

FormPort® Flash

Maximize Your Software Investment and Create Attractive, Professional Forms

From Oracle to JDE, legacy enterprise applications represent a substantial software investment for many organizations. While these applications continue to provide solid support for business operations, one of their ongoing drawbacks is their reliance on expensive, inflexible line printers and costly pre-printed forms.

Capella Technologies FormPort Flash frees your legacy enterprise applications from their dependence on pre-printed forms, giving your organization the ability to format and output data from these applications on plain paper, using popular black and white or color HP® LaserJet® printers.

A Complete Document Formatting Solution for Your Enterprise Applications

FormPort Flash is a printer-based document formatting solution that gives users the ability to automatically convert raw, ASCII data streams into professional, graphics-rich forms. Similar in appearance to a standard printer memory module, the FormPort Flash can be installed into any available memory expansion socket in a compatible, Chai-server equipped, HP® LaserJet® black and white or color laser printer.

The FormPort Flash includes either 4MB or 8MB of storage and an integrated software application. The memory is used to store pre-formatted document templates. These templates position the ASCII text fields output by enterprise applications and format it in a variety of fonts and sizes. Templates can also include photos, logos and other graphics, providing a completely customizable document formatting solution. For organizations that rely upon numerous forms with substantial graphics, FormPort Flash can also utilize the printer's internal hard drive, if one is available.

Automatic Formatting Capabilities

To take advantage of the formatting features of the FormPort Flash, network users can simply direct their application to print to the FormPort Flash equipped printer. It's that simple!

The FormPort Flash will then scan the incoming ASCII data stream. After examining the data in one or more pre-determined fields, the FormPort Flash will automatically select the correct form template and launch the print job. No user intervention or

special commands are required. Print jobs from applications that do not require the capabilities of the FormPort Flash will simply output as usual.

Automatic Creation of Multiple Forms

Quite often, an organization will need to create two or more different types of forms from the same data at the same time. For instance, a shipping department might need to print both an invoice and a packing list. In the medical profession, it's not unusual to have several documents that rely upon the same data.

The FormPort Flash can be used to simplify the production of multiple forms, whether they are duplications of the same form or different, visually unique forms based upon the same data. The FormPort Flash can even select or exclude data fields, varying both the content and the appearance of the form based upon the intended recipient.

Best of all, the whole process is automatic. Specific types of data can be used to trigger the creation of multiple forms. When the FormPort Flash sees this data, it will automatically generate the different documents with no user intervention required.

Easy-to-Implement

The FormPort Flash's Configurator module gives network administrators to the ability to control the conditions under which a form or job is launched. Using the printer's internal web page and a sample ASCII data stream from the enterprise application, an administrator can indicate the line number, column and character string that will trigger each type of job.

Using Capella's optional FormPort Designer software, designing form templates for the FormPort Flash is similarly straightforward. This PC-based, windows application provides a simple, WYSIWIG interface, giving users the ability to add text, lines, logos and even photos to form templates. It supports multiple fonts, including MICR fonts and bar-coding. For users that do not have the resources necessary to produce their own forms template, Capella provides a form creation service.

Cost Efficient

FormPort Flash gives organizations the ability to replace aging line printers with economical and substantially more versatile HP LaserJet printers, without having to abandon their investment in their proven enterprise applications.

Of equal importance is the reduced reliance on costly pre-printed forms. Organizations can avoid both the production and storage costs associated with these forms. And because FormPort Flash creates its documents "on the fly", users never need to either swap out forms or dedicate printers to specific tasks.

FormPort even helps to reduce network traffic. Since all graphics are added and all formatting is done at the printer, the output from enterprise applications is limited to low bandwidth ASCII files.

Compatibility

The FormPort Flash is ideal for organizations with multiple hardware platforms. Since it resides in the printer and is dependent solely upon ASCII data streams, it can accept output from practically any hardware source on the network - including AS400 systems, mainframes and PCs - regardless of the operating system.

The FormPort Flash can be installed in the following Hewlett Packard printers:

BIJ 3000
 LJ 4100
 LJ 4100mfp
 LJ 4200, 4250
 LJ 4300, 4345, 4350
 CLJ 3700
 CLJ 4550, 4600, 4650
 CLJ 5500, 5500, 5550
 CLJ 9500, 9500mfp
 LJ 9000, 9000mfp
 LJ 9055mfp, 9065mfp, 9050, 9050mfp
 LJ 2300
 LJ 2410, 2420, 2430

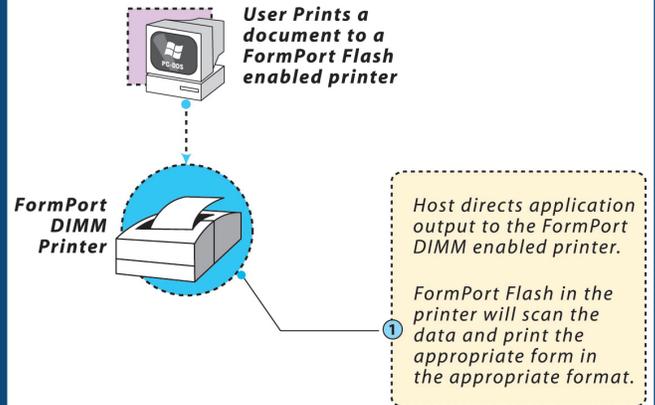
(For an updated list of FormPort Flash compatible HP printers call 888-232-4200)

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FormPort Flash Data Flow



FormPort Flash is an ideal solution for any organization that wants to maximize its software investment, eliminate its dependence on expensive line printers and pre-printed forms, and fully leverage the capabilities of today's versatile and economical laser printers.

About Capella Technologies, Inc.

Capella Technologies provides Document Output Management & Job Accounting products which enable companies to format, print, monitor, allocate, archive, distribute and secure business-critical documents in the most cost-effective way possible.

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