Xerox DocuPrint Network Printer Series Glossary

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Glossary

abort To terminate printing, program, or nonprinting execution before it

completes.

AppleTalk Network communication protocol suite inherent to the Apple

Macintosh operating system and supported by the DocuPrint NPS.

application software Software resident on the client workstation used to create print

documents.

argument Any word (string of characters separated by spaces or tabs) after the

command in a command line.

ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange. Standardized

code that represents letters, numbers, and other characters established by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to

achieve compatibility between data processing and data

communications equipment.

bitmap Electronic definition of an image, comprised of a matrix of picture

elements (pixels or dots), where a bit value of one means that the picture element is imaged, and a bit value of zero means that the picture element is not imaged. The number of picture elements in a

square area is a function of the display device resolution.

boot To load initial instructions into the memory of the computer. These

instructions then direct the loading of the rest of the program.

break page See header page.

bypass transport Optional module that moves paper from the printer to a finishing

device

customer changeable unit. In the DocuPrint Models 4850 and 4890

NPS, the unit removed to change the color of the dry ink installed in the printer. Consists of the color developer housing and the dry ink

bottle.

CCU changeout cart Cart used to remove and install the customer changeable unit for

changing the color dry ink installed in the printer.

case–sensitive Treating lowercase and uppercase characters differently.

client software Software that manages the submission of print jobs to the Printer

Controller.

client workstation Workstation connected to the network used to create print jobs

(documents) and submit them to the Printer Controller.

command Statement entered that instructs the system to perform an operation.

compile To translate instructions written in high-level language into machine

language for execution by a system.

customer changeable unit See CCU.

daemon Task running continually in conjunction with the UNIX operating

system that periodically checks for specific conditions or logical events and performs some action if the conditions are met. The task can be used to display and notify the operator of such conditions.

data stream Format of data passed from one device to another.

decomposer Printer Controller task that translates print data from the PDL

command file into a bitmap image of the page to be printed.

default Predefined value the system uses when another value is not

provided.

diagnostics Programs used to diagnose problems within the system or to help

service personnel pinpoint the source of such problems.

directory Logical grouping of files and subdirectories that are identified by

name. The directory helps organize data on large storage media.

DOS Disk Operating System. Operating system commonly used on

personal computers. See also operating system.

dpi dots per inch.

DFA Document Feeding and Finishing Architecture.

dry ink Minute particles of resin and carbon black or color pigment toner

deposited and fused onto the page to create images. Toner is

combined with developer to form the dry ink.

duplex Printing on both sides of a sheet of paper.

error message Message displayed by the system or printed on a Job Messages

sheet, informing you of an error or a fault that occurred.

Ethernet Network standard consisting of a coaxial cable or twisted pair and

associated components for connecting workstations to each other, to file servers, and to peripherals. This communication system enables

workstation users to share information and services.

EtherTalk Hardware interface and network software for Apple Macintosh

computers that provides connection to an Ethernet network.

extension Portion of a filename that follows a period. In some instances it

identifies the file type. For example, ps specifies a PostScript file.

fault Condition which prevents proper processing of a print job and

requires the intervention of an operator. For example, a paper jam is

a fault.

field Preset place for entering information.

filename Name of a file or directory in a command line.

fixed disk Disk drive that is mounted within a computer and is not removable.

font Complete set of alphanumeric characters and symbols having common characteristics such as style (typeface), point size, weight.

and stress. Computers store font images in data files, defined in

either bitmap or contour format.

format 1. Layout of a document, including margins, page length, line spacing, and font. 2. In data storage, the way the surface of a disk

is organized to store data. 3. To prepare the disk to accept data.

halftone screen Tool used in offset printing, typesetting, and laser printing to convert

a continuous tone (photographic) image to dots, which allows it to be

printed using one of these processes.

hard disk See fixed disk.

header page Page printed at the beginning of a job that provides information about

the print job, such as the name of the document and the job sender.

highlight color Printing with black plus one other color in a single pass. In DocuPrint

Models 4850 and 4890 NPS, a range of shades and tints is printed by varying the percentage of black dots, color dots, and white space

between the dots within a given square area of the page.

Internet Protocol (IP) address Refers to an address of any host that uses TCP/IP network protocol.

interface Hardware that provides physical connection and electronic

communication between two hardware devices.

IOT See printer.

job Print data and attributes required for processing and printing a document.

Job Messages sheet Page printed at the end of a print job that includes information about

the job or error messages if any errors occurred. The format of the

Job Messages sheet can be configured by the user.

Job Pool Manager (JPM) Printer Controller task which provides intelligent management and

processing of unprinted jobs from the time they are received at the

Printer Controller to the time they are printed.

job size Size of the print master data file measured in bytes.

job status Status of a print job in the job pool.

