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FIGURE 1

IDC MarketScape Worldwide Security Solutions and Services Hardcopy Vendor Assessment

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Please see the Appendix for detailed methodology, market definition, and scoring criteria.
IN THIS EXCERPT

The content for this excerpt was taken directly from IDC MarketScape: Worldwide Security Solutions and Services Hardcopy 2017 Vendor Assessment (Doc # US41988517). All or parts of the following sections are included in this excerpt: IDC Opinion, IDC MarketScape Vendor Inclusion Criteria, Essential Guidance, Vendor Summary Profile, Appendix and Learn More. Also included is Figure 1.

IDC OPINION

This IDC study assesses the market for print and document security solutions and services among select hardcopy vendors through the IDC MarketScape model. This assessment discusses both quantitative and qualitative characteristics that position vendors for success in this important market. This IDC MarketScape covers a variety of hardcopy vendors and is based on a comprehensive framework to evaluate security delivered as standalone features and solutions, within the context of a managed print and document services (MPDS) engagement, and as non-MPDS professional and managed services. Many hardcopy manufacturers offer print and document security solutions and services as a way of sustaining value for existing managed print and document services customers, although they are also developing practice areas that are independent of (or adjacent to) their managed services offering. Organizations using the IDC MarketScape for print and document security solutions and services can identify vendors with strong offerings and well-integrated business strategies aimed to keep the vendors viable and competitive over the long run. Capabilities and strategy success factors identified from this study include:

▪ Current solutions portfolio, device-level features, managed services, professional services, and other capabilities to address security concerns in the print and document infrastructure
▪ Ability to address core competencies in threat-level assessment, detection, and risk remediation
▪ Road map to address specific end-user challenges related to securing the print and document infrastructure
▪ Capabilities and strategies to help customers achieve and sustain security compliance and meet key industry standards
▪ A holistic approach to delivering horizontal and vertical security solutions and services through both direct and indirect channels
▪ Focus on operational and service delivery excellence, which includes consistent service delivery on a local, regional, and global basis
▪ Continued expansion into new geographic territories, vertical industries, and line-of-business (LOB) applications
▪ Flexible service delivery, pricing, and billing models and the ability to support on-premises, private, and public cloud offerings

IDC MARKETSCAPE VENDOR INCLUSION CRITERIA

This document includes an analysis of 10 major hardcopy equipment manufacturers with broad hardware portfolios to specifically address office workgroup/departmental printing environments on a global scale. Given this approach, vendors such as Brother and Epson have been excluded even though they are among the top printing hardware firms based on worldwide revenue because the
majority of their product line is designed for desktop or small work team environments. Also excluded from the study were IT outsourcing companies, business process outsourcing (BPO) providers, and software manufacturers that either offer print, document, and security services as part of their IT services or subcontract these services to hardcopy vendors. Indirect channel partners of hardcopy equipment manufacturers have also been excluded from this study.

ADVICE FOR TECHNOLOGY BUYERS

Security has become a top-level IT concern among business of all sizes. Nevertheless, IDC’s research suggests that print security solutions and services initiatives lag well behind overall IT security for most organizations. Indeed, securing the print environment is often an overlooked element of a comprehensive IT security strategy.

Meanwhile, there is a growing concern over the need to more effectively manage access to information. The ongoing shift to 3rd Platform technologies, including mobile and cloud-based workflows, is changing the way businesses work with documents and business-critical content. Employees, clients, and other knowledge workers now require 24 x 7 access to information from both inside and outside the corporate firewall. CIOs and IT departments face mounting pressure to gain better control over information management.

An organization’s own print environment is unique in that it is central to managing data, documents, and information in both the digital and paper formats. The lack of oversight within the print and document environment leaves businesses vulnerable to data- and device-level security breaches through compromised firmware, unsecured networks and document repositories, and information/data leakage. The end result could be extensive staff time and costs to address the breach, fines, and damage to the business reputation. Neglecting to secure the print environment as part of an overall IT strategy leaves an organization vulnerable to significant internal and external cyberthreats.

