specifies the information that a Delivery Method MUST specify and a Printer
 306 SHOULD send.

307 A Printer SHOULD send the following localized information in the message body. The specific wording
 308 of this information and its layout are implementation dependent.

- 309 a) the Printer name (see Table 3)
- 310 b) omitted (see below).
- 311 c) for Printer Events only:
 - 312 i) the Event (see Table 4) and/or Printer state information (see Table 7)
- 313 d) for Job Events only:
 - 314 i) the job identity (see Table 5)
 - 315 ii) the Event (see Table 4) and/or Job state information (see Table 6)

316
 317 Item b) in the above list is omitted because the Printer sends the time of the Event as an email header
 318 (see section 6.1.1 on the 'Date' header).

319 The subsections of this section specify the attributes that a Printer MUST use to obtain this information.

320 The Printer MAY send additional information, depending on implementation.

321 Notification Recipients **MUST NOT** expect to be able to parse the message.

322 The next three sections define the attributes in Event Notification Contents that are:

323 a) for all Events

324 b) for Job Events only

325 c) for Printer Events only

326 6.3.1 Event Notification Content Common to All Events

327 The Printer **MUST** send the following information.

328 There is a separate table for each piece of information. Each row in the table represents a source value
 329 for the information and the values are listed in order of preference, with the first one being the preferred
 330 one. An implementation **SHOULD** use the source value from the earliest row in each table. It **MAY** use
 331 the source value from another row instead, or it **MAY** combine the source values from several rows. An
 332 implementation is free to determine the best way to present this information.

333 The tables in this section and following sections contain the following columns for each piece of
 334 information:

335 a) **Source of Value:** the name of the attribute that supplies the value for the Event Notification

336 b) **Sends:**

337 **MAY:** this is the only value used in the tables. It means that the Printer **OPTIONALLY**
 338 sends this value. However, the Printer **SHOULD** use at least one value from each table.

339 c) **Source Object:** the object from which the source value comes.

340 Table 3 lists the source of the information for the Printer Name. The “printer-name” is more user-
 341 friendly unless the Notification Recipient is in a place where the Printer name is not meaningful. For
 342 example, an implementation could have the intelligence to send the value of the “printer-name” attribute
 343 to a Notification Recipient that can access the Printer via value of the “printer-name” attribute and
 344 otherwise send the value of the “notify-printer-uri” attribute.

345 **Table 3 – Printer Name in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
printer-name (name(127))	MAY	Printer
notify-printer-uri (uri)	MAY	Subscription

346

347 Table 4 lists the source of the information for the Event name. A Printer MAY combine this information
 348 with state information described for Jobs in Table 6 or for Printers in Table 7.

349 **Table 4 – Event Name in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
notify-subscribed-event (type2 keyword)	MAY	Subscription

350

351 6.3.2 Additional Event Notification Content for Job Events

352 This section lists the source of the additional information that a Printer MUST send for Job Events.

353 Table 5 lists the source of the information for the job name. The “job-name” is likely more meaningful
 354 to a user than “job-id”.

355 **Table 5 – Job Name in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
job-name (name(MAX))	MAY	Job
job-id (integer(1:MAX))	MAY	Job

356

357 Table 6 lists the source of the information for the job-state. If a Printer supports the “job-state-message”
 358 and “job-detailed-state-message” attributes, it SHOULD use those attributes for the job state
 359 information, otherwise, it should fabricate such information from the “job-state” and “job-state-
 360 reasons”. For some Events, a Printer MAY combine this information with Event information.

361 **Table 6 – Job State in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
job-state-message (text(MAX))	MAY	Job
job-detailed-status-messages (1setOf text(MAX))	MAY	Job
job-state (type1 enum)	MAY	Job
job-state-reasons (1setOf type2 keyword)	MAY	Job

362 6.3.3 Additional Event Notification Content for Printer Events

363 This section lists the source of the additional information that a Printer MUST send for Printer Events.

364 Table 7 lists the source of the information for the printer-state. If a Printer supports the “printer-state-
 365 message”, it SHOULD use that attribute for the job state information, otherwise it SHOULD fabricate

366 such information from the “printer-state” and “printer-state-reasons”. For some Events, a Printer MAY
 367 combine this information with Event information.

368 **Table 7 – Printer State in Event Notification Content**

Source Value	Sends	Source Object
printer-state-message (text(MAX))	MAY	Printer
printer-state (type1 enum)	MAY	Printer
printer-state-reasons (1setOf type2 keyword)	MAY	Printer
printer-is-accepting-jobs (boolean)	MAY	Printer

369 6.4 Examples

370 This section contains three examples. One is a Job Event and the other two are Printer Events, the latter
 371 in Danish.

372 A Printer implementation NEED NOT generate Event Notification content that is identical or even
 373 similar to these examples. In fact it would be unfortunate if every implementation copied these example
 374 as is. These examples merely show some possibilities and are not necessarily the best way to convey
 375 information about an Event.

