# Aicast Print Server

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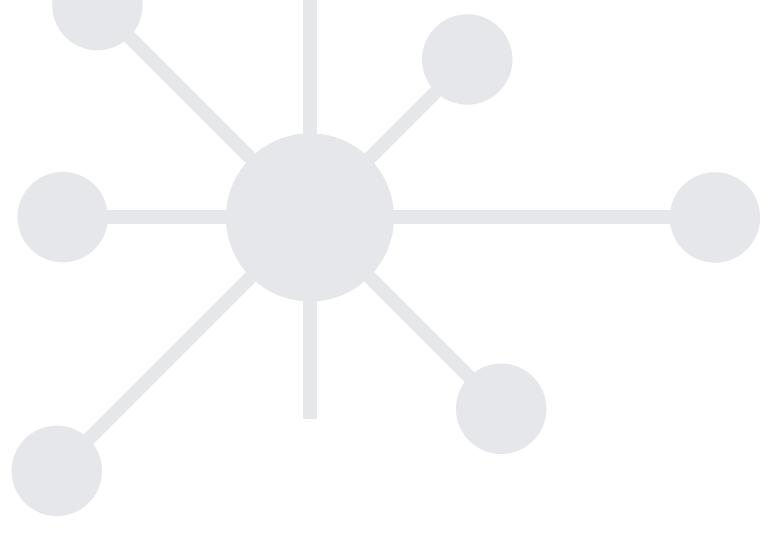


# WHAT IS AIRCASTPRO™II?

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is a wireless print server that brings dye sublimation printers easily to iOS<sup>®</sup>, iPad OS<sup>®</sup>, Android<sup>®</sup>, Mac<sup>®</sup>, Windows<sup>®</sup>, and Linux devices.

Printing to AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is done via AirPrint<sup>®</sup>/IPP or using the hot folder feature, opening up a wide range of workflow possibilities for event and photo booth operators.

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is loaded with features: instant borders, overcoat watermarking, color controls, reprint gallery and more.





# AIRCASTPRO™II FEATURES

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Plug in your printer and let AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II do the rest; discover and configure your printer for you.

#### . ☆ Print with Hot Folders

You can now drag and drop your images to one of AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II's hot folders for quick, easy and worry-free printing.

#### . ★ Lightning-fast HEIPr™ Engine

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II has replaced its already fast imaging engine with the brand-new, ultra-fast HEIPr<sup>™</sup> Engine. HEIPr<sup>™</sup> can process images as much as 25 times faster than its predecessor, particularly with large image files.

#### . ★ Instant Borders

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II can add borders automatically to any of your prints.

## ★ More Supported Printers

Many Sinfonia, Citizen, Mitsubishi, Hiti, FujiFilm, DNP, Sony, Shinko, Kodak, and CIAAT printers are supported by AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II.

## ★ Overcoat Watermarking

Add custom overcoat watermarks to your prints (Most Citizen and DNP Printers).

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See how much paper your printer has right from your printer's listing with AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II's new visual paper gauge.

#### ★ Reprint Gallery

Need to reprint an image? The Reprint Gallery lets to see the image, choose the number of prints, and change the printer if you need.

## \* Redesigned Wifi Networking

More responsive, flexible wifi with password verification and support for 5GHz networks.

## i Hotspot & Internet

Customize your hotspot access point if you choose. Connect to a wireless network to enable internet through your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II hotspot access point.

#### . ★ Redesigned Print Queue

The new Print queue will now show the status of your image as well as an image thumbnail.

#### . ☆ User-selectable ICC profiles

Users can now select a variety of color profiles associated with their printer (if applicable).

# \* Print Pools

Use any mix of printers to create printer pools for your high-output events.

# $\stackrel{}{\star}$ Print From all of Your Devices

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II goes beyond AirPrint: you can share your connected AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II printers with your computers too!

# $\div$ No Image Distortion

That's right- AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II will not stretch or distort your photos.

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Prevent unauthorized access to your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II settings.

# $\dot{\star}$ Select Network Advertising

Allow or deny your printers to be seen on select networks.

#### . ★ Multi-Lingual

Localized for 19 languages: English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish, Portuguese, Italian, Polish, Russian, Hungarian, Turkish, Greek, Japanese, Korean and Chinese.



# QUICK START

# POWER UP

Your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II comes with a 5v micro USB power cable. Plug the micro USB end into the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II unit. There is no power switch on the unit itself and will power on once it is plugged in.

# CONNECTING TO THE AIRCASTPRO™II HOTSPOT

Once you have powered your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II unit, its hotspot broadcast should be detectable after about 10-30 seconds after powering the unit on. Use the device of your choice to connect to your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II unit and look for the "AirCastPro" hotspot in your wifi connection setup:

SSID : AirCastPro Password : aircastpro



# FIRST TIME CONNECTION

Once connected to the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup> hotspot, use a web browser to go to this address: http://AirCastPro.local

or

http://192.168.4.1

When you connect for the first time, you will need to enter your name and email address to activate AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II. You will only need to do this once.

