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The 'mailto:' Notification Delivery Method

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Abstract

The notification extension document [ipp-ntfy] defines operations that a client can perform in order to create Subscription Objects in a Printer and carry out other operations on them. The Subscription Object specifies that when one of the specified Events occurs, the Printer sends an asynchronous Event Notification to the specified Notification Recipient via the specified Delivery Method (i.e., protocol).

The notification extension document [ipp-ntfy] specifies that each Delivery Method is defined in another document. This document is one such document, and it specifies the 'mailto' delivery method.

For this Delivery Method, when an Event occurs, the Printer immediately sends an Event Notification via an email message to the Notification Recipient specified in the Subscription Object. The message body of the

email consists of Human Consumable text and is not intended to be parsed by a machine.

The Notification Recipient receives the Event Notification in the same way as it receives any other email message.

The full set of IPP documents includes:

  Design Goals for an Internet Printing Protocol [RFC2567]
  Rationale for the Structure and Model and Protocol for the Internet Printing Protocol [RFC2568]
  Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Model and Semantics [ipp-mod]
  Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Encoding and Transport [ipp-pro]
  Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementer's Guide [ipp-iig]
  Mapping between LPD and IPP Protocols [RFC2569]
  Internet Printing Protocol (IPP): IPP Event Notification Specification [ipp-ntfy]

The "Design Goals for an Internet Printing Protocol" document takes a broad look at distributed printing functionality, and it enumerates real-life scenarios that help to clarify the features that need to be included in a printing protocol for the Internet. It identifies requirements for three types of users: end users, operators, and administrators. It calls out a subset of end user requirements that are satisfied in IPP/1.0. A few OPTIONAL operator operations have been added to IPP/1.1.

The "Rationale for the Structure and Model and Protocol for the Internet Printing Protocol" document describes IPP from a high level view, defines a roadmap for the various documents that form the suite of IPP specification documents, and gives background and rationale for the IETF working group's major decisions.

The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Model and Semantics" document describes a simplified model with abstract objects, their attributes, and their operations that are independent of encoding and transport. It introduces a Printer and a Job object. The Job object optionally supports multiple documents per Job. It also addresses security, internationalization, and directory issues.

The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Encoding and Transport" document is a formal mapping of the abstract operations and attributes defined in the model document onto HTTP/1.1 [RFC2616]. It defines the encoding rules for a new Internet MIME media type called "application/ipp". This document also defines the rules for transporting over HTTP a message body whose Content-Type is "application/ipp". This document also defines a new scheme named 'ipp' for identifying IPP printers and jobs.

The "Internet Printing Protocol/1.1: Implementer's Guide" document gives insight and advice to implementers of IPP clients and IPP objects. It is intended to help them understand IPP/1.1 and some of the considerations that may assist them in the design of their client and/or IPP object implementations. For example, a typical order of processing requests is given, including error checking. Motivation for some of the

specification decisions is also included.

The "Mapping between LPD and IPP Protocols" document gives some advice to implementers of gateways between IPP and LPD (Line Printer Daemon) implementations.

The "Event Notification Specification" document describes an extension to the IPP/1.0, IPP/1.1, and future versions. This extension allows a client to subscribe to printing related Events. The Subscription Object specifies that when one of the specified Event occurs, the Printer sends an asynchronous Event Notification to the specified Notification Recipient via the specified Delivery Method (i.e., protocol). A client associates Subscription Objects with a particular Job by performing the Create-Job-Subscriptions operation or by submitting a Job with subscription information. A client associates Subscription Objects with the Printer by performing a Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation. Four other operations are defined for Subscription Objects: Get-Subscriptions-Attributes, Get-Subscriptions, Renew-Subscription, and Cancel-Subscription.

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1 Introduction

The notification extension document [ipp-ntfy] defines operations that a client can perform in order to create Subscription Objects in a Printer and carry out other operations on them. A Subscription Object represents a Subscription abstraction. The Subscription Object specifies that when one of the specified Events occurs, the Printer sends an asynchronous Event Notification to the specified Notification Recipient via the specified Delivery Method (i.e., protocol).

The notification extension document [ipp-ntfy] specifies that each Delivery Method is defined in another document. This document is one such document, and it specifies the 'mailto' delivery method.

