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Abstract

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1. Introduction

This document defines the Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) over HTTPS transport binding and the corresponding 'ipps' URI scheme, that is used to designate the access to the network location of a secure IPP print service or a network resource (for example, a print job) managed by such a service.

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This document updates [[RFC2910](#)] and [[RFC2911](#)].

This document updates:

- a) IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)], by extending [section 4](#) 'Encoding of the Transport Layer', [section 5](#) 'IPP URL Scheme', and [section 8.2](#) 'Using IPP with TLS';
- b) IPP/1.1 Model and Semantics [[RFC2911](#)], by extending [section 4.1.6](#) 'uriScheme' and [section 4.4.1](#) 'printer-uri-supported'; and
- c) IEEE-ISTO PWG IPP Version 2.0 Second Edition [[PWG5100.12](#)], by extending [section 4](#) 'IPP Standards' and [section 10](#) 'Security Considerations'.

The following versions of IPP are currently defined:

- 1.0 in [[RFC2566](#)] (obsolete)
- 1.1 in [[RFC2911](#)]
- 2.0 in [[PWG5100.12](#)]
- 2.1 in [[PWG5100.12](#)]
- 2.2 in [[PWG5100.12](#)]

Overview information about IPP is available in [section 1 of RFC 2911](#) [[RFC2911](#)], [section 1 of RFC 3196](#) [[RFC3196](#)], and [section 1](#) of PWG IPP Version 2.0 Second Edition [[PWG5100.12](#)].

1.1. Structure of this document

This document contains the following sections: [Section 2](#) defines the conventions used throughout the document.

[Section 3](#) defines the IPP over HTTPS transport binding.

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[Section 4](#) defines the 'ipps' URI scheme.

[Section 5](#) defines the applicability of this specification to IPP Clients and IPP Printers.

Sections [6](#) and [7](#) contain IANA and security considerations, respectively.

[Section 8](#) contains acknowledgments.

[Section 9](#) contains references.

[Appendix A](#) contains an informative summary of the original IPP URL Scheme [[RFC3510](#)] and associated IPP over HTTP transport binding.

[1.2.](#) Rationale for this document

The 'ipps' URI scheme was defined for the following reasons:

- 1) Some existing IPP Client and IPP Printer implementations of Upgrading to TLS Within HTTP/1.1 [[RFC 2817](#)] are flawed and unreliable.
- 2) Some existing IPP Client and IPP Printer implementations of HTTP Upgrade [[RFC 2717](#)] do not perform upgrade at the beginning of every HTTP connection, but instead only shift to secure IPP for selected IPP operations (inherently dangerous behavior on the same underlying TCP connection).
- 3) IPP Printer server-mandated HTTP Upgrade [[RFC 2817](#)] can still lead to exposure of IPP Client data if the Expect request header is not used - basically the IPP Client can send its whole Print-Job request before the IPP Printer has a chance to respond and say, "Wait! You need to encrypt first!"

[2.](#) Conventions Used in this Document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

[2.1.](#) Printing Terminology

The reader of this document needs to be familiar with the printing terms defined in IPP/1.1 Model and Semantics [[RFC2911](#)] as well as the

following:

IPP Client: The software (on some hardware platform) that submits IPP Job creation and IPP Printer and IPP Job management operations via the IPP over HTTP transport binding defined in the IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)] and/or the IPP over HTTPS transport binding defined in [section 3](#) of this specification to a downstream IPP Printer (print spooler, print gateway, or physical printing device).

IPP Job: The set of attributes and documents for one print job instantiated in an IPP Printer.

IPP Job object: Synonym for IPP Job.

IPP Printer: The software (on some hardware platform) that receives IPP Job creation and IPP Printer and IPP Job management operations via the IPP over HTTP transport binding defined in the IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)] and/or the IPP over HTTPS transport binding defined in [section 3](#) of this specification from an upstream IPP Client or IPP Printer.

IPP Printer object: Synonym for IPP Printer.

'ipps' URI: A URI using the 'ipps' URI scheme defined in [section 4](#) of this specification.