After activating AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II, you will be directed to the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II General Settings page.

With your printer connected and powered on, AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II will discover and configure your printers.



# GETTING TO KNOW AIRCASTPRO™II

# **GENERAL SETTINGS**

This is the main landing page for AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II. Access to all options and settings can be found here.

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Mitsubis	hi CP-D70DW-1	~	Printing Image 2680 on Mitsubishi_CP-D70DW 23 Aug 2021 16:22:52 EDT
Sinfonia	CHC-S6145 CS2		Printing Image 2681 on Mitsubishi_CP-D70DW 23 Aug 2021 16:22:55 EDT
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		Subsystem Control	
			Password Protect Settings

# INFO PANEL

Information in the Info Panel can be vital in diagnosing issues or assessing the overall health of your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II unit.

Lifetime print count

 $\div$  Registration information

Software version

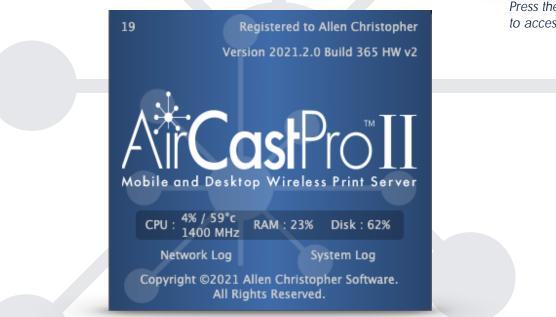
. ★ CPU Frequency

. ★ System Log

To access the Info Panel, press the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II logo in the upper-left corner of the General Settings page:



Press the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II Logo to access the Info Panel.



AirCastPro™II Info Panel

To close the Info panel, click/press either on the panel window itself or anywhere on the General Settings page.

# **POWER PANEL**

This is where to shut down or restart AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II.

To access the Power Panel, click/press the power icon located in the upper-right of the General Settings page.



Press the Power icon to access the Power Panel.

A Cast Pro II
Shut Down/Restart
Are you sure you want to Shut Down/Restart AirCastPro?
Restart Shut Down Cancel

## NETWORK PANEL

The Network panel shows the status of ethernet and wifi interfaces. If connected, the interface will show

the assigned IP address. Connecting to a Wifi network allows internet access through the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II Hotspot.

#### Connect to Wifi

To connect AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II to a wifi network, press/click on the edit icon. The wifi connection dialog will open.

Select a wifi network from the Available Networks List. The SSID field will auto-fill with the network SSID. Enter the wifi password into the password field. Press "Save" to continue.

#### **Disconnect from Wifi**

If you wish to disconnect from a wifi network, use the "Disconnect" button located on the bottom-left corner of the wifi dialog window.

# WiFi SSID and Password

Ethernet :No Connection

Use the fields below to connect to an outside network. This will provide internet access through the AirCastPro Access Point. Passwords should be 8 or more characters.

Wifi : 192.168.1.121 📝

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Passwo	ord : Enter the Network Password
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Disconr	Save Cancel

#### Connect to Ethernet

To connect AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II with an ethernet cable, plug the ethernet cable into the ethernet port on the back of your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II unit. NOTE: the network must be DHCP in order to connect. Ethernet DOES NOT provide internet access through the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II Hotspot.

# DATE & TIME

The current date and time are set by selecting your region. Select the nearest city to your location.

Default units of measurement (imperial/metric) can also be set in this panel.

To access the Date & Time panel, press/click on the edit icon located next to the Date & Time display on the General Settings page.

# Set Time and Date

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America/Montserrat		
America/Nassau		
America/New_York		•
Use Metric Print Sizes	Save Cance	4

# WIFI HOTSPOT PANEL

Print HotSpot QR

Please select a printer to print

Code

Mitsubishi CP-D

Print

The Wifi Hotspot Panel provides access to change your hotspot name (SSID) and password. A hotspot access QR code is automatically generated, allowing users to scan the QR code with a mobile device to automatically connect.

To Change the hotspot SSID or password, press/click the edit icon in the lower-left area of the Hotspot panel. This will open the Hotspot dialog window.

Clicking on the QR code will give you the option to print it for easy user access.

#### **Built-In HotSpot**





	HotSpot Settings	
your HotSpot QR	Use the fields below to change your Wireless HotSpot SS (Name) and Password. Your password cannot be blank. must contain at least 8 characters.	
70DW 🗸	SSID : AirCastPro	]
Cancel	Password : aircastpro	
	Save Cancel	]

# MDNS/AUTO-DISCOVERY PANEL

The mDNS/Auto-Discovery Panel provides options to change the mDNS (Bonjour®) name of your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II unit. Here you can also make your connected printers available on other network interfaces.

To edit mDNS settings, press/click the edit icon in the lower-left area of the mDNS panel.