For this Delivery Method, when an Event occurs, the Printer immediately sends an Event Notification via an email message to the Notification Recipient specified in the Subscription Object. The message body of the email consists of Human Consumable text and is not intended to be parsed by a machine. The 'mailto' Delivery Method is a 'push' Delivery Method as defined in [ipp-ntfy].

The Notification Recipient receives the Event Notification in the same way as it receives any other email message.

2 Terminology

This section defines the following terms that are used throughout this document:

Capitalized terms, such as MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, MAY, NEED NOT, and OPTIONAL, have special meaning relating to conformance to this specification. These terms are defined in [ipp-mod section 13.1 on conformance terminology, most of which is taken from RFC **2119** **[RFC2119]**.

For capitalized terms that appear in this document, see [ipp-ntfy].

3 Model and Operation

In a Subscription Creation Operation, when the value of the "notify-recipient-uri" attribute contains the scheme "mailto", the client is requesting that the Printer use the 'mailto' Delivery Method for Event Notifications generated from the new Subscription Object.

For this Delivery Method, the "notify-recipient-uri" attribute value MUST consist of a "mailto" scheme followed by a colon, and then followed by an address part (e.g. 'mailto:smith@abc.com'). See section 5.2.1 for

the syntax of the "notify-recipient-uri" attribute value for this Delivery Method.

A Printer MUST support SMTP [RFC821], and it MAY support other email protocols. A Printer MAY use additional services, such as SMTP delivery status notification [RFC1891] or S/MIME encryption [RFC2633].

If the client wants the Printer to send Event Notifications via the 'mailto' Delivery Method, the client MUST choose a value for "notify-recipient-uri" attribute which conforms to the rules of section 5.2.1. To avoid denial-of-service attacks, a client SHOULD NOT use distribution lists as the Notification Recipient.

When an Event occurs, the Printer MUST immediately:

1. Find all pertinent Subscription Objects P according to the rules of section 9 of [ipp-ntfy], AND

2. Find the subset M of these Subscription Objects P whose "notify-recipient-uri" attribute has a scheme value of 'mailto', AND

3. For each Subscription Object in M, the Printer MUST

   a)generate an email message as specified in section 5.2.2 AND

   b)send the email message to the Notification Recipient specified by the address part of the "notify-recipient-uri" attribute value (see section 5.2.1).

If the Printer supports only SMTP, it MUST send the email message via SMTP. If the Printer supports additional email protocols, it MUST determine the protocol from the address part of the "notify-recipient-uri" attribute value and then send the email message via the appropriate email protocol.

When a Subscription Object is listening to a frequently occurring Event, such as 'job-progress', the Printer MUST moderate the sending of Event Notifications caused by such an Event. It is implementation dependent as to how a Printer moderates Events and how a human controls the moderation.

4 General Information

According to the notification extension document [ipp-ntfy], this document MUST contain the following information:

1.The URL scheme name for the Delivery Method is: 'mailto'

2.Printer support for this delivery method is OPTIONAL.

3.For Event Notification content, a Printer MUST support SMTP. It MAY support other email protocols.

4.Several Event Notifications MUST NOT be combined into a compound Event Notification. The Printer MUST send them as separate email

messages.

5.The Printer MUST initiate the Delivery Method.

6.The Delivery Method sends Human Consumable Event Notifications.

7. The representation and encoding for each piece of information MUST be plain text (see section 5.2.2). An implementation MAY send the information in other encodings.

8. In the Event Notification content, a Printer MUST send all pieces of information specified in section 5.2.2.

9. Frequently occurring Events MUST be moderated to prevent Notification Recipients from receiving excessive email.

10. This Delivery Method has the same latency and reliability as the underlying SMTP (or other) transport.

11. This Delivery Method has the same security aspects as the underlying SMTP (or other) transport.

12. This Delivery Method has no content length restrictions.

13. There are no additional values that a Printer MUST send in a Notification content.

14. There is one additional Subscription Template attributes. See section 5.1.1.

15. There are no additional Printer Description attributes.

5 Subscription Template Attributes

5.1 Additional Subscription Template Attributes

This Delivery Method introduces one additional Subscription Template Attribute.

5.1.1 notify-mailto-text-only (boolean)

When the Printer generates an Event Notification from a Subscription Object, this attribute specifies whether the Printer generates the Event Notification with only plain text (i.e. 'text/plain') or with Content-Types that the Printer chooses.

The Printer MUST support this attribute if it supports the 'mailto' Delivery Method.