[2.2.](#) Abbreviations

This document makes use of the following abbreviations (given with their expanded forms and references for further reading):

ABNF - Augmented Backus-Naur Form [[STD68](#)]

ASCII - American Standard Code for Information Interchange [[ASCII](#)]

HTTP - HyperText Transfer Protocol [[RFC2616](#)]

HTTPS - HTTP over TLS [[RFC2818](#)]

IANA - Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
<<http://www.iana.org>>

IEEE - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
<<http://www.ieee.org>>

IESG - Internet Engineering Steering Group
<<http://www.ietf.org/iesg/>>

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IPP - Internet Printing Protocol [[RFC2911](#)] and [[PWG5100.12](#)]
 <<http://www.pwg.org/ipp/>>

ISTO - IEEE Industry Standards and Technology Organization
 <<http://www.ieee-isto.org/>>

LPD - Line Printer Daemon Protocol [[RFC1179](#)]

PWG - IEEE-ISTO Printer Working Group
 <<http://www.pwg.org>>

RFC - Request for Comments
 <<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc.html>>

TCP - Transmission Control Protocol [[STD7](#)]

TLS - Transport Layer Security [[RFC5246](#)]

URI - Uniform Resource Identifier [[STD66](#)]

URL - Uniform Resource Locator [[STD66](#)]

UTF-8 - Unicode Transformation Format - 8-bit [[STD63](#)]

3. IPP over HTTPS Transport Binding

This section is a normative description of the protocol steps taken by an IPP Client using and an IPP Printer supporting the 'ipps' URI scheme.

This document defines the following alternate IPP over HTTPS transport binding for the abstract protocol defined in IPP/1.1 Model and Semantics [[RFC2911](#)] and IEEE-ISTO PWG IPP Version 2.0 Second Edition [[PWG5100.12](#)].

When using an 'ipps' URI, an IPP Client MUST establish an IPP application layer connection according to the following sequence:

- 1) The IPP Client selects an 'ipps' URI value from "printer-uri-supported" Printer attribute [[RFC2911](#)], a directory entry, discovery info, a web page, etc.;
- 2) The IPP Client converts the 'ipps' URI to an 'https' URI (replacing 'ipps' with 'https' and inserting the port number from the URI or port 631 if the URI doesn't include a port number);
- 3) The IPP Client establishes a TCP [[STD7](#)] reliable transport layer

connection to the target endpoint - see [section 3.4](#) 'Establishing

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a connection' in TCP [[STD7](#)];

- 4) The IPP Client establishes a TLS/1.0 [[RFC2246](#)], TLS/1.1 [[RFC4346](#)], TLS/1.2 [[RFC5246](#)], or later TLS version secure transport layer connection to the target endpoint - see [section 7](#) 'The TLS Handshake Protocol' in [[RFC2246](#)], [[RFC4346](#)], and [[RFC5246](#)];
- 5) The IPP Client establishes an HTTPS [[RFC2818](#)] secure session layer connection over the TLS secure transport layer to the target endpoint; and
- 6) The IPP Client sends IPP application layer requests to and receives responses from the IPP Printer over the HTTPS [[RFC2818](#)] secure session layer connection using the POST method defined in [section 9.5](#) of HTTP/1.1 [[RFC2616](#)], as specified in [section 4](#) 'Encoding of Transport Layer' in IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)].

See: Section 'Security Considerations' in [[RFC2818](#)].

See: [Section 10](#) 'Security Considerations' in [[PWG5100.12](#)].

[4.](#) Definition of 'ipps' URI Scheme

[4.1.](#) Applicability of 'ipps' URI Scheme

The 'ipps' URI scheme MUST only be used to specify absolute URI (relative 'ipps' URI are not allowed) for IPP secure print services and their associated network resources. The 'ipps' URI scheme MUST only be used to specify the use of the abstract protocol defined in IPP/1.1 Model and Semantics [[RFC2911](#)] and IEEE-ISTO PWG IPP Version 2.0 Second Edition [[PWG5100.12](#)] over an HTTPS [[RFC2818](#)] transport, as defined in this specification. Any other transport binding for IPP would require a different URI scheme.

The 'ipps' URI scheme allows an IPP Client to choose an appropriate IPP secure print service (for example, from a directory). The IPP Client can establish an HTTPS connection to the specified IPP secure print service. The IPP Client can send IPP protocol requests (for example, 'Print-Job' requests) and receive IPP protocol responses over that HTTPS connection.

See: [Section 4.2](#) of this document.

See: [Section 4.4.1](#) 'printer-uri-supported' in IPP/1.1 Model and Semantics [[RFC2911](#)].

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See: [Section 5](#) 'IPP URL Scheme' in IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)].

