

## OVERVIEW

Altman Technologies provides highly scalable network-based print and copy management solutions with a wide range of cost control and cost recovery options. Waste and misuse are eliminated resulting in dramatic cost savings across any type of organisation. Pcounter is ideal for identifying black holes of cost within any print environment, helping to justify rationalisation and consolidation of print resources and then enforcing best practice policy based on sensible rules and restrictions.



## WHO NEEDS PCOUNTER?

- Education: schools, colleges, universities, libraries
- Professional services: architects, engineers, designers, legal, accountancy
- Public sector
- Finance & corporate

## CORE FUNCTIONALITY ELEMENTS

- Accounting – who printed what, when, where and how much
- Control – costs, rules, messaging, quotas and charge-back
- Reporting – analysis by user, cost-centre and device

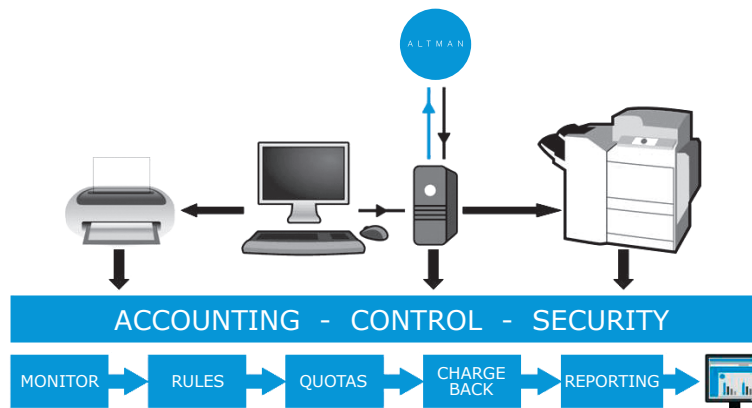
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# Pcounter Core Solution

Print & Copy Accounting, Control and Reporting

## ACCOUNTING - WHO PRINTED WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MUCH?

All users' print activity is recorded showing the date/time, user, cost-centre, document, workstation, printer, paper size, page count, byte size, colour/mono/duplex characteristics and cost of the job. Network and locally attached printers can be monitored as well as photocopiers, MFDs, plotters and high volume print room devices.



## CONTROL - COSTS, RULES, QUOTAS, MESSAGING AND CHARGE-BACK

Costs can be set per device, per paper size with differential costs for duplex and colour. Rules can be configured to restrict what users can print. Print "credit" can be assigned to users by using quotas/limits based on value. Balance checking allows users to check their own account balances. A Popup prompt enables users to allocate print costs to a cost-centre, department or client-code if required. The Popup messaging option is able to be customised to seek user confirmation, confirm page count/cost before a job is sent to print or jobs can be sent when a rule has been triggered based on criteria set. With the use of freeform text and system variables it is easy to configure to include user, printer, document and account balance.

## REPORTING

The core accounting process captures all network print activity – add-on components enable local printers and photocopiers to be monitored too. From the central log of transactions, reports can be produced to provide analysis across any scale of enterprise providing analysis of:

- user activity & potential misuse
- device under/over utilisation
- cost-centre/department grouping
- client output for external billing

## KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Monitoring, accounting, charge-back & reporting
- ✓ Rules/policy enforcement based on print job criteria
- ✓ Quota management for free or charging environments
- ✓ Automated options for cash, card, & e-Payments
- ✓ Secure print release options with pull-printing capability
- ✓ Integrated photocopier accounting
- ✓ Integrated job ticketing & print room management
- ✓ Support for ID card authentication

## KEY BENEFITS

- ✓ Centralised control of print & copy resources
- ✓ Setting & enforcement of flexible print policy
- ✓ Elimination of waste & misuse = dramatic cost savings
- ✓ Cost recovery for non-charging & charging environments
- ✓ Vendor independent, low cost – future proof investment
- ✓ Environmental compliance

## TECHNICAL DATA

- Supported on all Microsoft Windows/Active Directory servers
- Supported on all Novell NetWare and NDPS servers
- Works with Samba on Linux
- Accounts for both Windows server based printing and local Windows PC-based printer activity
- Supports accounting of print jobs from any network workstation including MAC and Unix clients
- Supports accounting for any PCL, Postscript, HPGL, Epson ESC/P, ESC/P2, ESC/PAGE, Ricoh RPCS and Canon BubbleJet & Image Runner printers
- Pcounter Web Client enables communication support for MACs and other non-Windows clients
- No user set-up required - auto detects users' login
- Pcounter will run on any server without detriment to performance



## EVALUATION PROCESS

Free 60 day evaluation available to download from [www.altman.co.uk](http://www.altman.co.uk). For more information please contact our solutions team on 0113 273 0300 or email [solutions@altman.co.uk](mailto:solutions@altman.co.uk)