NOTE: Changing the mDNS name will also change your access to the General Settings page and AirCastPro's network share volume. You will need to use the new mDNS name in your browser to connect:

http://MyNewName.local

#### mDNS/Auto-Discovery

Name : AirCastPro.local IP Address : 192.168.4.1

#### mDNS Discoverable Name

Change the device's discoverable name using the field provided. Avoid using special characters and spaces.

Save

Ethernet

Cancel

#### mDNS Discoverable Name

AirCastPro
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#### Print Sharing Over Networks

Hotspot is always enabled

Outside Wifi

PRINTER LIST

The Printer list gives you a summary of configured printers/print pools and their media levels. Below the list box are controls to add, remove, edit and pause your printers/printer pools.

Printer Auto-Discovery progress will show below the Printer List.

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#### Printers



# PRINT QUEUE

The Printer Queue will display a thumbnail of incoming images, how many prints are in progress, what printer/print pool the image is assigned, as well as the status of each print.

Below the Print Queue are controls to cancel single prints as well as cancel everything in the Print Queue.

#### Printer Queue (14)



If a print error occurs (print size/media mismatch, out of paper, printer door error, etc), a yellow,

rectangular "caution" symbol will appear above the Printer Queue. Clicking on the caution symbol will show a list of all errors and provide an option to clear the error log.

Printer Queue (1)



Printing Image 2666 on Mitsubishi\_CP-D70DW 23 Aug 2021 16:02:35 EDT

# REPRINT GALLERY

The Reprint Gallery can be opened by clicking the "Reprint" button found below the Print Queue.

The Reprint Gallery will display previous print jobs, beginning with the most recent. Each image will attempt to select the printer that it assigned but will allow you to select any current printer that is configured by AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II as well as set the desired number of copies.

Images in the Reprint Gallery can be deleted individually or the entire Reprint Gallery can be cleared at once.

**Note:** Images will be deleted automatically after 24 hours.

#### **Reprint Photos**



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# **PASSWORD PROTECT**

Access to the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II General Settings page can be password protected when this option is selected.

Selecting the Password Protect option will open the Password Protection Dialog. Enter your password in the first field provided, and once again in the second field for verification.

# **Password Protection**

Enter your password in the fields below. Both password fields must match. You will be asked to enter a password when accessing your settings.

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•••••		
	Save	Cancel

# **AUXILIARY CONTROL LINKS**

These links are provided as a secondary way to access AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II options and settings.

	Password Protect Settings
About   User Guide   Wifi Connect	Hotspot Settings   mDNS Discovery   Time/Date   Power Controls



# **PRINTER SETTINGS**

# PRINTER SPECIFIC OPTIONS

NOTE: Available options will vary depending on the manufacturer and printer model. Below are some of the most common options.

#### Print Size

Shows the relevant print sizes capable with the media installed in your printer. NOTE: If editing a printer that is offline, the Print Size option will show all sizes the printer driver supports.

#### Color Model

Lists available color models (RGB, CMY, CMYK, etc). The default value is "RGB"".

#### **Color Precision**

Sets the value of color reproduction. The default value is "Best".

#### Resolution

Some printers offer various print resolutions. The default value is "300".

#### **Overcoat Pattern**

This controls the finish of your print. AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II uses the printer's default, which is mostly "Glossy".

Dai Nippon Prin	ting DS620
Use the Printer Option menu Option Value menu to select	t to select the option to edit. Use the syour setting.
Printer Option	Option Value
Print Size	✓ 4x6 ✓
Landscape Border Select an Image	Portrait Border         ✓         Select an Image
ICC Profile	North America Default 🗸
Fill the Print Area	Bypass HEIPr™ Engine
Remove Excess Whitespa	ace 🛛 🗹 Create Hot Folder
Remaining Prints: 228 / 400	Save Cancel

Most DNP printers have "Partial" overcoat options. Partial overcoat patterns are not available on the DNP DS40 and RX1. Please see "Overcoat Watermarking" for more information.

#### **Print Speed**

Sets the printer speed. AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II uses the printer's default, which is usually "Normal" or "Fine".

#### PRINTER SPECIFIC OPTIONS

#### No Cut-Paper Waste

Set this option to "True" to reduce paper waste. AirCastPro™II defaults to "False".

#### **Image Sharpening**

Used to sharpen your print. Option is set on a numerical scale, from 0-9; the default is "4".

#### **Color Correction**

Provides varying degree of color correction. AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II defaults to "Raw", leaving your images untouched.

#### **Brightness**

Controls the brightness of your prints. AirCastPro™II defaults to "None".

#### Contrast

Controls the contrast of your prints. AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II defaults to "None".

#### Saturation

Controls the saturation of your prints. AirCastPro™II defaults to "None".

#### Image Type

Sets the type of file expected to print. AirCastPro™II defaults to "Photo".

#### **Composite Gamma**

Sets the gamma of your prints. AirCastPro™II defaults to "1100".

## Dai Nippon Printing DS620 (Paused)

Use the Printer Option menu to select the option to edit. Use the Option Value menu to select your setting.

