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## **IPP Client Use Best Practices**

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**Abstract:** This document enumerates a number of tasks that are commonly performed by a client in the process of interacting with a print service, and explores options for how the Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) may be used to perform those tasks, some of which are preferred and others that are less than optimal.

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**68 About the Internet Printing Protocol Work Group**

69 The Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) working group has developed a modern, full-featured  
70 network printing protocol, which is now the industry standard. IPP allows a print client to  
71 query a printer for its supported capabilities, features, and parameters to allow the  
72 selection of an appropriate printer for each print job. IPP also provides job information prior  
73 to, during, and at the end of job processing.

74 For additional information regarding IPP visit:

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76 Implementers of this specification are encouraged to join the IPP mailing list in order to  
77 participate in any discussions of the specification. Suggested additions, changes, or  
78 clarification to this specification, should be sent to the IPP mailing list for consideration.  
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## 125 **1. Introduction**

126 The use case descriptions below represent stages or sub-tasks that users perform in the  
127 process of using a printer. Each of these below include a textual description as well as a  
128 series of workflow options for how it might be implemented using IPP. Each workflow  
129 option will be informally labeled according to its perceived quality, using the set of labels  
130 {"BAD", "POOR", "GOOD", "BETTER", "BEST"}, that are ordered from least desirable to  
131 most desirable.

## 132 **2. Terminology**

### 133 **2.1 Conformance Terminology**

134 Capitalized terms, such as MUST, MUST NOT, RECOMMENDED, REQUIRED, SHOULD,  
135 SHOULD NOT, MAY, and OPTIONAL, have special meaning relating to conformance as  
136 defined in Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels [RFC2119]. The  
137 term CONDITIONALLY REQUIRED is additionally defined for a conformance requirement  
138 that applies to a particular capability or feature.

### 139 **2.2 Other Terminology**

140 *Capitalized Term In Italics*: definition of the term with any references as appropriate.

### 141 **2.3 Acronyms and Organizations**

142 *IANA*: Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, <http://www.iana.org/>

143 *IETF*: Internet Engineering Task Force, <http://www.ietf.org/>

144 *ISO*: International Organization for Standardization, <http://www.iso.org/>

145 *PWG*: Printer Working Group, <http://www.pwg.org/>

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## 148 **3. Requirements**

### 149 **3.1 Rationale**

150 The Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementor's Guide [RFC3196] was ratified in  
151 November 2001. Since that time many extensions to IPP have been ratified, and the  
152 scope of use of IPP has grown considerably. Given all these extensions to IPP,  
153 implementers would benefit from an updated best practices document that covers the use  
154 of these extensions, as well as the core of IPP that has remained unchanged, to assist  
155 implementers in their efforts to deliver a quality client experience.

### 156 **3.2 Use Cases**

#### 157 **3.2.1 Developer Implementing New IPP Client Support**

158 Garrett is a developer working on a new client platform that is adding system-level printing  
159 support. Many printers support IPP Everywhere [PWG5100.14], so he plans to implement  
160 printing support in his client platform using this standard as well. But IPP Everywhere and  
161 its related standards don't describe how best to use IPP for the various tasks his software  
162 must perform, in order to deliver a quality client user experience. He finds RFC 3196 but  
163 its recommendations are insufficient. Using the IPP Use Best Practices document, he is  
164 able to avoid some common design pitfalls and quickly deliver a quality IPP client  
165 experience.

#### 166 **3.2.2 Developer Implementing New IPP Printer Support**

167 Duncan is a firmware developer at a printer vendor creating a new printer that implements  
168 IPP Everywhere. In reading the IPP Client Use Best Practices, he can more easily  
169 anticipate how some segment of clients implemented according to these practices are  
170 likely to behave, and more rapidly understand how the various operations can be used with  
171 one another to achieve certain tasks.

### 172 **3.3 Out of Scope**

173 The following are considered out of scope for this specification:

- 174 1. Specifications to extend or replace portions of the Internet Printing Protocol itself
- 175 2. Normative requirements regarding user experience

### 176 **3.4 Design Requirements**

177 The design requirements for this specification are:

- 178 1. Explore tasks performed by client implementations
- 179 2. Enumerate a series of alternatives
- 180 3. Rank those options according to a non-numeric qualitative grading scheme

## 181 **4. Tasks and Implementation Alternatives**

182 For a number of tasks, the set of IPP operations provides a rich enough set of semantics  
183 that it is possible to perform those tasks in a few different ways. In this section a number  
184 of common tasks will be enumerated, and some alternatives for how those tasks might be  
185 performed will be evaluated.

