IBM Print Services Facility V4.3 for z/OS supports Advanced Function Presentation Architecture changes

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At a glance

This latest release, IBM® Print Services Facility™ V4.3, for z/OS® helps provide:

- Enhancements to AFP™ bar code processing to provide more flexibility in applications that use bar codes
- Continued enhancements to AFP architected color management capabilities
- New finishing options for applications sent to cut sheet printers so that users can take full advantage of cut sheet printer finishing capabilities and produce better professional-grade documents
- Enhancements to AFP Download Plus, a separately priced PSF feature, helps improve processing efficiency and control, reduce z/OS system resource utilization and provide additional information on jobs processed by AFP Download Plus
- Improved messages and error handling to improve quality and assist in diagnosing print processing errors

Overview

IBM is announcing a new release of its flagship production print product, Print Services Facility (PSF) V4.3 for z/OS. This latest release supports recent updates to the Advanced Function Presentation™ (AFP) industry architecture and makes these latest print standards available on z/OS. In addition, enhancements have been made to the AFP Download Plus separately priced feature of PSF and to the AFP Conversion and Indexing Facility (ACIF) separately priced feature of PSF.

Whether it is printing monthly statements, providing financial data, or displaying personal healthcare information, print and output is a mission-critical workload for many enterprises. Enterprise print and output can also account for a significant percentage of a company's overall cost of doing business. With PSF V4.3 for z/OS enterprise print and output can be a potential source of real dollar savings. For example, PSF for z/OS can help provide:

- Reduced overall labor costs through the use of automation
- Improved print asset utilization by connecting more applications to existing devices
- Minimized scheduling delays, reduced errors and wasted paper, and reduced reprints of "disappearing" jobs with end-to-end workflow management
- Improved timeliness with industry-leading print service levels, error recovery, diagnostics, defect support
• Increased competitive advantage with flexible delivery (such as workgroup, cutsheet, continuous form, black-and-white, color) and flexible operations (such as multiple data formats, scheduling options, and so on)

With PSF V4.3 for z/OS, IBM is building on its enterprise production print capabilities by enhancing its end-to-end, managed workflow used to deliver high-quality color and black-and-white printing on z/OS, with consistent results across a variety of devices that support this architecture.

PSF for z/OS is based on industry print standards. PSF V4.3 for z/OS incorporates the most recent AFP Architecture changes approved by the AFP Consortium. This print architecture provides consistent and device-independent color rendering across multiple color technologies and printer vendors. The AFP Color Consortium™ became an industry standards body in 2006, and was incorporated in 2009 as the AFP Consortium. The AFP Consortium, comprised of 40 vendor members and growing, strives to enhance the entire AFP architecture.

**Key prerequisites**

Refer to the Hardware requirements and Software requirements sections for details.

**Planned availability date**

**September 25, 2009**

Availability of programs with encryption algorithm in France is subject to French government approval. Contact the Cryptographic Approvals Manager in France, Olivier Hamel/France/IBM@IBMFR, Paris DCT.

**Description**

Print Services Facility (PSF) for z/OS offers exceptional versatility to help you manage your production print and output environment. PSF enables: automated print processes, system management of print files, attributes, and resources, as well as page-level error recovery, accounting, extensive diagnostics, and print process statistics. PSF sophistication, resilience, and diagnostics are unmatched by other print management systems.

PSF V4.3 provides the following capabilities:

• New bar code capabilities are available to support increasing use of bar codes in applications to provide mail optimization for postal savings, and to control automated workflows.

• Improved color management is optimized with the following enhancements:
  
a. Color Conversion Color Management Resources (CMRs) can now pass through CMYK colors more easily.
  
b. Indexed CMRs map indexed colors in the data to output device colors or colorant combinations enables easier migration of existing color applications to newer color printer technologies.
  
c. Process colors can be specified as the default color in the data descriptor for a Graphics Object Content Architecture object, providing full color image reproduction in very high quality.

• New finishing options now allow applications to specify documents to be bound into booklets, or trimmed to a specified size required by the finished document.

• AFP Download Plus is now better: Improved performance and resource utilization, additional info in the AFPSTATS report, reduced TCP/IP commands, control over transmit recovery interval, sending error messages and separator pages to the receiver to better coordinate print production.
• New messages and error handling improve PSF quality and provide additional diagnostic information. An example is Composition Error Handling, providing capability to hold jobs on the spool when the print data requests a medium map that is not found in the Form definition.