Option Value	
<ul> <li>✓ 4x6</li> <li>✓</li> <li>Crait Border</li> <li>Ct an Image</li> <li>✓</li> <li>ass HEIPr™ Engine</li> <li>tate Hot Folder</li> </ul>	
Save Cancel	
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# AIRCASTPRO™II PRINT FEATURES

#### Landscape/Portrait Borders

Use your own custom borders for prints. See "Print Borders" for more information.

#### **ICC** Profile

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II will attempt to select the default ICC profile for your printer. Other profiles, made for specialty paper, for instance, may also be available.

#### Fill the Print Area

Fills the entire print area with the image using center-weighted cropping.

Deselect this option of you want the image to fit to the page size with no cropping. Unless the image and print area are the same aspect ratio, there will be

margins of whitespace.

#### **Remove Excess Whitespace**

Some images are converted to PDF format and are embedded with whitespace padding. If you find that your image is overly zoomed or shows areas of unwanted whitespace, Select this option.

Landscape Border Select an Image	Portrait Border       Select an Image	
ICC Profile	North America Default	
Fill the Print Area	□ Bypass HEIPr™ Engine space  Create Hot Folder	
Remaining Prints: 228 / 400	Save Cancel	

#### Bypass HEIPr<sup>™</sup> Engine

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II has replaced its already fast

imaging engine with the brand-new, ultra-fast HEIPr<sup>™</sup> Engine. HEIPr<sup>™</sup> can process images from two times faster with smaller images and as much as twenty-five times faster for very large images than its predecessor.

The HEIPr<sup>™</sup> Engine is responsible for adding borders, resizing and cropping images if needed, and converting a multitude of image formats into a printable format. In most cases, it is a good idea to keep HEIPr<sup>™</sup> on.

There may be situations where the source image matches the print output and the file is small enough where bypassing HEIPr<sup>TM</sup> is the best solution for printing. Select this option to deactivate the HEIPr<sup>TM</sup> Engine.

#### **Create Hot Folder**

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II enables hot folder printing by default. If you wish to disable it, deselect this option.

#### **Remaining Prints**

If your printer is online, AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II will poll your printer for media levels. If your printer is offline, the Remaining Prints count will be an estimate.



# **PRINTING WITH AIRCASTPRO™II**

# PRINTING WITH IOS® & IPAD OS®

\*For iOS® 13 or later

- 1. Connect to the AirCastPro Hotspot or the same network AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is connected.
- 2. Be sure at least one printer is connected and configured with AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II.
- 3. Go to an App you wish to print an image/document (ex. Photos App).
- 4. Find the print option in your App. Some Apps will place the print function within the "Share" option.
- 5. In the Print dialog, select a printer. Your printer will show "AirCastPro" as its location.



 Printer Options
 Printer

 Dai Nippon Printing DS620
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 AirCastPro
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 Sinfonia CHC-S6145 CS2
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6. Print the document.

Cancel	Printer Options		Print
Printer	Sinfonia CHC-S	6145 C	S2 >
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# PRINTING WITH ANDROID®

- 1. Connect to the AirCastPro Hotspot or the same network AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is connected.
- 2. Be sure at least one printer is connected and configured with AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II.
- Open the Settings App, go to Default Printing Service and turn it on. Use the search option to quickly find "Default Printing Service".
- 4. Find the print option in your App. In some Apps, the print option can be found in the ellipsis icon.
- 5. Press the reveal icon to show available printers. Select a printer from the list. Your printer will show "AirCastPro" as its location.
- 6. Print the document.



AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is compatible with some 3<sup>rd</sup> party Apps like "Let's Print Droid".





# PRINTING WITH WINDOWS®

- Connect to the AirCastPro Hotspot or the same network AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is connected.
- 2. In the Windows Settings Panel, got to the Printers & Scanners section.
- 3. Press the "Add a printer or scanner" button to search for your printer.
- 4. When you see your printer in the discovery list, select the printer and then press the "Add device" button.
- 5. A progress bar will display the installation process. It may take a moment to install and configure your printer.

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nfonia CHC-S6145 CS2 @ AirCastPro



Ð	Sinfonia CHC-S6145 CS2 @ AirCastPro Printer	
		Add device
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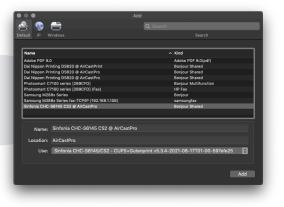
Once completed, your printer will be available for use.

Print Pictures How do you want to print prin	int your pictu	res?			×	
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Sinfonia CHC-S6145 CS2 @ AirC		Normal	Plain Paper	~		
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Copies of each 1	Fit picture t	to frame		Options		
			[	Print Cancel		

# PRINTING WITH MAC OS®

- Connect to the AirCastPro Hotspot or the same network AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is connected.
- 2. Open the Mac OS System Preferences, go to the Printers & Scanners section.
- 3. Press the Plus (+) button below the printer list to search for your printer.
- 4. When you see your printer in the discovery list, select the printer and then press the "Add" button.





