

PaperCut MF Tames Escalating Printing Budget

St Martin's School

St Martin's School (Caerphilly, UK) couldn't keep on top of its printing and copying budget. Despite budgetary increases each year, costs continually outstripped budget – usually with several months of the financial year left to run. PaperCut MF let administrators first track usage and then assign realistic quotas for staff and students.

St. Martin's School is a coeducational comprehensive school for almost 1,100 students aged 11–18.

Built originally in 1927, the school operated as Caerphilly Grammar School for Boys until 1973 when the school underwent significant additions and became a coeducational, comprehensive school.

The Challenge

“Our print management budget of approximately £60,000 a year including all print and photocopying maintenance contracts etc would last only 6-8 months,” said Paul Williams, Network Manager at the school. “We couldn't really get clear visibility of expenditure and print volumes.”

With three separate networks and a fleet of 550 computers running Windows and OS X, the school knew that a number of print management solutions were simply not geared for its environment. It needed a solution that was flexible enough to allow staff and pupils the freedom to move between networks but still allow them to see at a glance an up to date account of their remaining print balances. “PaperCut MF was the only system that could easily cope with our school network infrastructure,” said Paul Williams.

The Solution

After in-depth research into possible solutions and a PaperCut MF demonstration, Paul knew he'd found what he needed. “PaperCut MF simply seemed the best option for full school print and photocopying management, all in one easy to use and manageable system.”

PaperCut's ability to provide both print budgets for departments and individual budgets for students provided the right degree of flexibility in print management.

PaperCut MF was installed and initially used to monitor print and copy volumes across one term in order to understand current usage patterns and track print spending. With this data in hand, a term budget was set for each department and a weekly quota for students.

*PaperCut MF -
Save your
budget while
you save the
environment*



Transparency
over print and
copier usage



Significant
budget savings –
from consistently
being over budget
before year end,
to coming in
under budget



Implementation
across a
heterogeneous
environment
comprising three
separate networks
and multiple OSs

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How PaperCut MF Helped

Since introducing PaperCut, the school has not increased its printing budget, and is in fact coming in under budget, allowing additional investment in new print and photocopying equipment. Students and staff have adapted well to using quotas, and have modified their behavior to think before they print.

What's Next with PaperCut?

The school now plans to upgrade all its networked printers and photocopiers, and will ensure that all devices have PaperCut MF embedded as standard.

Paul Williams is also investigating the use of virtual print queues to allow staff to send print jobs and then collect them from a convenient copier.

"When it comes to support, to tell the truth there haven't been any problems that required us to ask for any."

Paul Williams,
Network Manager,
St Martin's School

PaperCut MF at a Glance

PaperCut MF is the easy way to automatically monitor and manage printing in your organization, giving you control over your costs and environmental impact. PaperCut MF is:

- Fully cross-platform, supporting all major operating systems, including mixed environments
- Scalable to networks of all sizes, from five to 500,000 end users
- Designed for security
- Available under a true enterprise-wide license with no limits on the number of servers, workstations, printers, operating systems or domains
- Ready for integration with your intranet to match your organization's look and feel
- Modern software under active development using current development tools and methods
- Supported directly by the friendly, approachable development team
- Used by more than 30,000 organizations in 100+ countries.

PaperCut MF Configuration Summary

PRODUCT:
PaperCut MF

INSTALLED:
2010-2011

USERS:
1,100 students
100 staff

COLOR PRINTERS:
10

GRAYSCALE MFDS:
39

COPIERS:
8

CONFIGURATION:

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SERVERS:

Windows 2003
4 GB Memory Raid 5

WORKSTATIONS (550 TOTAL):

Windows XP
Vista
Windows 7
Mac OSX
Windows client installed on workstations, embedded software installed on Sharp OSA devices

PaperCut worked with one of the local partners in their global network of Authorized Solution Centers and Value-Added Resellers to implement the solution at St Martin's School. To find a reseller in your area see www.papercut-mf.com/buy/

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