Accordingly, organizations should consider the following:

- **Determine the level of complexity expected for print and document security over the next three years.** Built-in features designed to provide endpoint security protection for printing devices will become more commonplace in the coming years. But organizations looking to develop a comprehensive print infrastructure security strategy should seek out solutions and services to extend protection well beyond the device.

- **Understand your current environment.** Evaluate the existing print and document infrastructure to identify security threats and vulnerability gaps.

- **Integrate print security within the context of your overall IT security strategy.** Develop a long-term plan that includes measures for ongoing monitoring and management of print and document security programs. Vendors offer an expanded array of device- and data-level protection services, many of which are designed to integrate with existing document management and enterprise content management (ECM) systems to provide further protection and to address governance and regulatory compliance issues.

- **Look to your existing hardcopy vendors.** When evaluating print and document security needs, ensure your existing hardcopy vendors are included in the mix. These vendors likely have a compelling set of security solutions and services with a clear road map for incorporating technologies to meet evolving business needs.
- **Identify industry-specific capabilities.** Security needs and regulatory compliance issues vary greatly by vertical market. Seek out vendors with core competencies in print and document workflow, content management, and secure print services that meet the needs of your specific business.

**VENDOR SUMMARY PROFILES**

This section briefly explains IDC's key observations resulting in a vendor's position in the IDC MarketScape. While every vendor is evaluated against each of the criteria outlined in the Appendix, the description here provides a summary of each vendor's strengths and challenges.

**Lexmark**

Lexmark is a Leader in our IDC MarketScape for print and document security solutions and services worldwide. Lexmark is headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky. Lexmark serves customers in 170 countries, with approximately 14,000 employees globally.

Lexmark provides a full-spectrum approach to print and document security by understanding the multiple components of the environment from tools, services, data, devices, network, users, applications, and solutions. At the device level, Lexmark provides several features and solutions to lock down the device and to protect content that moves within the printing and document ecosystem, including secure output and user authentication, hard disk security, device protection, tools for device/fleet management, secure document monitoring, and network protection.

Lexmark offers a broad range of security services and solutions, including proprietary-owned technology and partner-delivered software. The firm has developed a solutions ecosystem to enable seamless integration with hardware and other third-party front-end and back-end applications. Lexmark connectors, such as Cloud Solution Framework (CSF), Embedded Solutions Framework (eSF), and Lexmark Document Distributor (LDD), enable seamless connection between the device and the cloud, third-party embedded solutions, and documents.

Lexmark utilizes the cloud in the deployment and delivery of its print and document security solutions and services. Lexmark Professional Services includes a deep bench of consultants, field systems engineers, and subject matter experts globally, with specific skills, training, and certification in security. Grown from its strong managed print services practice, Lexmark’s Professional Services organization strives to maintain intimate knowledge of the customer environment to identify pain points and prioritize responses based on specific client needs. Lexmark’s security subject matter experts are equipped to execute the more complex consultations, while the global security practice owner develops the methodology, standards, and strategies for implementation and long-term management.

**Strengths**

Lexmark continues with a vertical approach to the market and has worked to align its sales, support, and delivery personnel by vertical industry. Top vertical industries for Lexmark include retail, banking, manufacturing, healthcare, government, education, and insurance. This vertical approach, combined with Lexmark’s expansive security solutions portfolio and professional services expertise, puts Lexmark in a strong position for delivering best-in-class security for its customers. Flexible delivery options, established global infrastructure, and a commitment to expand partnerships to enhance security offerings also serve as important strengths.
Challenges

Even though Lexmark has formed several new alliances, IDC believes Lexmark’s sales/distribution strategy could be improved with more go-to-market alliances with other complementary service providers and software companies. Lexmark’s overall growth strategy could also benefit from continued investment in innovation to maintain the company’s competitive position and market differentiation.