Once completed, your printer will be available for use.



# PRINTING WITH LINUX

- 1. Connect to the AirCastPro Hotspot or the same network AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is connected.
- 2. In the Windows Settings Panel, got to the Printers & Scanners section.
- 3. Press the "Add a printer or scanner" button to search for your printer.
- 4. When you see your printer in the discovery list, select the printer and then press the "Add device" button.
- 5. A progress bar will display the installation process. It may take a moment to install and configure your printer.



Once completed, your printer will be available for use.

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Driver Manage		Login Window	Software Sources	Users and Groups		



# **ADVANCED FEATURES**

# PRINTER INSTANCES

#### What is a Printer Instance?

A Printer instance is a representation of your physical, attached printer. AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II lets you create as many variations of your attached printer as you wish. A printer instance appears as its own, independent printer to your devices.

#### Why are Printer Instances useful?

There are a number of reasons why you may need additional instances of your attached printer. The most common reason is to take advantage of multiple print sizes supported by your installed media.

You may want to create different instances with varying printer settings:

 $\div$  Instance using 4x6 print size

 $\div$  Instance using two 2x6 print size

 $\star$  Instance using 4x6 print size with a graphic border

 $\div$  Several instances of the same print size, each with a different graphic border

: Instances using Overcoat Watermarking (or as with borders, varying instances of watermarking)

These are just a handful of scenarios where multiple instances of the same printer are useful.

#### To create another instance of your printer:

With your printer attached and powered on, press the "Add" button (General Settings Page, below the Printer List). Follow the steps provided in the "Add Printer" dialog.

# **PRINTER POOLING**

#### What is a Printer Pool?

A Printer pool is a collection of two or more printers working together as a single printer to manage high print volumes, "load balancing" incoming jobs and sending them to the printer with the least amount of prints in its queue.

A Printer Pool will also redirect jobs away from a printer that has stopped because of an error (paper jam, out of paper, etc), keeping your workflow moving. Once created, a Printer Pool will show no differently than any other printer available to your devices.

Even though a printer may be part of a Printer Pool, you can still select and use any printer outside of the pool.

☆ A Printer Pool must contain at least two printers.

 $\div$  There is no limitation on the number of printers in a pool.

 $\star$  Printers in a pool do not have to be the same make or model.

 $\div$  Printers with different print sizes can be a part of the same pool, but it is not advised.

★ If a printer in your pool receives an error (depleted media, paper jam, etc), incoming jobs will be diverted to other printers in the pool automatically until the error is resolved.

#### Pro Tip:

The first printer added to a pool should be the fastest of your printers– it will receive priority over other printers in your pool.

In order to create a Printer Pool, the printers you wish to use must already be configured in AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II.

# CREATING A PRINTER POOL

Creating a Printer Pool requires at least one printer set up in AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II. If at least one printer has been set up, pressing the Add Printer or Pool control will bring up an option to create a printer pool: Add a Printer: Select Printer

- Press the "Add" button below the Printer List, on the General Settings page.
- 2. In the next dialog window, press the Printer Pool Setup
- 3. Use the Printer Selection pop-up menu to select a printer.
- Use the Add Printer button to add it to your pool. Use the Remove Printer button (directly below the Selected Printers for Pool list) to remove a printer from your pool.
- 5. Press the Continue button once you have added the desired printers to your pool.
- 6. You can assign both Portrait and Landscape graphic borders to your Printer Pool.Use the Landscape and Portrait pop-up menus to select the image(s) you wish to use.
- 7. Press the Finish button to create your Printer Pool.

Your new Printer Pool will now show in the Printers and Pools list, with the "Pool" tag added to its name.

Printers	
4x6 Group Pool	

#### Add a Printer: Select Printer Selected Printers for Pool If you wish to set up a new printer, choose the printer option

below. A Printer Pool contains two or more printers that work together to handle larger workflows quickly.

To create or add printers to a pool, choose the pool option below.



Printer Pool: Add			pool from	the
<ul> <li>Select a Printer</li> <li>Dai Nippon Printing DS620</li> <li>Dai Nippon Printing DS820</li> <li>Sinfonia CHC-S6145 CS2</li> </ul>			Add	
Sinfonia CHC-S6145 CS2				
Remove				
	Cont	inue	Car	ncel

Designate Printe	r Pool
Name your Printer Pool. You m except "/", "[ ]", "{ }" and "#".	ay use any printable characters
New Printer Poo	l Name
4x6 Group	
Landscape Border	Portrait Border
Select an Image	✓ Select an Image ✓

Finish

Create Hot Folder

Cancel

# NETWORK SHARE VOLUME

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II can be accessed through its network share volume via SMB. AFP (Apple) is also supported for legacy Macs.

There are several reasons you would need access to AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II's shared volume:

\* Add your own graphic borders

★ Add your own Overcoat Watermarking graphic

. ☆ Access AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II's hot folders

Make sure your device is connected to the AirCastPro hotspot or connected to the same network that AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is connected.