### 186 **4.1 Create A Relationship With A Printer**

187 You can't print to a printer if you cannot establish a connection to it. Historically,  
188 connecting to a printer to establish a "relationship" with it meant identifying a printer and  
189 then creating a persistent local records and resources for that printer relationship with your  
190 system's print spooler. This was called a "print queue", and it involved binding drivers to  
191 create the relationships needed to communicate at the different levels, and then keeping  
192 record of that set of relationships so that it could be re-used at a later time. The set of  
193 printers or other devices the user's system might encounter was relatively small and fairly  
194 static.

195 More recent re-thinking of this relationship between client and printer has resulted in more  
196 "dynamic" relationship creation, where universal drivers can interrogate a device hosting a  
197 print service using a standardized protocol solution stack, and using that dynamically  
198 ascertain and update print service attributes. In this paradigm, a "persistent" print service  
199 record is more like a Web browser bookmark.

200 Both paradigms still require a method of identifying the target devices. That can be done  
201 using dynamic service discovery protocols where the services respond to discovery  
202 requests, or explicitly by name (host name or raw IPv4/IPv6 address).

#### 203 **4.1.1 Discover And Select A Printer Via A Discovery Protocol**

204 Discovery protocols are used to identify instances of print services or printers by searching  
205 the network for service types or device types. This helps the user by making it so that they  
206 don't need to do a physical survey of devices' addresses.

207 Regardless of the actual discovery protocol used, the APIs driving the protocols generally  
208 can be used in either a synchronous or asynchronous fashion. Unfortunately, many legacy  
209 software systems (as well as developers) are accustomed to the synchronous model,  
210 which is easily identified by the presence of a "refresh button". The synchronous model is  
211 not as user friendly as the asynchronous model, but it is somewhat easier to write  
212 programs in a synchronous way than an asynchronous way.



## 213 Options

- 214 • POOR:
  - 215 ○ Perform network discovery with a synchronous API
    - 216 ▪ Show progress bar
    - 217 ▪ Discovery.Start()
    - 218 ▪ sleep(X) where X is some reasonably short number of seconds
    - 219 ▪ Discovery.Stop()
  - 220 ○ Present the results of the discovery process
  - 221 ○ "Refresh" button restarts the process
    - 222 ▪ Why this is bad:
      - 223 • List contents can be stale
      - 224 • Results are not "live"
      - 225 • "Reset" button is unnecessary and is a crutch
  - 226 ○ User selects a printer and presses "Continue" or equivalent
- 227 • BETTER:
  - 228 ○ Perform network discovery with an asynchronous API
    - 229 ▪ Show List UI widget
    - 230 ▪ Discovery.Start() with a callback
    - 231 ▪ Callback is called when discovery responses (add or remove) are
    - 232 received
  - 233 ○ User selects a printer and presses "Continue" or equivalent
    - 234 ▪ Discovery.Stop()

### 235 4.1.2 Select A Printer Via User Provided DNS Hostname Or Raw Ipv4 / Ipv6 Address

236 In some cases a discovery protocol is either not adequate or unnecessary. Examples of  
237 when this use case is encountered include pre-published names or addresses, and also  
238 situations where the target device is not on the local link. (DNS-SD and WS-Discovery are  
239 generally used for link-local discovery, though wide-area variants as well as LDAP systems  
240 may also be used, but are frequently not for various reasons.)

241 For each of these options below, the assumption is that the client has been given an  
242 address string, and should attempt to connect to the host at that address.