Local Area Network (LAN) Network connecting computer and peripheral devices through

cables.

landscape Page orientation that arranges the print image horizontally so the

image is wider than it is long. See also portrait.

log File that contains a record of events, such as messages, errors, jobs

and their accounting information, and so on.

long-edge feed Laser printing in which the paper is fed through the imaging system

long-edge first. See also short-edge feed.

media Describes size, type, color, and weight.

message Information passed to the user or to a task within the system. The

information is usually associated with an error, fault, or system

condition.

network System comprised of hardware and software which provides for

communication of data between connected devices.

network communications protocol Defined standard for the communication of data over a network.

Novell Commonly used network communications protocol supported by the

DocuPrint NPS.

NPS Network Printing System.

operating system Computer software that controls the low-level operations of computer

hardware, including input and output to memory, disk drives, and

peripherals.

option A portion of the command line that modifies the command.

orientation

Image position relative to page. Describes whether the printed image is parallel to the long side of the paper (landscape or inverseLandscape orientation) or to the short side of the paper (portrait or inversePortrait orientation).

pathname

An identifier for the position of a file or directory within the file system.

PC

Personal Computer. Family of computers that most commonly run a version of DOS.

Page Description Language (PDL)

Page description language used to describe the printing of jobs to a laser printing system. PDL describes the input (type, format, characteristics), performs the processing functions (logical processing), and describes the output (type, format, font selection, accounting options) of a print job.

PDF

Portable Document Format. A document format for distributing documents for viewing and printing on a wide variety of platforms. Often used with Adobe Reader or Adobe Acrobat.

peripheral

Device used in conjunction with a computer or workstation usually for input or output. Printers and modems are examples of peripherals.

platform

Combination of hardware and operating system software.

portrait

Page orientation that arranges the printed image vertically so that it is taller than it is wide. See also landscape.

PostScript

Page description language developed by Adobe Systems, Incorporated. PostScript describes the input (type, format, characteristics), performs the processing functions (logical processing), and describes the output (type, format, font selection, accounting options) of a print job.

ppm

pages per minute

PQA

Print quality adjustment. Process by which DocuPrint Models 4890 NPS and 4850 NPS maintain the electrostatic charge of the xerographic system to ensure optimal print quality.

print attribute

Set of attributes available for controlling the processing of a print job. Print attributes include simplex or duplex printing, media selection, collating, stitching, and so on. Print attributes can be sent to the Printer Controller as a part of the job, providing automatic job processing.

print quality adjustment

See PQA.

printer

Component of the DocuPrint Network Printing System that accepts data from the Printer Controller and prints the document according to the print attributes specified by the user. The printer also provides paper stacking, collating, and optional finishing. "DocuPrint printer" or

"printer" refers to the base printer engine (IOT) only, without the Printer Controller and interface.

Printer Control Language (PCL)

Printer description language defined by Hewlett-Packard Company. PCL describes the input (type, format, characteristics), performs the processing functions (logical processing), and describes the output (type, format, font selection, accounting options) of a print job.

Printer Controller

Component of the DocuPrint Network Printing System that manages the spooling and processing of print jobs sent over the network.

print queue

Temporarily stores print jobs that have been sent over the network but that have not yet been forwarded to the printer.

priority

Changeable assignment of a job in the pool which determines the order in which the job is printed relative to other jobs.

Random Access Memory (RAM)

Volatile memory used for temporary storage of data and software commands, used by programs for immediate task processing.

raster output scanner (ROS)

Raster output scanner. A motor-driven laser scanning system.

resolution

Measurement of the number of picture elements (pixels or dots) per square area unit.

short-edge feed

Laser printing in which the paper is fed through the imaging system

short-edge first. See also long-edge feed.

simplex

Printing on one side of the paper.

SNMP

Simple Network Management Protocol

software application

See application software.

spi

spots per inch.

string

Connected sequence of alphanumeric characters treated as one unit

of data by a program.

SunOS

Operating System developed primarily by Sun Microsystems for use on Sun computers and workstations. SunOS provides inherent support for UNIX and for TCP/IP.

syntax

Rules governing the structure and format of expressions.

system administrator

Person responsible for configuring, operating, and maintaining the DocuPrint NPS, and also for installing client software on network workstations.

TCP/IP Commonly used network communications protocol supported by the

DocuPrint NPS

throughput Measurement of the speed of a printer, expressed in pages per

minute.

token ring Network topology in which a control packet or token is passed from

station to station in sequential order. Stations needing access must wait for the token before transmitting data. In a token ring, the next logical station receiving the token is also the next physical station.

tri-level xerography Feature of the DocuPrint Models 4890 NPS and 4850 NPS that

enables the imaging of both the black and the color portions of the page in a single pass through the creation of a third charge state.

ULTRIX Operating system that runs on DECStations. It consists of a

hierarchical system of commands, shells, files, and directories. See

also operating system.

UNIX Operating system for computers, usually working in a network

environment. It consists of a hierarchical system of commands, shells, files, and directories. *See also* operating system.

user interface (UI) System for gathering input from a user and presenting data to the

user.

virtual printers Alternate names for the printer which allow different sets of attribute

values to be applied to submitted jobs. The operator and system administrator define virtual printer names and the associated set of

attributes and values.

window Area of a desktop associated with a task.

workstation See client workstation.