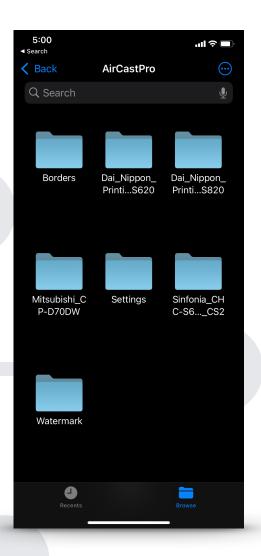
On the AirCastPro Share volume, you will see these directories:

Stored. Borders should be saved as PNG images. ★

★ Watermark : This is where your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II Overcoat Watermark images are stored. Watermark images should be black & white, saved as JPG images.

Settings : This is where your password protection file is stored. Removing the password file will reset access to the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II General Settings page.

Hot folders are also located in the AirCastProShare volume. Each hot folder will correspond to the name of the printer it represents.



# **AIRCASTPRO SHARE ADDRESS & CREDENTIALS**

#### **Network Address:**

smb://AirCastPro.local
or
smb://192.168.4.1
(Only if you are connected to the AirCastPro Hotspot)

User Name : aircastpro Password : aircastpro



AirCastPro™II Network Share QR Code. Scan to connect.

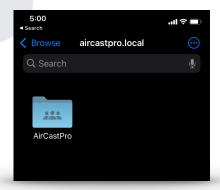
# **CONNECTING FROM IOS® AND IPAD OS®**

#### \*For iOS® 13 or later

- Connect to the AirCastPro Hotspot or the same network AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II is connected. Open the Files app. In the upper-right corner of the Browse page, click the ellipsis (...). Select the "Connect to Server" option.
- 2. In the Server field, type: aircastpro.local
- The next screen will ask if you wish to connect as a Guest or Registered User. Choose "Registered User" and enter the following credentials:
- 4. Name: aircastpro Password: aircastpro

Press the "Next" link at the top of the page. If the information was entered correctly, The AirCastProShare volume should be available.





# **CONNECTING FROM ANDROID®**

Connecting to AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II's shared volume with Android® requires use of a third-party application capable of accessing SMB (samba) network volumes such as X-plore File Manager. Server address, username, and password is the same as connecting via iOS® (see Connecting from iOS® and iPad OS®).

/ Run

Open:

\\192.168.4.1

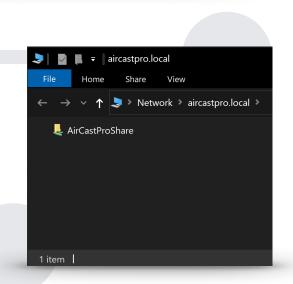
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# CONNECTING FROM WINDOWS®

- Connect to the AirCastPro Hotspot.
   Press the Windows Key and "R" key to open the Run dialog.
- Enter the address in the Run text field: \\192.168.4.1
- 3. If you have iTunes® installed, you can use the mDNS name: \\aircastpro.local
- 4. Press the "OK" button.
- 5. When prompted for user information, connect as a registered user:
   Name: AIRCASTPRO
   Password: aircastpro

The AirCastPro Share volume is now accessible.

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Mitsubishi_CP-D70DW		File folder	
Settings		File folder	
Sinfonia_CHC-S6145_CS2	8/23/2021 2:06 PM	File folder	
📮 Watermark		File folder	Select a file to preview.



Type the name of a program, folder, document, or

Internet resource, and Windows will open it for you.

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Browse.

# **CONNECTING FROM MAC OS®**

Connect to the AirCastPro Hotspot.

#### Method 1

In a web browser, enter smb://aircastpro:aircastpro@aircastpro.local

The browser will ask for permission to use the Finder.app to connect.

#### Method 2

From the Finder, press CMD + K to open the "Go to Server..." dialog. Enter the address in the provided field

smb://aircastpro:aircastpro@aircastpro.local

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#### Method 1 using web browser to connect to AirCastPro™II

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Method 2 using "Connect to Server" to connect to AirCastPro™II

# CONNECTING FROM LINUX

Go to the Network browse in your Linux Desktop Environment. Find the AirCastPro shared volume. When attempting to open the volume, you will be asked for your credentials: User Name : aircastpro Password : aircastpro

# HOT FOLDER PRINTING

#### What is Hot Folder Printing?

Simply put, hot folder printing is the process of copying one or more images into a designated folder, which lets AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II print these images. Hot folder printing can be used with laptops as well desktop computers as well as iOS® and iPad OS® (iOS® version 13 or greater).

Your workflow may need a solution where a photographer needs to regularly download images for print or you may use a photo or imaging app that allow you to save images in a location of your choice. Either way, hot folder printing is the easiest way to move your photos from disk to prints.

