



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (FIG. 5)

A PRINTING APPARATUS AND A CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

A printing apparatus has an operating state detection and transmission means for detecting at least one operating state of the printing apparatus and transmitting status information representing said at least one operating state to a host computer (61) to which the printing apparatus is connected. The operating state detection and transmission means comprises state detection means (47, 54, 68, 71, 72) for detecting said operating state; state change detection means (74, 76) for detecting a change in the output of the state detection means; and status transmission means (77) for transmitting said status information corresponding to the output of the state detection means. The status information is automatically transmitted in response to each change in the output of the state detection means. Such status information may be enabled or disabled, for instance by a corresponding control command from the host computer. Since the status information is automatically sent if and only if a detected operating state of the printing apparatus has changed, a high reliability is achieved with the smallest possible amount of status information to be sent and processed by the host computer.