See: [Section 4](#) 'IPP Standards' and [section 10](#) 'Security Considerations' of IEEE-ISTO PWG IPP Version 2.0 Second Edition [[PWG5100.12](#)].

[4.2.](#) Syntax of 'ipps' URI Scheme

The abstract protocol defined in IPP/1.1 Model and Semantics [[RFC2911](#)] places a limit of 1023 octets (NOT characters) on the length of a URI.

See: [Section 4.1.5](#) 'uri' in [[RFC2911](#)].

Note: IPP Printers SHOULD be cautious about depending on URI lengths above 255 octets, because some older IPP Client implementations might not properly support these lengths.

'ipps' URI MUST be represented in absolute form. Absolute URI MUST always begin with a scheme name followed by a colon. For definitive information on URI syntax and semantics, see "Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI) Generic Syntax and Semantics" [[STD66](#)]. This specification adopts the definitions of "host", "port", "path-absolute", and "query" from [[STD66](#)].

The 'ipps' URI scheme syntax in ABNF [[STD68](#)] is defined as follows:

```
ipps-uri =  
    "ipps:" "/" host [ ":" port ] [ path-absolute [ "?" query ] ]
```

If the port is empty or not given, then port 631 MUST be used.

See: Section [section 4.3](#) of this document.

The semantics are that the identified resource (see [section 5.1.2 of \[RFC2616\]](#)) is located at the IPP secure print service listening for HTTPS connections on that port of that host, and the Request-URI for the identified resource is 'path-absolute'.

Note: The higher-level "authority" production is not imported from [[STD66](#)], because it includes an optional "userinfo" component which cannot be used in 'ipps' URI.

Note: The "query" production does not have defined semantics in IPP and was never used in examples in IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)] or the original IPP URL Scheme [[RFC3510](#)]. The "query" is

retained here for consistency, but IPP Clients SHOULD avoid its use

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(because the semantics could only be implementation-defined).

Note: Literal IPv4 or IPv6 addresses SHOULD NOT be used in 'ipps' URI, because:

- a) IP addresses are often changed after network device installation (for example, based on DHCP reassignment after a power cycle);
- b) IP addresses often don't map simply to security domains;
- c) IP addresses are difficult to validate with X.509 server certificates (because they do not map to common name or alternate name attributes); and
- d) IPv6 link local addresses are not "portable" due to link identity

If the 'path-absolute' is not present in the URI, it MUST be given as "/" when used as a Request-URI for a resource (see [section 5.1.2 of \[RFC2616\]](#)).

An 'ipps' URI is transformed into an 'https' URI by replacing "ipps:" with "https:" and inserting port 631 (if the 'port' is not present in the original 'ipps' URI).

See: Section [section 4.3](#) of this document.

[4.3](#). Associated Port for 'ipps' URI Scheme

All 'ipps' URI which do NOT explicitly specify a port MUST be resolved to IANA-assigned well-known port 631, already registered in [[PORTREG](#)] for IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)].

Note: Port 631 is overloaded here for both 'ipp' [[RFC3510](#)] and 'ipps' URI, both of which refer to an IPP print service or a network resource managed by such a service (for example, a print job), for consistency with recent IETF best practices. IPP Printer implementors can refer to the CUPS source at "https://www.cups.org/" for an example of incoming connection handling for the dual-use of port 631.

Note: For compatibility with existing IPP Client and IPP Printer implementations, explicit port 443 (assigned in the 'https' URI scheme [[RFC2818](#)]) SHOULD be accepted in 'ipps' URI and processed normally by IPP Clients and IPP Printers.

See: IANA Port Numbers Registry [[PORTREG](#)].

See: IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)].

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[4.4.](#) Associated MIME Type for 'ipps' URI Scheme

All 'ipps' URI MUST be used to specify secure print services which support the "application/ipp" MIME media type as registered in [[MIMEREG](#)] for IPP protocol requests and responses.

See: IANA MIME Media Types Registry [[MIMEREG](#)].

See: IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)].

[4.5.](#) Character Encoding of 'ipps' URI Scheme

'ipps' URI MUST use the UTF-8 [[STD63](#)] charset for all components. 'ipps' URI MUST use [[STD66](#)] rules for percent encoding data octets outside the US-ASCII coded character set [[ASCII](#)].