# CONNECTING TO A HOT FOLDER

- 1. First, be sure to have your printer connected and configured by AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II. Feel free to customize your printer settings as needed but be sure to leave the "Create Hot Folder" option selected.
- 2. Next, connect to the AirCastPro shared volume (see the section Network Share Volume for more information).
- When connected, you should see a folder that shares the name of your printer. This is the hot folder associated with that printer. Dragging & dropping one or more images into this folder will begin the process.

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Dai_Nippon_Printing_	DS620	Today at 3:50	PM		Folder
Dai_Nippon_Printing_	DS820	Today at 3:51 F	PM		Folder
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Watermark		Oct 21, 2020 a	t 6:44 PM		Folder
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For convenience, hot folders can be aliased (Mac OS®) or Mapped as a network drive (Windows).

# **PRINT BORDERS**

With AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II, you can automatically add a graphic border to your print.

# SELECT A BORDER

Open the Edit dialog of the printer you wish to add borders. In the Borders section of the Edit dialog, use the pop-up menus to select landscape and portrait versions of your border.

NOTE: AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II will attempt to detect your image's orientation and will automatically select the appropriate border. If you plan to print only one orientation, you can use the corresponding border orientation and leave the other without a border.

After making your selection(s), click "Save".

#### Dai Nippon Printing DS620

Use the Printer Option menu to select the option to edit. Use the Option Value menu to select your setting.

Printer Option	Option Value
Overcoat Pattern	✓ PartialMatteFine ✓
Watermark	watermark.jpg
Landscape Border	Portrait Border
✓ Select an Image LandscapeTest.png	Select an Image 🗸
LandscapeTest8x10.png PortraitTest.png PortraitTest8x10.png	America Default 🗸
Fill the Print Area	Bypass HEIPr™ Engine
Remove Excess Whitespace	Create Hot Folder
Remaining Prints: 228 / 400	Save Cancel

# ADDING YOUR CUSTOM BORDERS TO AIRCASTPRO™II

When creating your custom border, the image should:

 $\therefore$  Match the size of your print (ex. 4x6 print should be 1200x1800 pixels).

Saved as a PNG file.

If you plan to process both portrait and landscape oriented images with AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II, consider creating portrait and landscape versions of your border.

# LOADING YOUR BORDERS INTO AIRCASTPRO™II

- Connect your Phone, tablet, or computer to AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II and access the Network Share Volume (See <u>Network Share Volume</u>).
- ★ Copy your custom border graphics to the "Borders" directory.
- Go to the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II General settings page with your web browser, choose the printer you wish to add your borders and press the "Edit" button below the printer list.

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Borders				Jul 2, 2021 at 6	56 AM		Folder
Dai_Nippon_Printing_DS62	0			Today at 3:50 P	РМ		Folder
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Mitsubishi_CP-D70DW				Today at 3:51 P			Folder
Settings				Aug 20, 2021 a	t 8:43 PM		Folder
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. ★ In the Edit dialog, use the Border landscape and portrait menus to select your new border graphics. Press "Save" to apply the changes to your printer setup.

# **OVERCOAT WATERMARKING**

\*DNP DS620, DS820, & QW410 \*Citizen CX-02W, CX-02, & CZ-01

#### What is Overcoat Watermarking?

Overcoat Watermarking is the process of using an image to "etch" itself into the finish of your print. You've seen this done with official ID cards, advertisements, and copyrighted images. Imagine your print with its glossy finish. Now imagine "dull" areas in the finish, perhaps in the shape of your logo. Overcoat Watermarking is subtle, most noticeable when light strikes the surface of your photo just right.

# CREATING A GRAPHIC FOR OVERCOAT WATERMARKING

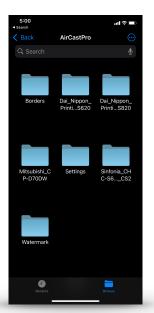
 $\star$  For best results, your graphic should be black, set onto a white background.

\* Your finished graphic file should match the dimensions of your print size (ex. 4x6, 1200x1800 pixels).

 $\star$  Your finished graphic should be saved as a JPG file.

# LOADING YOUR OVERCOAT WATERMARK GRAPHIC INTO AIRCASTPRO™II

- 1. Connect your Phone, tablet, or computer to AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II and access the Network Share Volume (See Network Share Volume).
- 2. Copy your custom Overcoat Watermark graphic(s) to the "Watermark" directory.
- 3. Go to the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II General settings page with your web browser, choose the printer you wish to add your Overcoat Watermark and press the "Edit" button below the printer list.



#### ADVANCED FEATURES

4. In the Edit dialog, use the "Option" pop-up menu and select "Overcoat Pattern". Next, use the "Value" pop-up menu and select any value that contains "Partial". Doing this will reveal the Watermark pop-up menu. Select your custom Overcoat Watermark graphic in the pop-up menu. Press "Save" to apply the changes to your printer setup.

#### Dai Nippon Printing DS620 (Paused)

Use the Printer Option menu to select the option to edit. Use the Option Value menu to select your setting.