376 6.4.1 Job Event Example

377 This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Job Event.

378 A Subscribing Client Mike Jones (who works for xyz Corp.) performs a Subscription Creation
 379 Operation as part of the Print-Job operation on Printer “ipp://tiger@abc.com”. Mike Jones specifies that
 380 the “job-name” is “financials”. Mike is printing the Job for Bill Smith at abc Corp. The Subscription
 381 Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:bsmith@abc.com
notify-events	job-completed
notify-user-data	mjones@xyz.com
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	us-ascii
notify-natural-language	en-us
notify-subscription-id	35692
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-up-time	34593
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tiger@abc.com
notify-job-id	345
notify-subscriber-user-name	mjones

382

383 When the Job completes, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

```

384 Date: 17 Jul 00 1632 PDT
385 From: tiger <printAdmin@abc.com>
386 Subject: print job: 'financials' completed
387 Sender: mjones@xyz.com
388 Reply-to: mjones@xyz.com
389 To: bsmith@abc.com
390 Content-type: text/plain
391
392 printer: tiger
393 job: financials
394 job-state: completed
395

```

396 The reader should note that the phrases are not identical to IPP keywords. They have been localized to
397 English.

398 6.4.2 Printer Event Example

399 This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Printer Event.

400 A Subscribing Client Peter Williams, a Printer admin, performs a Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation
401 on Printer "ipp://tiger@abc.com". The Subscription Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:pwilliams@abc.com
notify-events	printer-state-changed
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	us-ascii
notify-natural-language	en-us
notify-subscription-id	4623
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-uptime	23002
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tiger@abc.com
notify-lease-expiration-time	0
notify-subscriber-user-name	pwilliams

402

403 When the Printer jams, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

```
404 Date: 29 Aug 00 0832 PDT
405 From: tiger <printAdmin@abc.com>
406 Subject: printer: 'tiger' has stopped
407 To: pwilliams@abc.com
408 Content-type: text/plain
```

```
409
410 Printer tiger has stopped with a paper jam.
```

411

412 The reader should note that the phrases are not identical to IPP keywords. They have been localized to
413 English.

414 6.4.3 Printer Event Example (localized to Danish)

415 This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Printer Event localized to Danish.

416 A Subscribing Client Per Jensen, a Printer admin, performs a Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation on
417 Printer "ipp://tiger@def.dk". The Subscription Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:pjensen@def.dk
notify-events	printer-state-changed
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	utf-8
notify-natural-language	da
notify-subscription-id	50225
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-uptime	53217
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tiger@def.dk
notify-lease-expiration-time	0
notify-subscriber-user-name	pjensen

418

419 When the Printer jams, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

```
420 Date: 29 Jan 00 0832 CET
421 From: tiger <admin@def.dk>
422 Subject: Printeren 'tiger' er standset
423 To: pjensen@def.dk
424 Content-type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
```

425

```
426 Printerens navn er 'tiger'.
427 Printeren er standset.
428 Aarsagen er papir stop.
```

429

430 7 Conformance Requirements

431 The 'mailto' Delivery Method is RECOMMENDED for a Printer to support.

432 If the Printer supports the 'mailto' Delivery Method, the Printer MUST:

- 433 1. meet the conformance requirements defined in [ipp-ntfy].
- 434 2. support the "notify-mailto-text-only" Subscription Object attribute defined in section 5.1.1.
- 435 3. support the syntax for the "notify-recipient-uri" Subscription Object attribute defined in section
436 5.2.1
- 437 4. support the use for the "notify-user-data" Subscription Object attribute defined in section 5.2.2
- 438 5. support SMTP for sending Event Notifications.
- 439 6. support the 'text/plain' Content-Type for the message body.
- 440 7. support sending Event Notification via email with the content specified in section 5.2.

441 8 IANA Considerations

442 Because the 'mailto' URL scheme is already defined in a standards track document [RFC 2368] and has
 443 been registered with IANA as a URL scheme, this document does not require that the mailto URL
 444 scheme be further registered as a protocol scheme.

445 The rest of this section contains the exact registration information for IANA to add to the various IPP
 446 Registries according to the procedures defined in RFC 2911 [RFC2911] section 6 to cover the
 447 definitions in this document.

448 *Note to RFC Editors: Replace RFC NNNN below with the RFC number for this document, so that it*
 449 *accurately reflects the content of the information for the IANA Registry.*

450 8.1 Attribute Registration

451 The following table lists the attribute defined in this document. This is to be registered according to the
 452 procedures in RFC 2911 [RFC2911] section 6.2.

453 Subscription Template attributes:	Ref.	Section:
454 notify-mailto-text-only (boolean)	RFC NNNN	5.1.1

455
 456 The resulting attribute registration will be published in the
 457 <ftp://ftp.iana.org/in-notes/iana/assignments/ipp/attributes/>
 458 area.
 459

460 8.2 Additional uriScheme Attribute Value Registration for the "operations-supported" 461 Printer Attribute

462 The following table lists the uriScheme value defined in this document as an additional uriScheme value
 463 for use with the "notify-schemes-supported" Printer attribute defined in [ipp-ntfy]. This is to be
 464 registered according to the procedures in RFC 2911 [RFC2911] section 6.1.

