

11 BEST PRACTICES FOR MANAGING THERMAL PRINTERS

1 PLAN EARLY

Assess the quantity and quality of all devices, including printers. Define what's needed to connect and integrate them all to your network, Enterprise Mobility Management (EMM) platform and the Cloud.

2 KEEP IT SIMPLE

Look for an intuitive, user-friendly, common EMM platform to manage all devices. Then make sure that any new printers you acquire are compatible with the selected EMM.

3 CONFIGURE WITH EASE

Ensure the ability to push and pull content to your entire fleet via remote access and management for more visibility and control.

4 SECURE, THEN DEPLOY

Identify potential threats and apply appropriate security protocols for all devices, including thermal printers. Now deploy.

5 CHANGE PASSWORDS

Reduce risks by using a smart device management solution that prompts IT to change printers' default passwords.

6 CONTROL ACCESS

Give IT insights into who's accessing printers, plus the ability to allow or deny requests based on unique security needs.

7 ENCRYPT CONNECTIONS

Ensure that all connections to the printer administrator control panel are encrypted. Select a system that uses web sockets, encryption and certificates to authenticate connections.

8 UPDATE ROUTINELY

Update and patch regularly to protect sensitive data and networks while upgrading user experience and accelerating functionality.

9 AUTOMATE EFFICIENCY

Eliminate tedious, slow, costly manual programming by automating printers to retrieve information — patches, configurations, updates, etc. — at specific times.

10 TROUBLESHOOT PROACTIVELY

Choose solutions that provide advanced warnings on printing issues via status analytics and ensure greater visibility. Shift from being reactive to proactive.

11 GO CLOUD-BASED

Implement a Cloud-compatible printer management solution to prepare for the future, since Cloud-hosted management is sure to become the new norm.



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