[4.6.](#) Examples of 'ipps' URI

[4.6.1.](#) Examples of 'ipps' URI for Printers

The following are examples of well-formed 'ipps' URI for IPP Printers (for example, to be used as protocol elements in 'printer-uri' operation attributes of 'Print-Job' request messages):

```
ipps://example.com
ipps://example.com/ipp
ipps://example.com/ipp/tiger
ipps://example.com/ipp/fox
ipps://example.com/ipp/tiger/bob
ipps://example.com/ipp/tiger/ira
```

Each of the above URI are well-formed URI for IPP Printers and each would reference a logically different IPP Printer, even though some of those IPP Printers might share the same host system. The 'bob' or 'ira' last path components might represent two different physical printer devices, while 'tiger' might represent some grouping of IPP Printers (for example, a load-balancing spooler). Or the 'bob' and 'ira' last path components might represent separate human recipients on the same physical printer device (for example, a physical printer supporting two job queues). In either case, both 'bob' and 'ira' would behave as different and independent IPP Printers.

The following are examples of well-formed 'ipps' URI for IPP Printers

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with (optional) ports and paths:

```
ipps://example.com
ipps://example.com/ipp
ipps://example.com:631/ipp
```

The first and second 'ipps' URI above MUST be resolved to port 631 (IANA assigned well-known port for IPP). The second and third 'ipps' URI above are equivalent (see [section 4.7](#) below).

See: [Section 4.2](#) and [section 4.3](#) of this document.

[4.6.2](#). Examples of 'ipps' URI for Jobs

The following are examples of well-formed 'ipps' URI for IPP Jobs (for example, to be used as protocol elements in 'job-uri' attributes of 'Print-Job' response messages):

```
ipps://example.com/ipp/123
ipps://example.com/ipp/tiger/job123
```

'ipps' URI for Jobs are valid and meaningful only until Job completion and possibly an implementation defined optional period of persistence after Job completion (see IPP Model [[RFC2911](#)]).

Ambiguously, [section 4.3.1](#) 'job-uri' of IPP Model [[RFC2911](#)] states that:

"the precise format of a Job URI is implementation dependent."

Thus, the relationship between the value of the "printer-uri" operation attribute used in a 'Print-Job' request and the value of the "job-uri" attribute returned in the corresponding 'Print-Job' response is entirely implementation dependent. Also, [section 4.3.3](#) 'job-printer-uri' of IPP Model [[RFC2911](#)] states that the 'job-printer-uri' attribute of a Job object:

"permits a client to identify the Printer object that created this Job object when only the Job object's URI is available to the client."

However, the above statement is erroneous, because the transform from a URI for an IPP Job to the corresponding URI for the associated IPP Printer is unspecified in either IPP/1.1 Model and Semantics [[RFC2911](#)] or IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)].

Note: IPP Printers that implement this specification SHOULD only generate 'ipps' URI for Jobs (for example, in the "job-uri" attribute

in a 'Print-Job' response) by appending exactly one path component to

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the corresponding 'ipps' URI for the associated Printer.

4.7. Comparisons of 'ipps' URI

When comparing two 'ipps' URI to decide if they match or not, an IPP Client MUST use the same rules as those defined for 'http' URI comparisons in [\[RFC2616\]](#) as updated by the 'https' URI scheme [\[RFC2818\]](#), with the sole following exception:

- A port that is empty or not given MUST be treated as equivalent to the well-known port for that 'ipps' URI (port 631).

See: [Section 4.3](#) in this document.

See: [Section 3.2.3](#) 'URI Comparison' in [\[RFC2616\]](#).

See: [Section 2.4](#) 'URI Format' in [\[RFC2818\]](#).

5. Applicability of this Specification

5.1. Applicability to IPP Clients

IPP Clients that implement this specification:

- a) MUST support the IPP over HTTPS transport binding defined in [section 3](#) and the 'ipps' URI scheme defined in [section 4](#);
- b) MUST support the IPP over HTTP transport binding with TLS defined in [section 8.2](#) 'Using IPP with TLS' of IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [\[RFC2910\]](#) (for interoperability with existing IPP implementations);
- c) MUST support the IPP over HTTPS transport binding defined in [section 3](#) of this specification;
- d) MUST use the required TLS version(s) according to the corresponding IPP versions as defined in [section 7](#) of this specification;
- e) MUST only send IPP protocol connections to IANA assigned well-known port 631 or to the explicit port specified in a given 'ipps' URI;
- f) MUST only send 'ipps' URI used as protocol elements in outgoing IPP protocol request messages that conform to the ABNF specified

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in [section 4.2](#) of this document (for example, in the "printer-uri" operation attribute in a 'Print-Job' request);

- g) MUST only convert 'ipps' URI to their corresponding 'https' URI forms [[RFC2818](#)] according to the rules in [section 4.2](#) of this document.