## 243 Options

- 244 • BAD:
  - 245 ○ Let each printer model make up its own path, and depend on some other
  - 246 protocol to get the resource path
    - 247 ▪ IPP has no defined standard mechanism to enumerate the Printer
    - 248 objects' resource paths
- 249 • POOR:
  - 250 ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes with printer-uri set to a URI that was manually
  - 251 entered by the user

- 252                   ▪ The "ipp" URI scheme could be used to encode the hostname and the
- 253                   resource path
- 254                   ▪ Having the user enter the URI exposes too many details to the user,
- 255                   including the detail about the fact that IPP is actually being used.
- 256                   Users need not be aware of which print protocol is being used.
- 257           • GOOD:
- 258               ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes with printer-uri set to a well-known Printer resource
- 259               path
- 260               ▪ "/ipp/print"
- 261           • BETTER:
- 262               ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes with printer-uri set to "/"
- 263               ○ Examine the "printer-uri-supported" attribute; use the first URI in the list
- 264               ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes with printer-uri set to first URI
- 265           • BEST:
- 266               ○ IPP Get-Services operation
- 267               ▪ Coming with System Control Service
- 268               ▪ Is this really going to be better?
- 269                • Yes, expected to have metadata associated with each URI
- 270               specifying the class of service

## 271 4.2 Validate User Access to Printer

272 Selecting a printer is misleading to the user if the user isn't allowed to use the selected  
273 printer. Therefore, access restrictions should be validated before selection confirmation  
274 (queue creation, etc.) is done on the client system.

### 275 Options

- 276           • BAD:
- 277               ○ Do Nothing
- 278               ▪ The user may choose a printer but not be able to use it due to not
- 279               having access credentials (username or password or whatever) to use
- 280               that printer
- 281           • GOOD:
- 282               ○ IPP Validate-Job operation
- 283               ▪ Use the defaults, but provide the credentials to allow the user access
- 284               to be determined

## 285 4.3 Get Printer Options

286 Once the user has selected a printer, it is necessary for the print system to understand the  
287 capabilities that the printer device's print service provides. This includes what print job  
288 payload formats can be consumed by the print service, the available options and default  
289 choices, and so forth. It also includes other information about the device itself, such as its

290 location. Some of this is done at relationship creation time (queue creation time), perhaps  
291 by consulting information stored statically in the printer. It may be that this information can  
292 all be retrieved from the printer itself. This is basically the print dialog's activity between  
293 the time that the user performs an action to request that the print dialog be presented, and  
294 the time that the dialog is presented to the user, populated with the available option  
295 choices.

## 296 Options

- 297 • SAD:
  - 298 ○ Depend on a-priori knowledge about a particular model as a way of listing
  - 299 options for the model of device identified as the target
  - 300 ▪ Model specific print drivers fall in this bucket
- 301 • GOOD:
  - 302 ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes Operation
  - 303 ▪ Request includes no printer attributes; only operation attributes
  - 304 ▪ Reply will contain the job template attributes for all PDLs
  - 305 ○ Client guesses at what attributes may work or not work for a given PDL, or
  - 306 uses a-priori knowledge
- 307 • BETTER:
  - 308 ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes Operation
  - 309 ▪ Any specific attributes?
  - 310 ○ Process results; decide on a PDL
  - 311 ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes Operation
  - 312 ▪ Request includes the document-format attribute with value specifying
  - 313 the chosen PDL
  - 314 ▪ Reply will contain the job template attributes appropriately filtered
  - 315 ("colored") for that particular document-format

## 316 4.4 Check constraints between presented options

317 Printer features and options are presented typically in a print dialog. Some of these have  
318 states that have relationships with other options' states, where one cannot be in a  
319 particular state if another one is too. These are known as constraints, and they must be  
320 calculated any time the state of a control changes state. There are various ways that this  
321 can be done.

## 322 Options

- 323 • POOR:
  - 324 ○ IPP Validate-Job
  - 325 ▪ Every time a control is changed, the client sends IPP Validate-Job
  - 326 with attribute values corresponding to current state of controls
- 327 • GOOD:

- 328 ○ IPP Validate-Job
- 329     ▪ When "Print" button is pressed, confirms the job creation / submission
- 330     will succeed (authentication, etc.)
- 331     ▪ Client depends on this operation to perform constraints validation
- 332     printer-side
- 333 • BETTER:
- 334     ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes
- 335     ▪ Printer Object implements job-constraints-supported
- 336     ▪ Printer Object implements job-resolvers-supported
- 337     ○ <Local processing of constraints>
- 338     ○ IPP Validate-Job
- 339     ▪ When "Print" button is pressed, confirms the job creation / submission
- 340     will succeed (authentication, etc.)
- 341     ▪ Constraints validation already handled client-side

## 342 4.5 Submitting a Print Job

343 Once the user has decided on options, the print job is generated and ultimately made  
344 available to the printer in some fashion. There are several different ways that this may  
345 occur.

