

# Print SubSystem

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## Mainframe printing software using network printers

The Print SubSystem (PSS) is a print spooler for z/OS® and z/VM® that lets you print your mainframe output on network printers or stores the output as PDF making it ready for online access.

## About Print SubSystem

PSS is simple to install and use, which also provides a reliable method of host generated PDF and e-mail output as an add-on to your printing solution.

AFP printing on common laser printers is easily implemented using the same resources as IBM PSF. PSS converts AFPDS and existing line based legacy applications output adding forms (overlays), graphics and color images, all without changing the host legacy or batch application. PSS prints the host output directly on PCL, PostScript, ASCII and SCS printers using TCP/IP or SNA networks.

## Print SubSystem on z/OS®

PSS on z/OS® processes data from JES Spool or CA Spool. AFP, XML and line data are processed and transformed into PCL, PostScript, PDF, or ICDS. PSS prints spool data on TCP/IP and SNA connected network printers. The AFP to PDF conversion output on z/OS® may either be written to disk or distributed using e-mail or automatically initiated File Transfer.

## Web enabling your z/OS output

AFP2PDF conversion (z/OS) web-enables the host data. Several output options are available. PSS either stores the PDF output in an z/OS data set or initiates a direct e-mail output. Also an automatically submitted JCL deck (JCL Submit) can initiate a File Transfer or other methods of post processing. The way the output is delivered is independent of your existing applications, thereby providing new options for web-enabled output delivery.

## Print SubSystem on z/VM®

PSS on z/VM® processes data from CP Spool. AFP, XML and line data are processed and transformed into PCL, PostScript, or ICDS and printed. PSS prints spool data on TCP/IP and SNA connected network printers. PDF output from z/VM® can only be produced in combination with the windows server solution DocOut.

## Key features

- ✓ Compliant with all z/OS® and z/VM® levels
- ✓ Input format in AFP, XML and Line Data
- ✓ Support for outline font
- ✓ Support for IPV6

## z/OS features

- ✓ JES and CA spool support
- ✓ Support for PDF/A
- ✓ Output in PCL, Postscript and PDF
- ✓ E-mail output as attached file

## z/VM features

- ✓ CP spool printing
- ✓ Output in PCL and Postscript

## Full colour support

Full colour support allows you to print full colour output using low cost PCL5C and PostScript printers or create PDF output. Enhance the appearance and quality of existing application data using full colour images, combined with coloured text, graphics, bar codes, boxes and rulers.

PSS allows you to print existing applications to almost any existing legacy 3270 printer, ASCII printers and PCL and PostScript printer devices using common, already installed LAN attachments.

## Performance and control

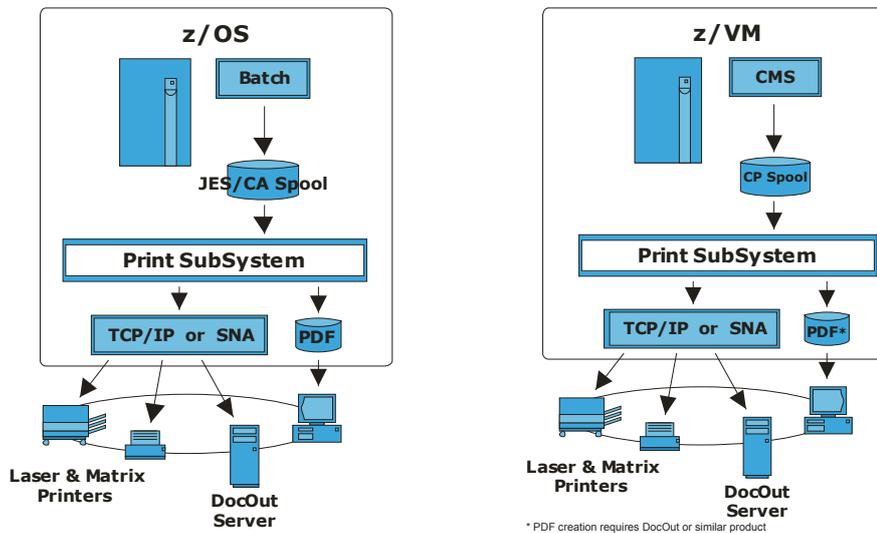
Several features ensure high performance and throughput, such as caching of AFP resources in virtual storage and use the resident fonts on PostScript printers. End2end control is providing using TCP/IP port 9100 and PJL.

## Minimizing CPU and network load

By combining PSS with the DocOut Server Software a significant off-load of the mainframe and the network may be achieved. PSS does the AFP processing as usual. DocOut handles the resources and final conversion into PCL5C, PostScript or PDF. DocOut operates with remote AFP resources, thus allowing fonts, overlays and page segments to be stored on the server.

PSS and DocOut performs an automatic resource checking, including versioning (timestamp). This ensures that the correct AFP resources are always used. The CPU and network load may be significant lower since only the variable data are transmitted. The PSS – DocOut combination supports SNA as well as TCP/IP.

## How it works



## Specifications

### Input Data Streams

- z/OS®: JES spool, line data, AFP and XML
- z/VM®: CP spool, line data, AFP and XML

### Output Data Streams

- HP PCL 4, 5e, 5c
- Adobe PostScript Level 2
- ASCII
- 3270 (SCS or DCS)
- z/OS® only: Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), incl. PDF/A

### Printer Network Protocols and Attachments

- TCP/IP: LPD, 9100, IPP, PPD/PPR (with DocOut)
- SNA: LU\_0, LU\_1, LU\_3, LU\_6.2 (using DocOutTM)
- Transparent printing
- e-mail (using SMTP)
- File output (z/OS dataset and Hierarchical File System output)

### System Requirements

- PSS/MVS: z/OS, JES2, JES3 or CA Spool
- PSS/VM: z/VM

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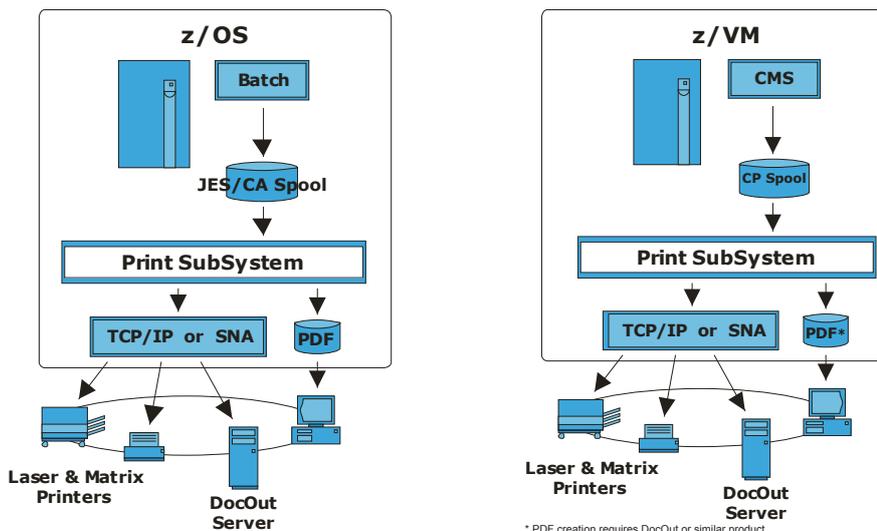
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