See: [Section 4.2](#) and [section 4.3](#) of this document.

5.2. Applicability to IPP Printers

IPP Printers that implement this specification:

- a) MUST support the IPP over HTTPS transport binding defined in [section 3](#) and the 'ipps' URI scheme defined in [section 4](#);
- b) MUST support the IPP over HTTP transport binding with TLS defined in [section 8.2](#) 'Using IPP with TLS' of IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)] (for interoperability with existing IPP implementations);
- c) MUST support the IPP over HTTPS transport binding defined in [section 3](#) of this specification;
- d) MUST use the required TLS version(s) according to the corresponding IPP versions as defined in [section 7](#) of this specification;
- e) MUST only generate 'ipps' URI used as protocol elements in outgoing IPP protocol response messages that conform to the ABNF specified in [section 4.2](#) of this document (for example, in the "job-uri" attribute in a 'Print-Job' response);
- f) SHOULD only accept 'ipps' URI used as protocol elements in incoming IPP protocol request messages that conform to the ABNF specified in [section 4.2](#) of this document (for example, in the "printer-uri" operation attribute in a 'Print-Job' request);
- g) SHOULD only generate 'ipps' URI for Jobs by appending exactly one path component to the corresponding 'ipps' URI for the associated Printer (for example, in the "job-uri" attribute in a 'Print-Job' response);
- h) SHOULD NOT generate 'ipps' URI that use literal IPv6 or IPv4 addresses (see [section 4.2](#) for rationale).

See: [Section 4.2](#) and [section 4.3](#) of this document.

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6. IANA Considerations

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IANA is asked to register the 'ipps' URI scheme using the following template, which conforms to [[BCP35](#)].

URI scheme name: ipps

Status: Permanent

URI scheme syntax: See [section 4.2](#) of RFC xxxx.

URI scheme semantics: The 'ipps' URI scheme is used to designate secure IPP Printer objects (print spoolers, print gateways, print devices, etc.) on Internet hosts accessible using the IPP protocol enhanced to support guaranteed data integrity and negotiable data privacy using TLS as specified in HTTP over TLS [[RFC2818](#)].

Encoding Considerations: See [section 4.3](#) of RFC xxxx.

Applications/protocols that use this URI scheme name:

The 'ipps' URI scheme is intended to be used by applications that need to access secure IPP Printers using the IPP protocol enhanced to support guaranteed data integrity and negotiable data privacy using TLS as specified in HTTP over TLS [[RFC2818](#)]. Such applications may include (but are not limited to) IPP-capable web browsers, IPP Clients that wish to print a file, and servers (for example, print spoolers) wishing to forward a print Job for processing.

Interoperability Considerations: The widely deployed IPP print service CUPS (on most UNIX, Linux, and Mac OS X systems) has supported 'ipps' URI for several years before the publication of this document. CUPS source code is freely available at "<https://www.cups.org/>". PWG IPP Everywhere [[PWG5100.14](#)] (IPP secure, mobile printing extensions) requires the use of 'ipps' URI for mandatory data integrity and negotiable data confidentiality.

Security Considerations: See: [Section 7](#) of RFC xxxx.

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References: [RFC 2910](#), [RFC 2911](#), RFC xxxx, and IEEE-ISTO PWG 5100.12.

7. Security Considerations

7.1. Problem Statement

Powerful mobile devices (laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc.) are now commonly used to access enterprise and Cloud print services across the public Internet. This is the primary use case for PWG IPP Everywhere [[PWG5100.14](#)], which has already been adopted by operating system and printer vendors and several other public standards bodies. End user and enterprise documents are at greater risk than ever before. This IPP over HTTPS transport binding and 'ipps' URI scheme specification was defined to enable high availability combined with secure operation (mandatory data integrity and negotiable data confidentiality) in this dynamic environment (for example, wireless hotspots in hotels, airports, and restaurants).

See: [Section 1](#) Introduction of [[PWG5100.14](#)].

See: [Section 3.1](#) Rationale of [[PWG5100.14](#)].

