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Axis enables IBM host environments to use USB printers

Axis Communications continues to strengthen its leading print server offering in IBM host environments. Today the AXIS 5570e and AXIS 5670e with built-in IBM protocol converters and enhanced capabilities were announced. With these additions, Axis enables organizations to print directly from the host system over the network to any printer including printers with USB ports.

There is a strong trend for USB printers today. Most new printer models have a USB port whereas parallel and serial ports are gradually becoming exceptions. With a growing demand for such printers, it is natural for Axis to extend its print server offering for IBM host environments to include print servers with a USB port.

Both of the two new Axis IBM-Host-to-LAN print servers provide a flexible and cost-effective way to utilize regular printers for printing from an IBM AS/400 (iSeries) or Mainframe (zSeries) without requiring application changes. In addition to supporting all popular protocols and operating systems such as Windows, NetWare, Macintosh, UNIX and Linux, the print servers deliver support for IBM host system printing over TCP/IP and SNA networks. The possibility to choose between multiple print methods including TN3270E, TN5250E and PPR/PPD carrying SCS or IPDS data streams converted to PCL as well as postscript, makes Axis an ideal and cost-effective solution for the enterprise network.

Both products can effectively handle protocol conversion to high capacity printers and they are multi-port print servers with true multi-session support. New features for installation and configuration include an improved installation wizard for IBM printing, increased remote management security using TLS/SSL (HTTPS) and enhanced print management in AXIS ThinWizard 3.00.

The AXIS 5570e is the first IBM Mainframe and AS/400 capable print server with USB support (one USB port and one parallel port). The AXIS 5670e has two parallel ports and one serial port.

The AXIS 5570e and AXIS 5670e print servers will be available through Axis' distribution channels during October 2003. In-depth product information and press images are available at www.axis.com.

About Axis

Axis increases the value of network solutions. The company is an innovative market leader in network video and print servers. Axis' products and solutions are focused on applications such as security surveillance, remote monitoring and document management. The products are based on in-house developed chip technology, which is also sold to third parties. Axis was founded in 1984 and is listed on the Stockholmsbörsen (XSSE:AXIS). Axis operates globally with offices in 14 countries and in cooperation with distributors, system integrators and OEM partners in 70 countries. Markets outside Sweden account for more than 95 % of sales. Information about Axis can be found at www.axis.com

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