Many significant enhancements have been made to the AFP Download Plus separately priced feature of PSF. Enhancements have also been made to the ACIF separately priced feature of PSF. ACIF can run on any z/OS system with or without PSF. These enhancements are as follows:

AFP Download Plus

• Optionally send Mixed Object Document Content Architecture™ data directly to the receiving system without storing it in a temporary file in the working directory
• Change the transmission recovery interval with a new AFPPARMS control statement parameter
• Send an error message data set to the receiver when errors stop transformation
• Send the active PSF for z/OS separator pages to the receiver

ACIF

• The COLORMAP parameter has been added to allow users to specify color mapping tables.
• The IDXCPGID, MVSINCV, and NOINCV values have been added to the EXTENSIONS parameter
• New and updated messages

Accessibility by people with disabilities

A U.S. Section 508 Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) containing details on accessibility compliance can be requested at


Product positioning

PSF is the strategic mainframe production print solution of IBM, especially for businesses that require high-quality, high-volume output such as transaction statements, invoices, checks, insurance policies, direct mail pieces, and more. It also supports distributed printing to departmental IPDS™ printers where ensured delivery of every job and page is important.

PSF supports AFP Consortium approved AFP architecture changes. The AFP Consortium is an open industry standards body, comprised of vendors of color printers and color document composition software to help customers create and manage color applications with consistent color rendering.

Hardware and software support services

SmoothStart/installation services

IBM Installation Services can be provided for PSF at an additional cost. Contact your IBM sales representative or Business Partner for additional information.

IBM SmoothStart™ and Installation Services from IBM Global Services are not provided for this product.
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Technical information

**Specified operating environment**

**Hardware requirements**

IBM Print Services Facility (PSF) requires a host processor that accommodates the software environment.

PSF supports printing AFP printers that adhere to the IPDS specifications. Not all functions of PSF are supported by all IPDS printers. To use Color Mapping Resources (CMRs) with PSF V4.3, the IPDS printer must support the corresponding AFP Color Management Object Architecture according to published specifications.

**Software requirements**

PSF runs on:

- z/OS V1.9, or later, with supported levels of JES2 or JES3.

One of the following system programs is required:

- SMP/E element of z/OS
- SMP/E V3.4 (5655-G44), or later

The following functions of the z/OS Communications Server are required, depending upon the printer attachment:

- SNA Services for SNA-attached printers
- IP Services for TCP/IP-attached printers

One of the following is required to provide host fonts:

- Infoprint® Fonts for z/OS V1.1 (5648-E76), or later.
- AFP Font Collection for z/OS V2.1.1 (5648-B33), or later.
- The Compatibility Fonts optional feature of PSF, which does not contain euro support.
- Worldtype Fonts for AFP Print Servers optional feature of Infoprint Fonts for Multiplatforms (5648-E77), which contains a wide selection of TrueType and OpenType fonts.
- To use TrueType and OpenType fonts, you must have these:
  - A resource installer program, such as the Font Installer optional feature of Infoprint Fonts for Multiplatforms, or the InfoPrint® AFP Resource Installer (5639-EE2).
  - A product that supplies TrueType and OpenType fonts, such as the WorldType Fonts for AFP Print Servers optional feature of Infoprint Fonts for Multiplatforms.

PSF can successfully process resource access tables (RATs) created with either the IBM Font Installer or the InfoPrint AFP Resource Installer. However, a RAT created with the IBM Font Installer is not compatible with a RAT created with the InfoPrint AFP Resource Installer. Though the AFP Resource Installer can process a RAT created with the Font Installer and migrate it into the new format, the
opposite is not true. When the Font Installer processes a RAT created with the AFP Resource Installer, it might lose the RAT information or an error might occur. Therefore, IBM recommends that you do not use the Font Installer once you have created a RAT with the AFP Resource Installer.

**Compatibility**

PSF V4.3 for z/OS is upwardly compatible with PSF V4.2, and earlier, with the following exceptions:

- PSF V4 for z/OS does not include the optional feature, Page Printer Migration Programs (PPMP), which is no longer supported. Customers currently using PPMP should migrate to the replacement product, Infoprint XT Extender for z/OS V1R1 (5655-J65). For additional information, contact your local IBM representative.
- The AFP API component of PSF/MVS V2.2 is no longer provided with PSF V4. It is functionally replaced by AFP Toolbox, program product 5655-A25. Customers using the PSF/MVS V2.2 API can continue to use their existing program modules on an as-is basis or migrate to AFP Toolbox.
- The IP PrintWay and NetSpool optional features are no longer available or supported. These optional features are functionally replaced by the Infoprint Server optional feature of z/OS. Customers who want the functionality of IP PrintWay and NetSpool should order the Infoprint Server optional feature of z/OS.
- The Enhanced ACIF feature of PSF is now a separately ordered and priced feature. A base PSF license is no longer required when ordering Enhanced ACIF.