A client MAY supply this attribute. If a client does not supply this attribute, the Printer MUST populate this attribute with the value of 'false' on the Subscription Object. There is no "notify-mailto-text-

only-default" attribute.

If the value of this attribute is 'true' in a Subscription Object, the message body of each Event Notification that the Printer generates from the Subscription Object MUST contain plain text only (i.e. 'text/plain' with the charset specified by the "notify-charset' Subscription Object attribute).

If the value of this attribute is 'false' in a Subscription Object, the message body of each Event Notification that the Printer generates from the Subscription Object MAY contain any Content-Type (e.g. 'text/plain', 'text/html', 'multipart/mixed', 'multipart/alternative', 'image/gif', 'audio/basic', etc.).

A Printer MUST support both values ('true' and 'false') of this attribute. There is no "notify-mailto-text-only-supported" attribute.

5.2 Additional Information about Subscription Template Attributes

This section describes additional values for attributes defined in [ipp-ntfy].

5.2.1 notify-recipient-uri (uri)

This section describes the syntax of the value of this attribute for the 'mailto' Delivery Method. The syntax for values of this attribute for other Delivery Method is defined in other Delivery Method Documents.

In order to support the 'mailto' Delivery Method, the Printer MUST support the following syntax for the 'mailto' Delivery Method when the Printer uses SMTP. The line below use RFC 822 syntax rules and terms.

```
"mailto:" 1#mailbox
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Note: the above syntax allows 1 or more occurrences of 'mailbox'. Each occurrence of 'mailbox' represents an email address of a Notification Recipient.

ISSUE: RFC 2368 allows more than one mailbox. Do we want this or just 1?

For SMTP, the phrase 'address part of the "notify-recipient-uri" attribute value' refers to the 'mailbox' part of the value.

The Printer MAY support other syntax for the 'address part' if it supports other email protocols.

5.2.2 notify-user-data (octetString(63))

This attributes has a special use for the 'mailto' Delivery Method. It specifies the email address of the Subscribing Client. It is primarily useful when the Notification Recipient is some person other than the Subscribing Client. Then the Notification Recipient has a way to reply

to the Subscribing Client.

If a client specifies this Delivery Method in a Subscription Creation Operation, and the specified Notification Recipient is not associated with the same person as the client, the client SHOULD supply its email address as the value of the "notify-user-data" attribute. If the client does not supply this attribute, the Printer MUST NOT populate the Subscription Object with this attribute.

6 Event Notification Content

This section describes the content of an Event Notification sent via the 'mailto' Delivery Method using the SMTP protocol. This document does not describe the content for other email protocols, but an implementation should use this section as a model.

When a Printer sends an email message via SMTP, the content MUST conform to RFC 822. The following sections define the content that a Printer MUST send. A Printer MAY send additional content as long as the resulting content conforms to RFC 822.

Each subsection below specifies the syntax that pertains to the subsection. The syntax rules and syntactic terms (e.g. 'date-time') in each subsection come from RFC 822, except for the section on "Content-Type" which comes from RFC 1521.

The Event Notification content has two parts, the headers and the message body. The headers precede the message body and are separated by a blank line (see [RFC 822]).

6.1 Headers

When a Printer sends an Event Notification via SMTP, it MUST include the following headers. RFC 822 RECOMMENDS that the headers be in the order that they appear below.

6.1.1 'Date' header

Syntax: "Date" ":" date-time

This header contains the date and time that the Event occurred.

The Printer MUST include a "Date" header if and only if it supports the "printer-current-time" Printer attribute.

6.1.2 'From' header

Syntax: "From" ":" mailbox

where

mailbox = addr-spec / phrase route-addr

This header causes a typical email reader to show the email as coming

from the Printer that is sending the Event Notification.

The Printer MUST include a "From" header whose syntax is specified above.

The Printer MUST use the second alternative of the syntax for 'mailbox' defined above (i.e. 'phrase route-addr'). The 'phrase' is the Printer's display name and it MUST be the value of the "printer-name" Printer attribute. The 'route-addr' MUST contain an email address (inside angle brackets) belonging to either an administrator or the