### 346 4.5.1 Submitting a print job with document data

347 This is the classical way that a print job is sent from the client to the print service: first a job  
348 is created, and then the job information and payload content are sent from the client to the  
349 print service.

#### 350 Options

- 351 • POOR:
- 352     ○ IPP Print-Job
- 353     ▪ No pre-flight checks
- 354     ▪ The printer may reject it but only after it has been transmitted.
- 355     ▪ Better to check ticket and content types first.
- 356 • GOOD:
- 357     ○ IPP Validate-Job
- 358     ▪ Pre-flight checks the job by validating the job attributes, document
- 359     type, authentication and transport encryption upgrades (if needed)
- 360     ○ IPP Print-Job
- 361     ▪ Creates the job and sends the payload in one operation
- 362     ▪ However, the Job object's URI isn't usually known until the job
- 363     transmission is complete
- 364     ▪ Doesn't work well with flow-controlled (low-end) printers
- 365 • BETTER:
- 366     ○ IPP Validate-Job

- 367           ▪ Pre-flight checks the job by validating the job attributes and document  
368           type, authentication and transport encryption upgrades (if needed)
- 369       ○ IPP Create-Job
- 370           ▪ Returns immediately with the job URI for monitoring and ticket  
371           processing status
- 372           ▪ If there is a problem then Create-Job may fail the same as Validate-  
373           Job would, but may not, which is why we do a Validate-Job first (so  
374           that there isn't a zombie job there)
- 375           ▪ Once the job is created, the client will receive a list of the actual job  
376           processing attributes from the IPP Printer.
- 377           ▪ Response to this operation will include xxx-actual job attributes that  
378           could be used to detect substitutions that would be used by the Printer  
379           Object. Observing this, the client may decide whether to cancel the  
380           job rather than submit the document with this job. If the original job  
381           was cancelled, the client could create another job with a new set of  
382           attributes submitted, or error out and not submit a job at all
- 383           ▪ Allows an opportunity to perform a Cancel-Job operation during  
384           document submission
- 385       ○ IPP Send-Document
- 386           ▪ Payload transmission is de-coupled from the creation of the job
- 387           ▪ Multiple documents can be sent to build up a compound job
- 388           ▪ Client MUST check to see if value of "multiple-document-jobs-  
389           supported" is "true", to see if it is OK to do multiple Send-Document  
390           operations to the same Job object.

#### 391 4.5.2 Submitting a print job with document references

392 This is a slightly different way that a print job is sent from the client to the print service: a  
393 job is created and made available for retrieval by the print service, and when the print job  
394 the job information and job payload content are sent by the client to the print service.

#### 395 Options

- 396       • POOR:
- 397           ○ IPP Print-URI
- 398           ▪ No pre-flight checks
- 399           ▪ Printer may reject it but only after it has been transmitted
- 400           ▪ Better to check ticket and content types first
- 401       • GOOD:
- 402           ○ IPP Validate-Job
- 403           ▪ Pre-flight checks the job by validating the job attributes and document  
404           type
- 405           ○ IPP Print-URI
- 406           ▪ Creates the job and sends a URL to where the payload can be  
407           retrieved in one operation

- 408           ▪ Printer Object "pulls" the document file rather than being given it by
- 409           the client
- 410           ▪ However, the Job object's URI isn't usually known until the job
- 411           transmission is complete
- 412           ▪ Printer may respond with client-error-document-access-error status
- 413           code, or might add document-access-error to job-state-reasons
- 414           ▪ URI may not be accessible at time of processing
- 415       • BETTER:
- 416           ○ IPP Validate-Job
- 417           ▪ Pre-flight checks the job by validating the job attributes and document
- 418           type
- 419           ○ IPP Create-Job
- 420           ▪ Returns immediately with the job URI for monitoring and ticket
- 421           processing status
- 422           ▪ If there is a problem then Create-Job will fail the same as Validate-Job
- 423           would
- 424           ○ IPP Send-URI
- 425           ▪ Payload URI transmission is de-coupled from the creation of the job
- 426           ▪ Printer may respond with client-error-document-access-error status
- 427           code, or might add document-access-error to job-state-reasons
- 428           ▪ URI may not be accessible at time of processing
- 429
  - 429           • (How to handle this appropriately? What recommendations
  - 430           should be provided?)

