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Is it time to update your printers?

In fast-paced, high-intensity healthcare environments, patient wellbeing is the number one priority. That means people, technology and processes must be in synch to maintain safe environments and adhere to protocols. When systems fail, nurses, doctors and staff lose access to the tools and resources they need to do their jobs and must shift their focus from patient care to resolve the issue.

While trying to extend the life of outdated printers may seem like a financially sound strategy, in the long run it could be leaving you exposed to costly repairs and extended downtime. In this eBook, we'll discuss best practices for maintaining an action-ready fleet of printers and the benefits of regularly updating hardware to ensure teams are always prepared to provide best care for patients.





Unexpected downtime



Security risks



Costly replacements



Inefficient workflows



Inconsistent patient care

Keep Your Printers in Good Health

How to proactively fortify your fleet

No organization is completely immune to printer disruptions, but these features help ensure your printers maintain peak performance for an efficient facility.



In addition to increasing efficiency, remote solutions allow you to monitor printers from anywhere and quickly update settings. With remote management, you get instant alerts so you can resolve issues fast.



To get the most from your printer investment, select devices that have complementary products, supplies and accessories that enhance their value and lifecycle.



Successful network security requires layers of protection across all connected devices—including printers. Leveraging advanced security features like authentication and encryption strengthens security infrastructure. Investing in technology that keeps your organization ahead of potential vulnerabilities will improve productivity and your ROI.

Up-to-Date Operating Systems

There is no room for an "if it isn't broken, then don't fix it" attitude when it comes to printer firmware. While older devices with outdated operating systems may do the job in terms of printing, without ongoing firmware updates, they are more susceptible to disruptions and extended downtime. Choosing new devices that can be continually updated with bug fixes and patches throughout their lifecycle improves productivity.



For more information on printer security best practices and how to apply them, consult the <u>Best Practices for Securing Enterprise Data and Devices White</u>

<u>Paper and the Link-OS PrintSecure Printer Administration Guide.</u>

Stronger Security Strategies

Take a proactive printer approach

In addition to heightened performance, improved security is a top priority when updating your printer fleet. While it seems like a far-reaching risk, security and data breaches are more common than ever. In February of 2024, one of the largest healthcare security breaches in history occurred, and some repercussions of this attack have still yet to be mitigated.¹

Data breach incidents most frequently target **financial and healthcare institutions.**² As prime victims for damage, healthcare organizations must take proper preventive measures.

According to Statista, the average cost of a data breach in 2023 was **\$4.45** million.

Like a virus attacking the body, when data and technology are compromised, disruptions to patient care are just the start of the many symptoms the organization will face. Cyber threats can plague a healthcare facility with hefty financial losses, cumbersome legal consequences and irreversible reputational damage, making simple, integrated and easily maintained data security crucial.



To strengthen protection of systems, data and sensitive patient information look for printers that:

Assess printer settings to help identify ways of improving network security

Automatically maintain security certificates

Prevent unauthorized setting changes

Avoid accidental connections

Allow only those with validated access to alter operating systems

Encrypt all connections

Feature embedded security in both the hardware and software that can be continually updated

Stay Secure with Specialized Support

Zebra has the tools and resources to help you update Zebra printers

on your network

Securing your healthcare network doesn't have to be a tiresome and costly process. With integrated solutions, emulation capabilities and ongoing support, Zebra is positioned to make the process simple and painless.

Zebra printers are powered by the state-of-the-art Zebra DNATM software suite—powered by our Link-OSTM operating system—that utilizes the latest security protocols to optimize performance and efficiency, securely. With continuous updates, users get ongoing upgrades and bug fixes that support new features and functionality to keep printers secure and relevant over their entire lifecycle while optimizing ROI. Unlike with competitors, you can count on Zebra to consistently bring innovation and security to the forefront of product and solution designs.

Download the latest version of **Link-OS** at <u>zebra.com</u>.



A Portfolio of Protection-Ready Printers



Discover Zebra's lines of enterprise printers outfitted with the latest security features

When you invest in a Zebra printer, you're taking preventative action that will save you time and money, now and into the future. Our printers are developed with the latest security features and industry-leading Zebra DNA software tools, powered by Link-OS. And with ongoing firmware updates, you can be confident in your security, today and tomorrow.

Use the below table to find your existing printer models, and make plans to upgrade to the newer equivalent Link-OS models equipped with the latest security protocols.

Legacy Models

Desktop Printers		
A100 Series	HT146	HC100
A300 Series	DA402	GC Series
Bravo Series	R402	GK Series
Companion	T300/T402	GX Series
Encore Series	LP/TLP Series	
Tiger Writer	LP/TLP-Z Series	
Mobile Printers		
Cameo Series	PT400 Series	P4T
MP Series	TR220	RW Series
QL Series	ZQ110	iMZ Series
PA400 Series	QLPlus Series	QLn Series
Industrial Printers		
Z60 Series	Z4M/Z6M	2746 Series
Z90 Series	ZM400/600 Series	105SL/105SL Plus Series
Z140 Series	S300	XiII Series
Z200 Series	S400	XiIII / XiIII Plus Series
105Se	S500	Xi4 Series
Z4000/Z6000	S600	

Replacement Link-OS Models

Desktop Printers		
ZD400 Series	ZD510-HC	ZD600 Series
Mobile Printers		
ZQ300/ZQ30 Plus Series	ZQ500 Series	ZQ600/ZQ600 Plus Series
To described Difference		
Industrial Printers		
ZT231	ZT400 Series	ZT510 Series
		ZT600 Series



For the most up-to-date information about Link-OS printers, the equivalent legacy models and security features included, please consult the Link-OS PrintSecure Printer Administration Guide.

Trade in your current devices and earn a rebate to put towards a next generation purchase with The Go Zebra Trade-In Program.

Or contact your Zebra representative to discuss upgrading to the latest Link-OS printers.

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