HP Smart

HP Smart - The remote control for your HP printer

Printing and sending documents are still very important things nowadays. However, it is inconvenient to always have to go to a computer that is directly connected to the printer, scanner or fax machine. The manufacturer HP has come up with the HP Smart solution to this problem.

HP Smart is an application that you can install on smartphones, tablets or other PCs. It offers you online access to network-compatible printers, fax machines and scanners from HP. For example, you can open a document on your phone and print it wirelessly from your printer. You don't even have to start your computer. As long as the printer is in standby mode, it can be controlled by HP Smart.

HP Smart also offers a colorful selection of print templates that you can use from the convenience of your smartphone or tablet. For example, if you want to create and print a greeting card, you can find a suitable template and write the corresponding text. You can also insert your own images, edit them and add them to your templates easily.

The application also turns any mobile device with a camera into a small, portable scanner. You can simply take a photo with the camera and send it as a JPEG to your printer or fax machine. If you wish, the program will print your photos or save them directly for you. However, the functions require an HP printer that is also WLAN-enabled and that has a network connection. # An overview of the functions of HP Smart

The main function of HP Smart is called Print Anywhere. As the name suggests, the feature lets you control your WLAN printer on the go and start a print job. As a supplement for fax machines, HP Smart also offers a digital fax function of Print Anywhere. You can easily send a digital file you've opened on a smartphone or tablet to a desired destination address via an HP fax machine on the network. No manual insertion of the document is necessary. You also have the alternative of uploading your documents to cloud storage if you want to use them from other devices.

HP-Smart's scanning feature allows you to turn any picture you take with a mobile device into a scan and save it to your HP devices' storage. You can still edit the photos in the process. For example, you have the option to crop your photos or edit them with certain photos to touch up small imperfections or add new effects. Your scans can then be saved as JPEGs or printed directly.

For kids, HP Smart offers a feature that lets you print out learning sheets, puzzle pages, or other kid-friendly activities, among other things. The so-called play-and-learn function makes use of a large assortment of free content.

For easier handling of the application, you can also use the so-called Smart Tasks. This small menu offers you the possibility to collect important functions clearly arranged on a start page and to combine them with different key combinations. For example, if you want to print scans very often, you can shorten the editing process with a key combination of your choice. The selected photo will then go directly to print, saving you a lot of time.

Is HP Smart a useful application?

In principle, HP Smart offers some useful functions that allow you to start print or fax jobs even if you are not in the immediate vicinity of the printer or fax machine. You can easily start print jobs, scan and edit photos with a mobile device, and the app also offers many templates such as greeting cards or game content for kids. However, the application only works with HP printers. These must be WLAN-enabled. So if you have other printers, this app is not recommended for you.

Advantages / Disadvantages

Easy printing and sending of documents and images Save time by creating your own keyboard shortcuts Many templates for printing and editing	Requires an HP device Device must be WLAN-enabled An extra smart account must be created for use