Printer Option	Option Value
Overcoat Pattern	✓ PartialMatteFine ✓
Watermark	<ul> <li>Select an Image</li> <li>Portrait-Border-watermark1.png</li> <li>watermark.jpg</li> </ul>
Landscape Border	Portrait-Border-watermark2.png
Select an Image 🗸	watermark2.jpg
ICC Profile No	Profile 🗸
<b>Fill the Print Area</b>	Bypass HEIPr™ Engine
Remove Excess Whitespace	Create Hot Folder
Remaining Prints: 224 / 400	Save Cancel



# HELPFUL TIPS

There are a many ways to help streamline your workflow with AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II. This section is meant to inspire you to streamline your workflow and create options for your events that give you a big competitive advantage.

# LEVERAGE THE POWER OF PRINTER INSTANCES

One printer is more than enough to take advantage of multiple printer instances:

- $\div$  Use multiple borders and/or watermarks.
- Hultiple print sizes.
- . ★ Separating different source processes (ex. An instance for AirPrint®/IPP, another for hot folder use)

# PRINTER POOLING AND INSTANCES

What if you could create printer pool instances with the same printers and use them in the same way as printer instances?

Using the printer instance method, you can create printer pools to achieve the same basic purpose of creating an instance of a printer, but also leveraging several printers as well:

- You can create a printer pool to handle a specific print size (ex.: 4x6 or 2x6 prints) or other specific options.
- $\div$  Several print pools can offer a variety of borders.
- ↔ Printers/Printer Instances can be a member of one or more Printer Pools. You can mix and match as you see fit.

# HOT FOLDERS INSTEAD OF PRINT DIALOGS

While the obvious power of hot folder printing lies with the ability of using one or more computers to connect and print images with AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II hot folders. The same is possible with iOS®, iPad OS®, and Android®.

Most of Apple's apps allow you to save images outside of the Photos app, using FILES. Some developers have recognized the added power of this as well.

Once you have established an SMB connection to AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II (see "<u>Network Share Volume</u>" for more information), you can use it as a destination for saving files. Choosing a hot folder as a save destination is all you will need to automatically trigger printing.

# **KEEP YOUR PRINTERS PRIVATE**

It is a necessity for many photo booth setups to have an internet connection. With AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II, the photo booth (iPad) connects to the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup> Hotspot, while connecting the AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II to outside wifi feeds internet to the photo booth.

Let's pause for a moment.

In many cases, there's not need to think about the outside wifi connection other than connecting your AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II. In doing so, your printers are accessible to anyone who has access to that wifi network.

AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II has options to block your printers from broadcasting over network interfaces , specifically Wifi and Ethernet. Printers always broadcast over AirCastPro<sup>™</sup>II's Hotspot. To secure your printers, turn off printer sharing for Wifi and Ethernet in the <u>mDNS/Auto-Discovery panel</u>. Printers secured!



# SUPPORTED PRINTERS

# MITSUBISHI PRINTERS

CP-M1/CP-M15 Mitsubishi CP-D80DW Mitsubishi CP-D90DW Mitsubishi CP-D70DW

Mitsubishi CP-D707DW Mitsubishi CP-K60DW-S Mitsubishi CP-9600DW Mitsubishi CP-9500DW Mitsubishi CP-9550DW-S Mitsubishi CP-9550DW Mitsubishi P93D Mitsubishi P95D

# SINFONIA PRINTERS

Sinfonia CHC-S1245/E1Sinfonia CHC-S6245/CE1Sinfonia CHC-S6145/CS2Sinfonia S2145/S2

Sinfonia S2145-5/S2 Sinfonia CHC-S2245/S3

# CITIZEN PRINTERS

Citizen CXCitizen CW-02/OP900iiCitizen CZ-01Citizen CX-WCitizen CX-02Citizen CY/CY-02Citizen CX-02W

## FUJIFILM PRINTERS

FujiFilm ASK-300

FujiFilm ASK-2000

FujiFilm DX100

## EPSON PRINTERS

Epson SureLab D700

## SHINKO PRINTERS

Shinko CHC-S1245	Shinko CHC-S6145	Shinko CHC-S9045
Shinko CHC-S2145	Shinko CHC-S6245	

### **HITI PRINTERS**

Hiti P520L	Hiti P750L
Hiti P525L	Hiti P510K
Hiti P720L	Hiti P518S
Hiti P728L	Hiti P910L

# DAI NIPPON PRINTING

DNP DS40	DNP	DS620
DNP DS80	DNP	DS820
DNP DS80DX	DNP	DSRX1

# SONY PRINTERS

Sony UP-CX1	Sony UP-DR100	Sony UP-DR150
Sony UP-CR10L	Sony UP-DR200	

## **KODAK PRINTERS**

Kodak 6800	Kodak 8810
Kodak 6850	Kodak 9810
Kodak 7000	
Kodak 8800	
	Kodak 6850 Kodak 7000

Hiti P510L Hiti P510S/Si Hiti M610 Hiti P518A

DNP SL10 DNP QW410

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