7.1.1. Targets of Attacks

A network print spooler (logical printer) or print device (physical printer) is potentially subject to attacks, which may target:

- a) The network (to compromise the routing infrastructure, for example, by creating congestion);
- b) the Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) [[RFC2911](#)] (for example, to compromise the normal behavior of IPP); or
- c) the print document content itself (for example, to corrupt the documents being transferred).

7.1.2. Layers of Attacks

Attacks against print services can be launched:

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- a) against the network infrastructure (for example, TCP congestion control).
- b) against the IPP data flow itself (for example, by sending forged packets or forcing TLS version downgrade); or
- c) against the IPP operation parameters (for example, by corrupting requested document processing attributes).

7.2. Attacks and Defenses

This 'ipps' URI Scheme specification adds the following additional security considerations to those described in [[RFC2616](#)], [[RFC2818](#)], [[RFC2910](#)], [[RFC2911](#)], [[RFC5246](#)], [[PWG5100.12](#)], and [[STD66](#)].

See: [Section 15](#) 'Security Considerations' in [[RFC2616](#)].

See: Section 'Security Considerations' in [[RFC2818](#)].

See: [Section 8](#) 'Security Considerations' in [[RFC2910](#)].

See: [Section 8](#) 'Security Considerations' in [[RFC2911](#)].

See: [Appendix D](#) 'Implementation Notes', [Appendix E](#) 'Backward Compatibility', and [Appendix F](#) 'Security Analysis' of [[RFC5246](#)].

See: [Section 10](#) 'Security Considerations' in [[PWG5100.12](#)].

See: [Section 7](#) 'Security Considerations' in [[STD66](#)].

7.2.1. Faked 'ipps' URI

An 'ipps' URI might be faked to point to a rogue IPP secure print service, thus collecting confidential document contents from IPP Clients.

Server authentication mechanisms and security mechanisms specified in IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)], TLS/1.0 [[RFC2246](#)], TLS/1.1 [[RFC4346](#)], TLS/1.2 [[RFC5246](#)], and HTTP over TLS [[RFC2818](#)] can be used to address this threat.

7.2.2. Unauthorized Access by IPP Client

An 'ipps' URI might be used to access an IPP secure print service by an unauthorized IPP Client.

Client authentication mechanisms and security mechanisms specified in IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)], TLS/1.0 [[RFC2246](#)], TLS/1.1 [[RFC4346](#)], TLS/1.2 [[RFC5246](#)], and HTTP over TLS [[RFC2818](#)] can be used to address this threat.

7.2.3. Compromise at Application Layer Gateway

An 'ipps' URI might be used to access an IPP secure print service at a print protocol application layer gateway (for example, an IPP to LPD [[RFC1179](#)] gateway [[RFC2569](#)]), potentially causing silent compromise of IPP security mechanisms.

There is no general defense against this threat by an IPP Client. System administrators SHOULD avoid such configurations.

7.2.4. No Client Authentication for 'ipps' URI

An 'ipps' URI does not define parameters to specify the required IPP Client authentication mechanism (for example, 'certificate' as defined in [section 4.4.2](#) 'uri-authentication-supported' of IPP Model [[RFC2911](#)]).

Either service discovery or directory protocols SHOULD be used first or an IPP Client SHOULD first establish an 'ipp' connection (without TLS or any client authentication) to the target IPP Printer and use a Get-Printer-Attributes query to discover the required IPP Client authentication mechanism(s) associated with a given 'ipps' URI.

7.3. TLS Cipher Suite Requirements

In accordance with [section 10](#) Security Considerations of [[PWG5100.12](#)], IPP Clients and IPP Printers that support this specification and support a given version of TLS MUST support at least the mandatory cipher suite(s) required in each supported TLS version, which are as follows:

TLS/1.0 [[RFC2246](#)] - TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

TLS/1.1 [[RFC4346](#)] - TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

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TLS/1.2 [[RFC5246](#)] - TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA

Note: IPP Client and IPP Printer implementors SHOULD consider known attacks against the mandatory cipher suite(s) in each supported TLS version and SHOULD follow best practice advice for alternative cipher suites in later IETF specifications.