## 431 4.6 Monitoring print job status

432 While the print job is being processed, users may wish to know whether it is proceeding  
433 successfully, or whether there are conditions that they need to handle that are preventing  
434 processing from proceeding, such as a media jam, open covers, marking agents depleted,  
435 and so forth.

436 For those options below that involve polling the Printer Object, the degree to which the  
437 option is better or worse is due in no small part to the polling frequency. The interval  
438 should be tuned so that the frequency of queries is not so great that it burdens the Printer  
439 Object or Job Object or the network, but not so small that there is an undesirable lag  
440 between when an event occurs and when the user is notified. It is certainly NOT a best  
441 practice in any case if a client is polling as fast as the network can handle traffic.

## 442 Options

- 443       • POOR:
- 444           ○ IPP Get-Jobs / IPP Get-Printer-Attributes
- 445           ▪ Monitor the value of the printer-state attribute and the state of all jobs
- 446           ▪ Not precise; polling for status without knowing the actual job ID
- 447           ▪ Polling is generally not desirable

- 448                                   • See above regarding polling intervals
- 449     • GOOD:
- 450         ○ IPP Get-Job-Attributes / IPP Get-Printer-Attributes
- 451             ▪ Monitor the value of printer-state attribute as well as targeted
- 452             monitoring of a specific job's status
- 453             ▪ Polling is generally not desirable
- 454                 • See above regarding polling intervals
- 455     • BETTER:
- 456         ○ IPP Create-Printer-Subscriptions / IPP Get-Notifications / IPP Get-Job-
- 457         Attributes
- 458             ▪ Asynchronous / long running queries for notifications that don't require
- 459             polling
- 460             ▪ When you see that a job has completed, query the state of that job at
- 461             that time
- 462             ▪ Printer state changes will be provided by subscribing to the printer;
- 463             subscribing to the job will provide less information and not be as
- 464             useful

## 465   **4.7 Canceling a Print Job**

466   It may be that the user wants to terminate a job before it has been fully processed, for  
467   whatever reason. There are things that must be done to ensure that the client has  
468   decisively cleaned up the state of the Job Object if the client is responsible for canceling  
469   the job. Clients' leaving broken Job objects on the Print service is bad behavior.

470   There is also a dependency between the options below and how the job was submitted.

### 471   **Options**

- 472     • BAD:
- 473         ○ IPP Print-Job operation
- 474         ○ Client stops sending chunks
- 475     • POOR:
- 476         ○ IPP Print-Job operation
- 477         ○ Client stops sending chunks
- 478         ○ IPP Cancel-Job operation request for the job via a second connection, which
- 479         for some printers could result in a PDL interpreter hang because the last
- 480         chunk sent didn't stop on a "statement" boundary
- 481     • GOOD:
- 482         ○ IPP Create-Job operation
- 483         ○ IPP Send-Document operation
- 484             ▪ Potentially truncating job during Send-Document payload transmission
- 485         ○ IPP Cancel-Job operation

## 486 **4.8 Getting printer supplies status**

487 Some administrative tasks, like checking consumables levels, are presented to end users  
488 in some cases, such as during print job status or in print dialogs. This is useful to end-  
489 users and should be supported.

### 490 **Options**

- 491 • POOR:
  - 492 ○ Don't use IPP but use some proprietary protocol or platform-specific
  - 493 extension to IPP
    - 494 ▪ The point is to use only IPP extensions based on open standards (i.e.
    - 495 PWG standard) and this violates that core principle
- 496 • GOOD:
  - 497 ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes
    - 498 ▪ Printer must implement JPS3 "printer-supply" attribute
- 499 • BETTER
  - 500 ○ IPP Create-Printer-Subscription operation + IPP Get-Notifications operation
  - 501 ○ IPP Get-Printer-Attributes operations

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## 503 **5. Attributes and Their Use in Operations**

504 Some attributes that IPP has labeled as optional should always be used as a best practice.  
505 Below are some of these attributes and how they should be used in various contexts.

