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Security concerns about Print-URI and its use in

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To: Michael Sweet <msweet@msweet.org>, Ira McDonald <blueroofmusic@gmail.com>

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- Malicious User submits a Job using Print-URI or Create-Job / Send-URI, with a URL pointing to a file on a server controlled by the Malicious User
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  Smith Kennedy  
  HP Inc.  
*/
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Yes, not only for getting access to content the Client can't directly access, but for a DoS attack (imagine a malicious

server that just drips 1 byte per second of a file to keep the printer tied up...)

Unfortunately, we didn't update the security considerations for print-by-reference in STD 92:

9.1.3. Print by Reference

When the Document is not stored on the Client, printing can be done by reference. That is, the print request can contain a reference, or pointer, to the Document instead of the actual Document itself -- see Sections 4.2.2 and 4.3.2. Standard methods currently do not exist for remote entities to "assume" the credentials of a Client for forwarding requests to a third party. It is anticipated that print by reference will be used to access "public" Documents. Note that sophisticated methods for authenticating "proxies" are beyond the scope of this IPP/1.1 document. Because Printers typically process Jobs serially, print by reference is not seen as a serious denial-of-service threat to the referenced servers.

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Yes, I've long been an opponent of Print-URI/Send-URI and CUPS has never implemented it. The only time I've ever found it useful is when I wrote the iOS print spooler - when you print a photo we send a user-authorized URI to the photo on the device so we don't have to make an extra copy. Allowing a Client to ask a Printer to grab an arbitrary URL is just asking for trouble IMHO.

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I wonder if we ought to add a "reference-uri-domains-supported (1setOf text(MAX))" that lists domains allowed by the printer...

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