# Canon

# NetSpot Accountant

- Central printer fleet management

- Improved office efficiency

- Simple setup and management

- Sophisticated cost tracking made simple

# Printing and copying —
## what does it really cost you?

## Take control of your network printers

If you manage a modern office equipped with the usual networked print devices, you know only too well that just providing the paper for these machines represents a significant cost to your operations. Add to that the toner and maintenance costs and the time your staff spend tracking down print jobs, fixing misfeeds and the countless small tasks associated with printing, and you're looking at a substantial overhead.

But do you really know how much you're spending? And more importantly, whether you're getting the best value for your money? Now, with Canon's NetSpot Suite you can get the complete picture.

## Arm yourself with information

The result of many years of research, NetSpot Suite is a set of software utilities designed to make it as easy as possible to manage Canon and third-party print devices on corporate networks. NetSpot Accountant, NetSpot Job Monitor and NetSpot Console — the NetSpot Suite, gives you all the tools you need to get the full picture of how your printing and copying devices are being used.

NetSpot Accountant is a Windows-based program that gives you a detailed picture of what your staff are really doing with your network printers and copiers.

For the first time, you can get a broad range of detailed information about the way your staff use your office devices. Armed with this knowledge, you can increase the efficiency of your whole office while dramatically cutting your associated administrative costs.

NetSpot Accountant provides accurate printing and copying cost figures, and gives you compete control over your entire printing network from one place. In short, NetSpot Accountant is the ideal tool for any administrator who wants total control of their network.

## Track numbers of pages

NetSpot Accountant tracks total number of pages printed:
- by department and individual user
- by device and device group
- by paper size and paper type
- by billing code

With these features you can account for the number of pages printed over each time period, then analyse the workload of each print device. This information is extremely useful when planning purchasing and for budgetting supplies such as paper and toner.

## Pass on your printing expenses

With NetSpot Accountant your staff can allocate print and copy jobs to particular cost codes. When they finish the job you can easily calculate the cost of the number of pages printed by that specific workgroup or billing code.
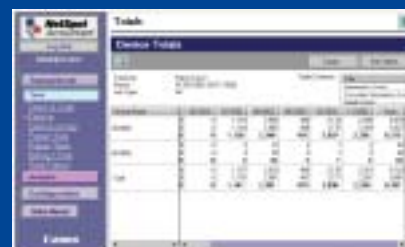
If you work in any business that passes its printing and copying costs directly to its customers, such as a law firm, this feature will simplify your whole billing process and ensure that all your costs are recorded accurately.



*Transactional reports menu*



*Device & user totals menu*



*Device totals report*



*Device group totals report*

# **Automate** your network administration

A detailed picture of how your network is employed

## Analyse your device workload

Knowing how your printing and copying devices are being used is crucial to any effort to improve the efficiency of your office.

With NetSpot Accountant you can analyse:
- which departments and users place the highest workload on your devices
- total device workloads
- device working time
- actual printing amounts versus usage limits.

NetSpot Accountant makes all of this information available in textual and graphical formats so it can be printed or exported for use in reports and databases.

## Make your printers more efficient

Once you start using NetSpot Accountant to examine the workloads on each of your devices, you'll probably find that one or two of your printers are doing most of the work, while the others sit idle for hours on end. With NetSpot Accountant you can view the relative workloads of all of your devices at a glance, then use this information to re-arrange your network preferences or device placements, balance the load and cut your maintenance and consumables costs.

## Set printing and copying limits

With NetSpot Accountant you can also identify whether any of your departments are using large amounts of paper for no obvious result. If so, you can set limits on the number of pages each of your users or departments can print or copy over each time period.

## Automatic device setup

NetSpot Accountant takes the hassle out of setting up and managing your printer and copier devices. When you connect a device to the network, NetSpot Accountant automatically discovers its IP address, recognises the device and registers it according to its capabilities. No more messing about with disks and CDs installing drivers and checking manuals, NetSpot Accountant handles it all for you.
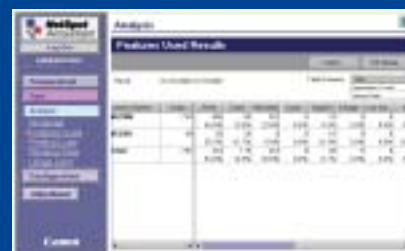
## Automatic user registration

When you add a user to the system, simply locate them in the same domain as the NetSpot Accountant server. The user is added to the system automatically, providing access to the most appropriate printers and copiers.