**Performance considerations**

The performance of PSF and its attached printers is dependent upon availability and efficiency of memory, storage, DASD, and channel and network resources in the system configuration. It is also highly dependent upon the content of the print datastreams being processed. In general, data-intensive applications, such as those containing images, require more resources than applications containing plain text. If performance degradation is experienced, normal system performance analysis and tuning should be conducted before contacting IBM Service.

**User group requirements**

FITS Requirement MR0430082748

**Planning information**

**Customer responsibilities**

PSF interacts with JES printer definitions, and for communication with attached printers, with VTAM® and/or TCP/IP device definitions. Printers’ device definitions should be in place for JES, VTAM, and/or TCP/IP prior to installing PSF.

**Installability**

Sample startup procedures for PSF V4 will reference different fonts than those used in the startup procedures for PSF V2.2. Care should be taken not to replace any startup procedures with the new samples until they can be tested with your available font libraries.

**Packaging**

The PSF V4.3 base program and optional features are each shipped on separate tapes. No fonts are included on the PSF base tape. If the compatibility fonts are required, be sure to order the compatibility font optional, no-charge feature.

A program directory is shipped with each PSF feature that is ordered.
Security, auditability, and control

PSF uses the security features and programs of the z/OS operating systems. The customer is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communication facilities. The customer is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communication facilities.

Publications

The following advance publications are available now. To order, you can direct order or contact your IBM representative.

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¹Refer to the "Using AFP Upload" chapter of this guide.

Ordering z/OS through the Internet

ShopzSeries provides an easy way to plan and order your z/OS ServerPac or CBPDO. It will analyze your current installation, determine the correct product migration, and present your new configuration based on z/OS. Additional products can also be added to your order (including determination of whether all product requisites are satisfied). ShopzSeries is available in the U.S., Canada, and several countries in Europe. In countries where ShopzSeries is not available yet, contact your IBM representative (or IBM Business Partner) to handle your order via the traditional IBM ordering process. For more details and availability, visit the ShopzSeries Web site at


New licensees

Orders for new licenses can be placed now.

Registered customers can access IBMLink™ for ordering information and charges.

Shipment will not occur before the availability date.
Unless a later date is specified, orders entered before the planned availability date will be assigned a schedule date of one week following availability.

Orders entered after the planned availability date will be assigned a schedule date for the week following order entry, unless a later date is specified.

Shipment will begin on the planned availability date. New users of PSF V4.3 for z/OS should specify:

- Machine type: 5655
- Model: M32

To order a basic license, specify Program number 5655-M32. Specify the 3480 supply IDs and MLC entitlement identifiers for the desired tiers (usage levels). For example, to order usage for Tier 3, order by specifying the features for Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3.

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**Note:** AFP Download Plus, AFP Upload, Compatibility Fonts, and Download for z/OS require Tier 1.

**Publications**

A memo and program directory are shipped with the base feature. An additional program directory is shipped with each optional feature. The following publications are shipped in softcopy with the base feature and may be ordered separately in hardcopy for a fee:

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http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/zos/printsoftware/psfhome_z_ww.html

To access the latest Print Services Facility for z/OS V4.3 tiered pricing exhibit, refer to


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- ServerPacs - 3480, 3480 Compressed, 3490E, 3590, 3592
- SystemPacs - 3480, 3480 Compressed, 3490E, 3590, 3592

3592 is highest density media. Selecting 3592 will ship the fewest number of media.

Once a product becomes generally available, it will be included in the next ServerPac and SystemPac monthly update.
Production of software product orders will begin on the planned general availability date.

- CBPDO shipments will begin one week after general availability.
- ServerPac shipments will begin two weeks after inclusion in ServerPac.
- SystemPac shipments will begin four weeks after inclusion in SystemPac due to additional customization and data input verification.

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Contact your IBM representative for the list of selected services available in your country, either as standard or customized offerings for the efficient installation, implementation, and integration of this product.

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