



## PayneGroup Releases New Metadata Assistant 5

Seattle – April 23, 2015. PayneGroup announces the release of Metadata Assistant 5.0, the company's latest version of the award winning and first to market security tool for removing electronic metadata. Metadata Assistant removes embedded, and potentially embarrassing embedded metadata from Microsoft Office, PDF, graphic, sound and video files. This product has long been the gold standard for document security and the new features continue with this effort.

Some performance enhancements include improved handling for Clean and Send, Send Without Cleaning and Convert to PDF and Send. Additional metadata options are detected and removed, and the new user interface allows the product to blend well with newer versions of Microsoft Office.

“Since 1998, when Metadata Assistant was initially released, the company has consistently strived to provide the most comprehensive cleaning solution on the widest range of file types in order to provide the most comprehensive protection for our customers,” says Donna Payne, PayneGroup CEO. “This reflects our continued commitment to providing a trustworthy product that provides the most protection on the desktop.”

Other new features in this latest version include an Outlook message display banner that indicates that the Metadata Assistant is ready to process attached files, which is a user specific setting that can be activated or inactivated. It also includes an updated list of document variables and custom document properties for automatic exclusion when cleaning files using other third party tools.

### About PayneGroup

PayneGroup is a leading provider of secure communication software including the Outlook Send Assistant, which prevents Reply to All, Bcc and other potential accidental disclosures, Redact Assistant, which is a redaction tool for Word and Excel files, and Metadata Assistant, the first metadata removal software on the market. The Workflow product division includes Forms and Numbering Assistants, which aid in the creation and formatting of documents. PayneGroup provides extensive professional services, ranging from software migration consulting, training and help desk services to project management and courseware development. PayneGroup has also authored 13 books on Microsoft Office, including our latest book, *Word 2013 for Law Firms*. For more information about PayneGroup, see [www.thepaynegroup.com](http://www.thepaynegroup.com) or follow PayneGroup on twitter at [www.twitter.com/paynegroup](https://www.twitter.com/paynegroup).

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