## View the network the way you want

With NetSpot Accountant, administrators can customise their view of the network to suit the way they want to work. By offering a choice of view by protocol type, device type, name, or location, NetSpot Accountant makes it possible for administrators to segment their devices into logical groups so they can manage them more effectively.



*Device workload results report*



*Features used report results*



*Device group totals by report*



*Paper size usage totals report*

# The NetSpot Suite—
## total control of your network printing devices

**All the functions for maximum efficiency on your network**

### Take control

No matter what type of network you're running, Canon's NetSpot Accountant provides all the functions you need to track your device usage and tune your network to its maximum efficiency.

With NetSpot Accountant you can finally see all the 'hidden' costs associated with producing paper documents in your office, and plan accordingly. By identifying the choke points and inefficiencies in your network you can change the way your staff use these devices and save yourself time and money in the process.

Only through improving our knowledge of how we work can we improve the work itself. Canon's NetSpot Accountant gives you all the insight you need into your printing operations - how you choose to use the information NetSpot Accountant provides is limited only by your imagination.

## Printer status at a glance

NetSpot Job Monitor includes an automated Windows task that communicates with the devices on your network to deliver job status and notifications as well as device status information. It can be configured to run at startup and is available to users at the click of an icon. This element of NetSpot Job Monitor provides a comprehensive view of the devices available to each user and the status of the work each device is currently handling.

## Gives your users control of their print jobs

With NetSpot Job Monitor, your users can see at a glance how many jobs are queued at each device, how long they will take to run, and whether the device is operating properly or not. They can then cancel, pause or redirect the print job to another device if necessary, all without leaving their desktop. When a print job is finished, NetSpot Job Monitor notifies the user.

## Monitor your devices

With NetSpot Console, administrators can manage network systems using a web-based utility. NetSpot Console also provides administrator alerts of device status conditions and offers the ability to consolidate network print device management.

## Easy enterprise links

Using Canon enterprise links your administrators can easily connect the monitoring and management features of NetSpot Suite to your enterprise-management software. This provides the capability to manage your devices from within your enterprise software system, eliminating the need for multiple control systems.

Canon offers the most extensive array of enterprise-management links, currently supporting CA-Unicenter, HP OpenView and Tivoli NetView.

# Specifications

| NetSpot Manager requires the following system environment: | |
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| **NetSpot Accountant/Enterprise Edition Host computers:** | |
| OS | Microsoft Windows NT Server/Workstation 4.0 + Service Pack 4 or higher |
| | Microsoft Windows 2000 Server/Professional |
| Web server | Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS) 3.0 or higher |
| | Microsoft Peer Web Services 3.0 or higher |
| Hard disk | At least 20MB of free space to install NetSpot Accountant and 6MB more for a system folder |
| | At least 120MB of free space for a database (can be located on a separate computer). |
| Database | Microsoft SQL Server 7.0/2000 |
| | Oracle8 Release 8.05/8i for Windows NT |
| | MSDE (Microsoft Data Engine) |

| Client Module Host computers: | |
|---|---|
| OS | Microsoft Windows 95/98/Me |
| | Microsoft Windows NT Server/Workstation 4.0 + Service Pack 4 or higher |
| | Microsoft Windows 2000/XP Server/Professional |
| Hard disk | More than 20MB of free space |

| Computer used to display Accounting and analysis results: | |
|---|---|
| OS | Microsoft Windows 95/98/Me |
| | Microsoft Windows NT Server/Workstation 4.0 + Service Pack 4 or higher |
| | Microsoft Windows 2000/XP Server/Professional |
| Web browser | Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.01 or higher |
| | Netscape Communicator/Navigator 4.5 or higher (except Netscape 6) |

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