In accordance with [section 10](#) Security Considerations of [[PWG5100.12](#)], this IPP over HTTPS transport binding and 'ipps' URI Scheme specification adds the following TLS version support requirements:

- a) An IPP Client or IPP Printer that supports this specification and supports IPP/1.1 defined in [[RFC2911](#)], MUST support TLS/1.0 [[RFC2246](#)], MAY support TLS/1.1 [[RFC4346](#)], MAY support TLS/1.2 [[RFC5246](#)], and MAY support future versions of TLS, in every case with at least the mandatory cipher suite(s) required in each supported TLS version.
- b) An IPP Client or IPP Printer that supports this specification and supports IPP/2.0 defined in [[PWG5100.12](#)], MUST support TLS/1.0 [[RFC2246](#)], SHOULD support TLS/1.1 [[RFC4346](#)], MAY support TLS/1.2 [[RFC5246](#)], and MAY support future versions of TLS, in every case with at least the mandatory cipher suite(s) required in each supported TLS version.
- c) An IPP Client or IPP Printer that supports this specification and supports IPP/2.1 defined in [[PWG5100.12](#)], MUST support TLS/1.0 [[RFC2246](#)], MUST support TLS/1.1 [[RFC4346](#)], SHOULD support TLS/1.2 [[RFC5246](#)], and MAY support future versions of TLS, in every case with at least the mandatory cipher suite(s) required in each supported TLS version.
- d) An IPP Client or IPP Printer that supports this specification and supports IPP/2.2 defined in [[PWG5100.12](#)], MUST support TLS/1.0 [[RFC2246](#)], MUST support TLS/1.1 [[RFC4346](#)], MUST support TLS/1.2 [[RFC5246](#)], and MAY support future versions of TLS, in every case with at least the mandatory cipher suite(s) required in each supported TLS version.

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10. [Appendix A](#) - Summary of IPP URL Scheme (Informative)

This section is an informative summary of the original IPP URL Scheme [[RFC3510](#)] and the associated IPP over HTTP transport binding defined in [[RFC2910](#)].

When using an 'ipp' URI [[RFC3510](#)], an IPP Client establishes an IPP application layer connection according to the following sequence:

- 1) The IPP Client selects an 'ipp' URI value from "printer-uri-supported" Printer attribute [[RFC2911](#)], a directory entry, discovery info, a web page, etc.;
- 2) The IPP Client converts the 'ipp' URI to an 'http' URI (replacing 'ipp' with 'http' and inserting the port number from the URI or port 631 if the URI doesn't include a port number);
- 3) The IPP Client establishes a TCP [[STD7](#)] reliable transport layer connection to the target endpoint - see [section 3.4](#) 'Establishing a connection' in TCP [[STD7](#)];
- 4) The IPP Client establishes an HTTP [[RFC2616](#)] session layer connection to the target endpoint - see [section 8](#) 'Connections' in HTTP/1.1 [[RFC2616](#)];
- 5) Optionally, either the IPP Client upgrades to TLS within HTTP/1.1 per [section 3](#) 'Client Requested Upgrade to HTTP over TLS' of [[RFC2817](#)] or the IPP Printer upgrades to TLS within HTTP/1.1 per [section 4](#) 'Server Requested Upgrade to HTTP over TLS' of [[RFC2817](#)], in order to establish a TLS secure transport sublayer within the original TCP/HTTP connection - per the "uri-security-supported" ([section 4.4.3 in \[RFC2911\]](#)) Printer attribute value parallel to the "printer-uri-supported" (see [section 4.4.1 in \[RFC2911\]](#)) value that matches this connection; and
- 6) The IPP Client sends IPP application layer requests to and receives responses from the IPP Printer over the HTTP [[RFC2616](#)] session layer connection using the POST method defined in [section 9.5](#) of HTTP/1.1 [[RFC2616](#)], as specified in [section 4](#) 'Encoding of Transport Layer' in IPP/1.1 Encoding and Transport [[RFC2910](#)].

See: [Section 8](#) 'Security Considerations' in [[RFC2911](#)].

See: [Section 8](#) 'Security Considerations' in [[RFC2817](#)].

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11. Appendix X - Change History

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existing IPP implementations (for example, listening on port 443 as

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well), per Smith Kennedy and IEEE-ISTO PWG IPP WG review.

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- Technical - changed Intended Status to Standards Track to reflect the new normative IPPS URI scheme and transport binding

- Technical - added [section 3.2](#) IPP over HTTP Transport Binding (informative)

- Technical - added [section 3.3](#) IPP over HTTPS Transport Binding

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- Technical - updated [section 5](#) Conformance Requirements to require HTTP Upgrade ([RFC 2817](#)) support (for interoperability with existing IPP implementations), per discussion on IPP WG mailing list
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