

PaperCut™

PaperCut MF 15

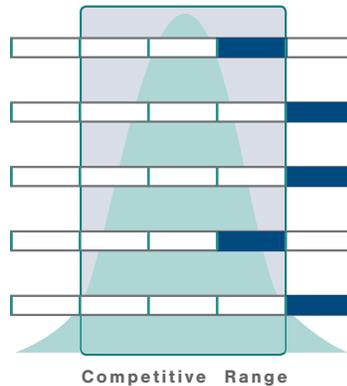
Features & Productivity

Usability

IT Admin & Security

Support & Training

Value



Product Snapshot

Product: PaperCut MF

Version: 15.2

Software Developer:

PaperCut Software
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For more information on PaperCut MF 15 and other PaperCut products, see BLI's comprehensive coverage at Buyerslab.com/Solutions.

About BLI: Since 1961, BLI has been a leading test laboratory in the world of digital imaging equipment. BLI is completely independent in all of its testing processes and subsequent reporting. All of BLI's product evaluations are conducted by highly experienced employees in its on-site testing facilities in the United Kingdom and United States where hundreds of new copiers, printers, wide-format devices, scanners, faxes and multi-function (MFP) products are evaluated and reported on each year.

OVERVIEW

Understanding print output—and its associated costs—is critical for organizations of all sizes. PaperCut MF is a cross-platform output-management and cost-recovery platform that facilitates tracking, accounting and billing of print, scan, copy and fax jobs. Its wide-ranging feature set lets it be used to quantify, recoup and reduce output costs across the organization, and the solution also delivers pull-printing and mobile-printing functionality to increase document security and enhance convenience for end users. The company also offers PaperCut NG, which performs the same tracking, accounting and billing functions but for an organization's print output only.

Benefits



QUANTIFY OUTPUT COSTS—Accurate tracking of all printer and MFP activity allows organizations to see who is printing/copying what, while customizable reports show how much it all costs.

RECOUP EXPENSES—Departmental, user and client usage-accounting features let organizations bill internally or externally for output as appropriate.

REDUCE COSTS AND SATISFY GREEN INITIATIVES—Customizable print rules (such as the ability to enforce duplex printing and to convert color jobs to black-and-white) and end-user pop-up messages that encourage more cost-efficient printing quantifiably reduce an organization's hardcopy output costs, while usage quotas keep users from spending more than their allotment.



ENHANCE DOCUMENT SECURITY—MFP-resident software enables release of print jobs only when the user is at the MFP, so sensitive documents are not left in the output tray for others to see.



STREAMLINE MOBILE PRINTING—An iOS mobile print app and support for Google Cloud Print, email-to-print and printing from any modern browser allows IT personnel to enable printing from just about any mobile device.



EASE BURDEN ON IT PERSONNEL—An admin-friendly management console, complete with a handy Dashboard view and intuitive layout, makes administering the system a snap.

OUR TAKE

Show us a school or business that doesn't have a print management system in place, and we'll show you an organization that is wasting money on hardcopy output. Even companies that are under an MPS (managed print services) contract with a service provider need their own in-house print management system, since most MPS dealer tools are designed to track—but not limit nor reduce—usage of the devices. And while there's no shortage of feature-rich output management platforms to choose from, finding one that won't break the budget or the back of your IT personnel is more of a challenge. That's where PaperCut MF shines: It delivers all the functionality the majority of organizations are likely to need in order to track, recoup and reduce hardcopy expenditures, but in an affordable package that is easy to deploy and administer.

In addition to the core accounting, cost-recovery and cost-reduction features, the solution delivers essential pull-printing functionality and mobile-print support. To enable the former and allow for tracking of walk-up activity at the MFP, PaperCut offers an embedded application that can run on devices from almost every printer manufacturer; indeed, it offers among the widest device support we've seen in an output management platform. Plus, PaperCut MF runs under a variety of network operating systems, making it a seamless fit with virtually all environments. Moreover, BLI analysts found that administering a PaperCut MF system is much easier than working in other leading print management offerings, and the platform does not require the installation of an end-user utility on each PC (although one is available if a customer prefers).

Compared to more complex and costly output management platforms, PaperCut MF does not deliver the breadth of features in any given functionality area. For example, it does not offer as granular per-page pricing schemes or as robust device-management tools as BLI has seen in other leading platforms, and the job-rules functions (for converting or re-routing jobs) require some scripting (although code recipe samples are included for common rules). Also, a few platforms now offer functionality not present in PaperCut MF, such as modules for scan capture/processing/routing from the MFP. But for organizations that need essential output management functionality in an easy-to-deploy, easy-to-use package that's also easy on the budget, PaperCut MF is hard to beat.