### 506 **5.1 Explicit "document-format" Selection**

507 While IPP Printer Objects provide a default document format (which is known via the  
508 document-format-default attribute), as a general principle, it is much better for a client to  
509 explicitly provide the document-format attribute with all operations relating to validating or  
510 submitting a document payload to the printer (Validate-Job, Print-Job, Send-Document).

### 511 **5.2 Prefer "media-col" Attribute To "media" Attribute**

512 Given a Printer Object that supports both "media" and "media-col" attributes, a client  
513 should prefer to include the "media-col" attribute with operations that accept one of these  
514 attributes. This is true for when "media" and "media-col" are top-level attributes as well as  
515 when "media" or "media-col" may be included within other collection attributes, such as  
516 "job-sheets", "job-error-sheet", "job-accounting-sheets", and others.



### 517 **5.3 Prefer "finishings-col" Attribute To "finishings" Attribute**

518 Given a Printer Object that supports both "finishings" and "finishings-col" attributes, a client  
519 should prefer to include the "finishings-col" attribute with operations that accept one of  
520 these attributes.

### 521 **5.4 Using "ipp-attribute-fidelity"**

522 TBD

### 523 **5.5 Using "pdl-override"**

524 TBD

## 525 **6. HTTP Protocol Usage**

526 IPP currently uses HTTP/1.1 for its transport. IPP/2.0 and other IPP specifications have  
527 specified some of the facilities of HTTP that IPP clients and servers should support in  
528 order to provide the semantics that IPP needs to provide a great user experience. Even  
529 so, there are best practices that should be followed.

### 530 **6.1 HTTP/1.1 Expect Header**

531 As defined in [RFC 2616 "HTTP/1.1"], the "Expect" header allows the client to check with  
532 the server on the HTTP connection negotiation before sending the HTTP request payload.

533 The IPP client should implement the following:

- 534 • On first request to a printer, include the "Expect: 100-continue" header.
- 535 • Wait up to 1 second for a response.
- 536 • If no response is received, remember this for the next request so that you don't  
537 have the 1-second delay; continue sending the request.
- 538 • If a 100 (continue) status code is returned, continue sending the request
- 539 • If a 301 (moved permanently) or 302 (moved temporarily) status code is returned,  
540 redirect the request to the new URI \*or\* fail/report an error depending on the  
541 security requirements of the Client (redirection is generally unexpected)
- 542 • If a 400 (Bad Request) status code is returned, remember this (don't use Expect  
543 header) and re-send the POST request. This Printer is technically non-conforming  
544 since it fails RFC 2616 requirements for a HTTP/1.1 server.

- 545 • If a 401 status code is returned, re-send the POST request with the requested  
546 credentials.
- 547 • If a 403 status code is returned, fail/report an error.
- 548 • If a 426 status code is returned, send an OPTIONS \* request to upgrade to TLS,  
549 then re-send the POST request.

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551 The IPP server should implement the following:

- 552 • Return status code 403 for unauthorized client addresses when the HTTP level  
553 authentication or authorization is not adequate
- 554 • Return status code 200 with an IPP response containing the client-error-not-  
555 authorized status code when the IPP level authentication or authorization is not  
556 adequate
- 557 • Status codes 301 and 302 are not recommended
- 558 • Return status code 400 only if problems are detected with the HTTP request itself
- 559 • Return status code 200 with an IPP response containing the client-error-bad-  
560 request status code if problems are detected with the IPP operation

## 561 7. Security Considerations

562 TBD

- 563 • What you might do to ensure that the documents submitted remain private
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606 Resolved issues from feedback provided during the IPP conference call on February 25,  
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608 1. Added Validate-Job operation as operation to be used during printer selection  
609 process to validate access by client / user

610 2. Replaced previous Section 5 "Conformance Requirements" with new Section 5  
611 "Attributes and Their Use in Operations"

612 3. Replaced previous Section 6 "Internationalization Considerations" with new Section  
613 6 "HTTP Protocol Usage"

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