output-device. This email address NEED NOT be capable of receiving mail. There is no Printer attribute to hold this email address, so that it cannot be configured using the IPP protocol without an implementation-defined attribute extension.

6.1.3 'Subject' header

Syntax: "Subject" ":" *text

This header specifies the subject of the message and contains a short summary of the Event Notification.

The Printer MUST include a "Subject" header whose syntax is specified above.

The Printer MUST localize the '*text' using the values of the "notify-charset" and "notify-natural-language" Subscription Object attributes.

For Printer Events, the '*text' SHOULD start with the localized word "printer:", followed by the Printer name, and then followed by the localized Event name, e.g., in English: "printer: 'tiger' stopped" or in French: 'imprimeur: 'tigre' arr.t.'.

For Job Events, the '*text' SHOULD start with the localized phrase "print job:", followed by the Job name, and then followed by the localized Event name, e.g., in English: "print job: 'financials' completed".

The wording is implementation dependent. A Notification Recipient MUST NOT expect to be able to parse this text. But an email filter might look for "printer" or "print job".

6.1.4 'Sender' header

Syntax: "Sender" ":" mailbox

This header causes a typical email reader to show the email as coming on behalf of the person associated with the Subscribing Client.

If the Subscription Object contains the "notify-user-data" attribute, and if its value satisfies the RFC 822 syntax rules for 'mailbox', the Printer MUST include a "Sender" header whose syntax is specified above. Otherwise, the Printer MUST NOT include a "Sender" header.

For the "Sender" header, the 'mailbox' MUST be the value of the "notify-

user-data" Subscription Object attribute. See section 5.2.2 for details about the "notify-user-data" attribute.

6.1.5 'Reply-to' header

Syntax: "Reply-to" ":" mailbox

If the Notification Recipient replies to Event Notification email, this header causes a typical email reader to send email to the person acting as the Subscribing Client. The rules are identical to the "Sender" header.

If the Subscription Object contains the "notify-user-data" attribute, and if its value satisfies the RFC 822 syntax rules for "mailbox", the Printer MUST include a "Reply-to" header whose syntax is specified above. Otherwise, the Printer MUST NOT include a "Reply-to" header.

For the "Reply-to" header, the "mailbox" MUST be the value of the "notify-user-data" Subscription Object attribute. See section 5.2.2 for details about the "notify-user-data" attribute.

6.1.6 'To' header

Syntax: "To" ":" 1#mailbox

See [RFC 1521] for the syntax.

This header specifies the Notification Recipient(s).

The Printer MUST include a "To" header whose syntax is specified above.

The '1#mailbox' MUST be the '1#mailbox' part of the value of the "notify-recipient-uri" Subscription attribute, i.e. the part after the "mailto:".

6.1.7 'Content-type' header

Syntax: "Content-Type" ":" type "/" subtype *(";"parameter)

See [RFC 1521] for the syntactic terms (e.g. 'type').

This header specifies the format of the message body.

The Printer MUST include the "Content-Type" header.

If the value of the "notify-mailto-text-only" Subscription Object attribute is 'true', the 'type' MUST be "plain", the 'subtype' MUST be "text" and the 'parameter' MUST be ' "charset=" XXX' where XXX is the value of the "notify-charset" Subscription Object attribute, e.g. 'text/plain;charset=UTF-8'.

If the value of the "notify-mailto-text-only" Subscription Object attribute is 'false, the values of 'type', 'subtype' and 'parameter' MUST be values allowed by RFC 1521 or some registered MIME type. That is, a Printer MAY send any format it wishes, e.g. html, images, audio, or multipart.

6.2 Message Body

This document describes a message body that is plain text. The content of all other Content-Types is implementation dependent. A Printer SHOULD include a plain text message even when it sends other Content-Types, i.e. the 'type' of the Content-Type SHOULD be 'multipart'.

When a Printer sends a plain text message, it MUST localize the text using the values of the "notify-charset" and "notify-natural-language" Subscription Object attributes.

Section 9.2 in [ipp-ntfy] specifies the information that a Delivery Method MUST specify and a Printer SHOULD send. This section contains the information from section 9.2 in [ipp-ntfy] and changes "Printer SHOULD send" to "Printer MUST send".

A Printer MUST send the following localized information in the message body. The specific wording of this information and its layout are implementation dependent.

a)the Printer name (see Table 1)
b)omitted (see below).
c)for Printer Events only:
  i) the Event (see Table 2) and/or Printer state information (see Table 5)
d)for Job Events only:
  i) the job identity (see Table 3)
  ii) the Event (see Table 2) and/or Job state information (see Table 4)