Consider Lexmark When

Organizations should consider Lexmark when they are looking for global consistency and sound functional skill sets for projects focused on output/document security. Lexmark should also be on the short list of vendors when the breadth and depth of the solutions portfolio is top of mind.

APPENDIX

Reading an IDC MarketScape Graph

For the purposes of this analysis, IDC divided potential key measures for success into two primary categories: capabilities and strategies.

Positioning on the y-axis reflects the vendor’s current capabilities and menu of services and how well aligned the vendor is to customer needs. The capabilities category focuses on the capabilities of the company and product today, here and now. Under this category, IDC analysts will look at how well a vendor is building/delivering capabilities that enable it to execute its chosen strategy in the market.

Positioning on the x-axis, or strategies axis, indicates how well the vendor’s future strategy aligns with what customers will require in three to five years. The strategies category focuses on high-level decisions and underlying assumptions about offerings, customer segments, and business and go-to-market plans for the next three to five years.

The size of the individual vendor markers in the IDC MarketScape represents the market share of each individual vendor within the specific market segment being assessed.

IDC MarketScape Methodology

IDC MarketScape criteria selection, weightings, and vendor scores represent well-researched IDC judgment about the market and specific vendors. IDC analysts tailor the range of standard characteristics by which vendors are measured through structured discussions, surveys, and interviews with market leaders, participants, and end users. Market weightings are based on user interviews, buyer surveys, and the input of a review board of IDC experts in each market. IDC analysts base individual vendor scores, and ultimately vendor positions on the IDC MarketScape, on detailed surveys and interviews with the vendors, publicly available information, and end-user experiences in an effort to provide an accurate and consistent assessment of each vendor’s characteristics, behavior, and capability.

Market Definition

For the purposes of the 2017 IDC MarketScape for worldwide print security services, IDC defines print and document security as "solutions and services to address security concerns in the print and document infrastructure, including device-level features and capabilities, software solutions, or..."
professional and managed services with core competencies in threat-level assessment, detection, and remediation capabilities."

This IDC MarketScape evaluates measures for both device-level endpoint security and protection of data/content. Capabilities include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- User authentication and authorization
- Device management
- Device malware protection
- BIOS, operating system, and firmware updates and password management
- Hard disk and removable storage media protection
- Antivirus and antimalware/spyware
- Security event management
- Round-the-clock monitoring and management of intrusion detection systems and firewalls
- Overseeing patch management and upgrades
- Performing security assessments and security audits
- Content security, privacy, and data integrity (hardware and software)
- Installation, configuration, and usage of equipment
- Remote, BYOD, and mobile printing

Security solutions offered by hardcopy vendors could include any combination of software, hardware, and managed or professional services.

Security services could include consultancy and implementation services (professional and managed), including print and document security assessments and audits; security event and policy management; ongoing monitoring and management of intrusion detection systems and firewalls; overseeing patch management and upgrades; content security, privacy, and data integrity (data at rest and data in transit); installation, configuration, and usage of equipment; and secure systems for remote, BYOD, and mobile printing. Integration with legacy business systems and support for current and future regulatory compliance policies are also considered.

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Synopsis

This IDC study assesses the market for print and document security solutions and services among the top global hardcopy vendors and identifies their strengths and challenges. This assessment discusses both quantitative and qualitative characteristics that position vendors for success in this important market. This IDC study is based on a comprehensive framework to evaluate security delivered as standalone features and solutions, within the context of an MPDS engagement, and as non-MPDS professional and managed services.

"For many organizations, print and document security is often overlooked when it comes to developing a comprehensive IT security strategy," says Robert Palmer, research director for IDC’s Imaging, Printing, and Document Solutions group. "Despite measures taken to protect IT infrastructure, the lack of visibility and oversight within the print environment creates a weak link that leaves organizations vulnerable to hackers and other cybersecurity threats."
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