465 uriScheme Attribute Values:	Ref.	Section:
466 mailto	RFC NNNN	5.2.1

467
 468 The resulting uri scheme attribute value registration will be published in the
 469 <ftp://ftp.iana.org/in-notes/iana/assignments/ipp/attribute-values/notify-schemes-supported/>
 470 area.

471 9 Internationalization Considerations

472 This Delivery Method presents no internationalization considerations beyond those covered in the [ipp-
 473 ntfy] document, and sections 6.1.3 and 6.2 of this document.

474 The Notification Recipient is expected to present the email as received because the Printer does all
475 necessary localization to the Event Notification contents.

476 10 Security Considerations

477 The biggest security concern is that a Subscribing Client will cause unsolicited Event Notifications to be
478 sent to third parties, potentially creating denial-of-service problems (i.e., spam). The problem is even
479 worse if the third parties are distribution lists.

480 There exist scenarios where third party notification is required (see Scenario #2 and #3 in [ipp-not-
481 req]). The fully secure solution would require active agreement of all persons before they can become
482 Notification Recipients. However, requirement #9 in [ipp-req] (“There is no requirement for IPP
483 Printer receiving the print request to validate the identity of an event recipient”) argues against this. To
484 minimize the risk, a Printer could disallow third party Notification Recipients (a traditional facsimile
485 model).

486 The Delivery Method recommends that the Subscribing Client supply his or her email address as the
487 value of the “notify-user-data” attribute in the Subscription Creation Operation when the Notification
488 Recipient is a third party. To reduce the chance of spamming or identify the spammer, a Printer could
489 disallow third party Notification Recipients if the Subscribing Client doesn't supply the “notify-user-
490 data” attribute with a valid email address.

491 Some firewall administrators prevent mail attachments from being accepted into their organizations
492 because of the problem of the attachments containing computer viruses. The 'mailto' Delivery Method
493 allows the Subscribing Client to request that the Content-Type of a message body be 'text/plain'.

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- 576 1) send it to majordomo@pwg.org
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578 3) put the following two lines in the message body:
579 subscribe ipp
580 end

581
582 Implementers of this specification document are encouraged to join IPP Mailing List in order to
583 participate in any discussions of clarification issues and review of registration proposals for additional
584 attributes and values. In order to reduce spam the mailing list rejects mail from non-subscribers, so you
585 must subscribe to the mailing list in order to send a question or comment to the mailing list.

586 13 Summary of Base IPP Documents

587 The base set of IPP documents includes:

588 Design Goals for an Internet Printing Protocol [RFC2567]

589 Rationale for the Structure and Model and Protocol for the Internet Printing Protocol [RFC2568]

590 Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Model and Semantics [RFC2911]

591 Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Encoding and Transport [RFC2910]

592 Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementer's Guide [ipp-iig]

593 Mapping between LPD and IPP Protocols [RFC2569]

594 Internet Printing Protocol (IPP): IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions [ipp-ntfy]

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596 The "Design Goals for an Internet Printing Protocol" document takes a broad look at distributed
597 printing functionality, and it enumerates real-life scenarios that help to clarify the features that need to
598 be included in a printing protocol for the Internet. It identifies requirements for three types of users:
599 end users, operators, and administrators. It calls out a subset of end user requirements that are satisfied
600 in IPP/1.0. A few OPTIONAL operator operations have been added to IPP/1.1.

601 The "Rationale for the Structure and Model and Protocol for the Internet Printing Protocol" document
602 describes IPP from a high level view, defines a roadmap for the various documents that form the suite of
603 IPP specification documents, and gives background and rationale for the IETF working group's major
604 decisions.

605 The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Model and Semantics" document describes a simplified model with
606 abstract objects, their attributes, and their operations that are independent of encoding and transport. It
607 introduces a Printer and a Job object. The Job object optionally supports multiple documents per Job.
608 It also addresses security, internationalization, and directory issues.

609 The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Encoding and Transport" document is a formal mapping of the
610 abstract operations and attributes defined in the model document onto HTTP/1.1 [RFC2616]. It defines
611 the encoding rules for a new Internet MIME media type called "application/ipp". This document also
612 defines the rules for transporting over HTTP a message body whose Content-Type is "application/ipp".
613 This document defines the 'ippget' scheme for identifying IPP printers and jobs.

614 The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementer's Guide" document gives insight and advice to
615 implementers of IPP clients and IPP objects. It is intended to help them understand IPP/1.1 and some
616 of the considerations that may assist them in the design of their client and/or IPP object
617 implementations. For example, a typical order of processing requests is given, including error checking.
618 Motivation for some of the specification decisions is also included.

619 The "Mapping between LPD and IPP Protocols" document gives some advice to implementers of
620 gateways between IPP and LPD (Line Printer Daemon) implementations.

621 The "IPP Event Notifications and Subscriptions" document defines an extension to IPP/1.0 [RFC2566,
622 RFC2565] and IPP/1.1 [RFC2911, RFC2910]. This extension allows a client to subscribe to printing
623 related Events and defines the semantics for delivering asynchronous *Event Notifications* to the

624 specified *Notification Recipient* via a specified *Delivery Method* (i.e., protocols) defined in (separate)
625 Delivery Method documents.

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