Item b) in the above list is omitted because the Printer sends the time of the Event as an email header (see section 6.1.1 on the 'Date' header).

The subsections of this section specify the attributes that a Printer MUST use to obtain this information.

The Printer MAY send additional information, depending on implementation.

Notification Recipients MUST NOT expect to be able to parse the message.

The next three sections define the attributes in Event Notification Contents that are:

a)for all Events

b)for Job Events only

c)for Printer Events only

6.2.1 Information in Event Notification Content Common to All Events

The Printer MUST send the following information.

There is a separate table for each piece of information. Each row in the table represents a source value for the information and the values are listed in order of preference, with the first one being the preferred one. An implementation SHOULD use the source value from the earliest row in each table. The tables in this section and following contain the following columns for each piece of information:

a)Source of Value: the name of the attribute that supplies the value for the Event Notification

b)Source Object: the object from which the source value comes.

Table 1 lists the source of the information for the Printer Name. The "printer-name" is more user-friendly unless the Notification Recipient is in a place where the Printer name is not meaningful.

Table 1 . Printer Name in Event Notification Content

Source Value	Source Object
printer-name (name(127))	Printer
notify-printer-uri (uri)	Subscription

Table 2 lists the source of the information for the Event name. A Printer MAY combine this information with state information described for Jobs in Table 4 or for Printers in Table 5.

Table 2 . Event Name in Event Notification Content

Source Value	Source Object
notify-subscribed-event (type2 keyword)	Subscription

6.2.2 Additional Information in Event Notification Content for Job Events

This section lists the source of the additional information that a Printer MUST send for Job Events.

Table 3 lists the source of the information for the job name. The "job-name" is likely more meaningful to a user than "job-id".

Table 3 . Job Name in Event Notification Content for Job Events

Source Value	Source Object
job-name (name(MAX))	Job
job-id (integer(1:MAX))	Job

Table 4 lists the source of the information for the job-state. If a Printer supports the "job-state-message" and "job-detailed-state-message" attributes, it SHOULD use those attributes for the job state

information, otherwise, it should fabricate such information from the "job-state" and "job-state-reasons". For some Events, a Printer MAY combine this information with Event information.

Table 4 . Job State in Event Notification Content for Job Events

Source Value	Source Object
job-state-message (text(MAX))	Job
job-detailed-status-messages (1setOf text(MAX))	Job
job-state (type1 enum)	Job
job-state-reasons (1setOf type2 keyword)	Job

6.2.3 Additional Information in Event Notification Content for Printer Events

This section lists the source of the additional information that a Printer MUST send for Printer Events.

Table 5 lists the source of the information for the printer-state. If a Printer supports the "printer-state-message", it SHOULD use that attribute for the job state information, otherwise it SHOULD fabricate such information from the "printer-state" and "printer-state-reasons". For some Events, a Printer MAY combine this information with Event information.

Table 5 . Printer State in Event Notification Content for Printer Events

Source Value	Source Object
printer-state-message (text(MAX))	Printer
printer-state (type1 enum)	Printer
printer-state-reasons (1setOf type2 keyword)	Printer
printer-is-accepting-jobs (boolean)	Printer

6.3 Examples

This section contains three examples. One is a Job Event and the other two are Printer Events, the latter in French.

6.3.1 Job Event Example

This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Job Event.

A Subscribing Client Mike Jones (who works for xyz Corp.) performs a Subscription Creation Operation as part of the Print-Job operation on Printer "ipp://tiger@abc.com". Mike Jones specifies that the "job-name" is "financials". Mike is printing the Job for Bill Smith at abc Corp. The Subscription Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:bsmith@abc.com
notify-events	job-completed
notify-user-data	mjones@xyz.com
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	us-ascii
notify-natural-language	en-us
notify-persistence	false
notify-subscription-id	35692
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-up-time	34593
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tiger@abc.com
notify-job-id	345
notify-subscriber-user-name	mjones

When the Job completes, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

