



SafeCom™ Pay & Print



Pay & Print enables organizations to recover all print and copy costs

For many years, public and university libraries have been requiring payment for the use of photocopiers, and there are various systems for recovering the cost of using these machines. However, the cost of printing has been more difficult to control and this cost has increased rapidly. Today, more and more users collect information over the Internet or from electronic databases. Academic institutions have seen their print related costs escalate as the number of copies has fallen. This has reinforced the need for a system to control and recover the costs of printing and copying.

SafeCom™ Pay & Print enables organizations to recover all print and copy costs from users without adding to administrative overhead. By redefining printing as a pull rather than a push process, all print jobs are stored on the server until the user is identified at a SafeCom™ equipped network printer by an individual identification card. SafeCom™ Pay & Print then checks and verifies available credit before a print job is released. The appropriate amount in accordance with what has been printed is then deducted. Adaptability is the key word. By supporting various types of cards, including Proximity Cards and Magnetic Cards, SafeCom™ Pay & Print offers various solutions for user identification. Payment is deducted from an account managed by SafeCom™. Furthermore, SafeCom™ can also manage users, both known and unknown to the organization.

In most organizations and institutes, users are registered in a database and therefore known to the administrative system. These user registrations can be used for setting up printing accounts with or without predetermined credit, and the user's login can be used for identifying print jobs. In university environments, personal cards are already widely used by students for identification and payment of different campus services, such as purchasing food in the canteen, paying for laundry, etc. By integrating SafeCom™ in the printing environment, a personal card can be used for identification of print jobs and hence for payment.



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In both public and university libraries, far from all users are known to the administrative system. Workstations operate without individual login and users do not have accounts registered in the system. In these walk-up-and-print environments, SafeCom™ provides a perfect pay-and-print solution using disposable cards. Having purchased a disposable card with a predetermined amount available, a library visitor uses disposable card for tagging all print jobs and as identification at the SafeCom™ equipped printer. During the printing process, the SafeCom™ system deducts the appropriate amount from the account, and when the credit has been used it is only necessary to purchase a new card. This way, print costs are easily recovered with minimum administration, and as SafeCom™ is able to operate different types of cards concurrently, the system offers the adaptability necessary for meeting most requirements in public printing environments.

With SafeCom™ installed on MFPs (Multi Function Peripherals), the system enables an administration to charge users for both printing and copying. This means that most organizations can optimize their printers and copiers and gain full control of printing and copying costs. SafeCom™ can be set up to account different costs according to page format, media type, use of color, etc., as well as different costs according to device, time of day or user authorization. At universities, for example, this allows both students and teachers to use the same cost-effective network printers and MFPs, with only students being charged for their use.

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