

Re: Are Multi-Function Printers a Security Risk?

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That would depend on the exact model of printer, but I've never heard of such a vulnerability.

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"Stan G." <StanG@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:BE8F46EB-1539-4932-98A8-ECBBA119161A@microsoft.com...

> *I think the real issue here is weather or not the Fax interface can be
> dialed*

> *up and hacked so that it can be used like a modem to access the PC and
> network.*

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> *"Stan G." wrote:*

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>> *Some of my users work as veteran's advocates within Veterans*

>> *Administration*

>> *offices across the country. As such they are guests on the VA's network*

>> *subject to there rules and guidelines. Recently I was informed that they*

>> *are*

>> *not allowed to use Multi-Function Printers due to a security risk. They*

>> *are*

>> *saying that someone can dial into the MFP Fax, access the attached PC*

>> *through*

>> *the printer interface and thus gain access to the network. This sounds a*

>> *bit*

>> *far fetched to me. Is this a real possibility?*

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