```
Date: 17 Jul 00 1632 PDT
From: tiger <printAdmin@abc.com>
Subject: print job: 'financials' completed
Sender: mjones@xyz.com
Reply-to: mjones@xyz.com
To: bsmith@abc.com
Content-type: text/plain

printer: tiger
job: financials
job-state: completed
```

The reader should note that the phrases are not identical to IPP keywords. They have been localized to English.

6.3.2 Printer Event Example

This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Printer Event.

A Subscribing Client Peter Williams, a Printer admin, performs a Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation on Printer "ipp://tiger@abc.com". The Subscription Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:pwilliams@abc.com
notify-events	printer-state-changed
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	us-ascii
notify-natural-language	en-us
notify-persistence	false
notify-subscription-id	4623
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-uptime	23002
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tiger@abc.com
notify-lease-expiration-time	0
notify-subscriber-user-name	pwilliams

When the Printer jams, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

```
Date: 29 Aug 00 0832 PDT
From: tiger <printAdmin@abc.com>
Subject: printer: 'tiger' stopped
To: pwilliams@abc.com
Content-type: text/plain

printer: tiger
state: stopped
reason: jammed paper
```

The reader should note that the phrases are not identical to IPP keywords. They have been localized to English.

6.3.3 Printer Event Example (localized to French)

This section contains an example of an Event Notification of a Printer Event.

A Subscribing Client Pierre Veyrat, a Printer admin, performs a a Create-Printer-Subscriptions operation on Printer "ipp://tigre@def.com". The Subscription Object then has the following attributes:

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
notify-recipient-uri	mailto:pveyrat@def.com
notify-events	printer-state-changed
notify-mailto-text-only	true
notify-charset	utf-8
notify-natural-language	fr
notify-persistence	false
notify-subscription-id	50225
notify-sequence-number	0
notify-printer-uptime	53217
notify-printer-uri	ipp://tigre@def.com
notify-lease-expiration-time	0
notify-subscriber-user-name	pveyrat

When the Printer jams, the Printer generates and sends the following email message:

Note, this example shows the accented characters as an email reader would show them rather than as they would be encoded in us-ascii.

ISSUE: this needs to changed to real ascii encoding for IETF ascii document.

```
Date: 29 Jan 00 0832 CET
From: tigre <admin@def.com>
Subject: imprimeur: 'tigre' arr.t.
```

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  To: pveyrat@def.com
  Content-type: text/plain;charset=utf-8

  imprimeur: tigre@def.com
  .tat: arr.t.
```

raison: papier coinc.

7 Conformance Requirements

If the Printer supports the 'mailto' Delivery Method, the Printer MUST:

1. meet the conformance requirements defined in [ipp-ntfy].

2. support the "notify-mailto-text-only " Subscription Object attribute defined in section 5.1.1.

3. support the syntax for the "notify-recipient-uri" Subscription Object attribute defined in section 5.2.1

4. support the use for the "notify-user-data" Subscription Object attribute defined in section 5.2.2

5. support SMTP for sending Event Notifications.

6. support the 'text/plain' Content-Type for the message body.

7. support sending Event Notification via email with the content specified in section 5.2.

8 IANA Considerations

Because the 'mailto' URL scheme is already defined in a standards track document [RFC 2368] and registered with IANA, this document does not require anything further of IANA.

9 Internationalization Considerations

This Delivery Method presents no internationalization considerations beyond those covered in the [ipp-ntfy] document, and sections 6.1.3 and **6.2 of this document.**

The Notification Recipient is expected to present the email as received because the Printer does all necessary localization to the Event Notification contents.

10 Security Considerations

The biggest security concern is that a Subscribing Client will cause unsolicited Event Notifications to be sent to third parties, potentially creating denial-of-service problems (i.e., spam). The problem is even worse if the third parties are distribution lists.

There exist scenarios where third party notification is required (see Scenario #2 and #3 in [ipp-not-req]). The fully secure solution would require active agreement of all persons before they can become Notification Recipients. However, requirement #9 in [ipp-req] ("There is no requirement for IPP Printer receiving the print request to validate the identity of an event recipient") argues against this. To

minimize the risk, a Printer could disallow third party Notification Recipients (a traditional facsimile model).

The Delivery Method recommends that the Subscribing Client supply his or her email address as the value of the "notify-user-data" attribute in the Subscription Creation Operation when the Notification Recipient is a third party. To reduce the chance of spamming or identify the spammer, a Printer could disallow third party Notification Recipients if the Subscribing Client doesn't supply the "notify-user-data" attribute with a valid email address.

Some firewall administrators prevent mail attachments from being accepted into their organizations because of the problem of the attachments containing computer viruses. The 'mailto' Delivery Method allows the Subscribing Client to request that the Content-Type of a message body be 'text/plain'.

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