APOGEE
WEBAPPROVAL

Easy file upload
Swift approval of jobs
Online collaboration

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Apogee WebApproval

Expand your Apogee workflow system with a dedicated web portal for online collaboration. Apogee WebApproval enables both your clients and colleagues to access jobs from their desktop computer or mobile device. They can cooperate with each other, upload files, review pages, and approve jobs.

Thanks to Apogee WebApproval, you can facilitate file exchange and shorten approval cycles, which results in fewer errors and more satisfied customers. And with its latest version—WebApproval 12—you now have access to even more benefits than before.

How does it work?

Integrating Apogee WebApproval into your workflow is easy. First, the prepress operator creates a job using the Apogee Prepress client. Specifying the customer for whom the job is intended makes it accessible through Apogee WebApproval. A job summary details who collaborates on each job and what the job specifications are. Customers automatically receive an invitation to upload their files via the Apogee WebApproval portal.
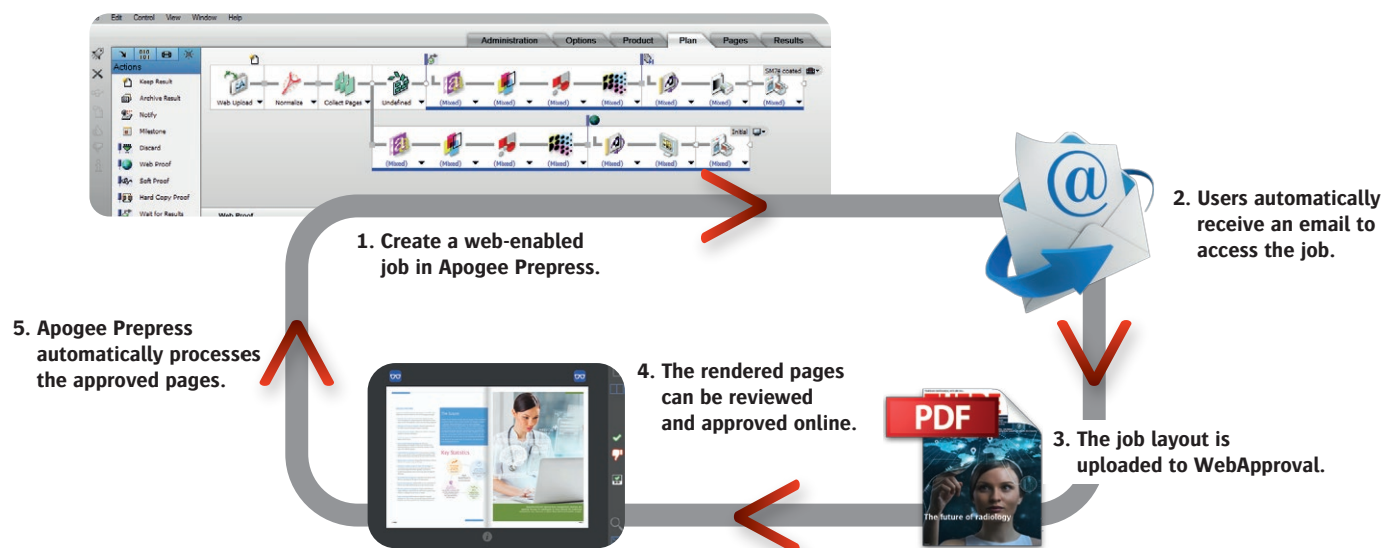
Incoming files are automatically processed by Apogee Prepress and the results sent back to Apogee WebApproval. Clients are then invited to review the print-ready pages. These soft proofs are generated by the same Adobe PDF Print Engine (APPE) that also produces the final output, which guarantees that the reviewed pages match the printed end result. When approved, pages are marked as fit for production on the Apogee Prepress server. Should a customer reject any files, the prepress team is notified of the need to take corrective action. Once all pages are approved, Apogee Prepress can automatically continue processing the jobs.

Who needs it?

Apogee WebApproval is the perfect online soft-proofing solution for commercial printers, publishers, and creative agencies. Use it for a wide variety of print products, such as magazines, periodicals, brochures, newsletters, flyers, and other promotional literature.

Companies that use WebApproval typically provide access for their own designers, prepress operators, production managers, and/or customer service representatives. Clients who use WebApproval usually grant their creative agencies, marketing departments, branding specialists, editors, and managers access privileges to submit and validate content.

1. Create a web-enabled job in Apogee Prepress.

2. Users automatically receive an email to access the job.

3. The job layout is uploaded to WebApproval.

4. The rendered pages can be reviewed and approved online.

5. Apogee Prepress automatically processes the approved pages.

WebApproval 12: even better than before

Different setups for different target audiences

The multi-tenant support is a perfect fit for a lot of printing companies today. When printing for different print brokers or after consolidation, it can be important to maintain brand identity and company name for a specific set of print buyers. This is what multi-tenant is all about: Creating a dedicated environment for print buyers to retain customer loyalty.

Extended order audit trail

To support printers, all actions taken in Apogee WebApproval are accessible in an interface. In case of a dispute with the print buyer, the log shows who logged in, viewed which page, which preflight messages were sent, who approved… This detailed log can be filtered to find specific information and can be exported for archival use.

Preflight integration

Preflight integration remains one of the main features of Apogee WebApproval . Users and customer service reps can swiftly check preflight information to avoid any printing mistakes. While regular users get a limited number of checks to review, for example, page bleed, image resolution, and font embedding, customer service reps can view the full preflight report. Extended automation tools in v12, will reduce review time of print buyers and at the same time avoid the possibility of approving pages that result in incorrect output.

Expert features

WebApproval's Pro version provides expert users with some exclusive options, such as support for versioning and separation viewing. Users can access jobs that are printed in multiple languages or editions, for example, with address or pricing imprints. And how about checking black overprints? Or verifying whether your company logo will be printed on the right spot color plate? Simply consult WebApproval Pro for a visual validation and pick the color separations that you wish to check.

As the amount of variations and versions of printed matter increases, tools need to offer visual control mechanisms to avoid expensive (print) mistakes. Apogee WebApproval v12 now can highlight the difference between the various versions of a magazine or flyer. This makes the approval significantly easier and reduces the time it takes a print buyer to approve these versioning orders.

More WebApproval benefits

24/7 portal for reliable soft proofing

WebApproval is available 24/7 and from any place that offers internet access. Users can access the password-protected, responsive portal from any HTML5-based browser to view their own jobs, exchange data, and soft proof files. Customers, approvers, and managers can view and approve print-ready pages that show the exact print output, thus minimizing the risk of mistakes or costly reprints.

Easy file upload

Job contributors can upload PDF files by simply dropping them on a WebApproval job tile in their browser. Pages can automatically be inserted in a job based on file-naming conventions or the uploader can manually assign uploaded files. The intuitive, user-friendly web interface notifies users about approaching deadlines or files that are unfit for production.

Automated messaging

Customers who are expected to upload or approve jobs automatically receive an email. Your own team members also get notified when jobs have been rejected or fully approved. Automation eliminates the need for repeatedly reminding clients of their required feedback or approval, resulting in a smooth cooperation.

Integrated into your Apogee Prepress workflow

Apogee WebApproval is an integral part of your Apogee Prepress workflow. Both Apogee components share the same servers, database, and Task Processors, thus eliminating the need to invest in additional hard- or software. Updates of your workflow software automatically update Apogee WebApproval as well. You can invariably count on Agfa's global support services for expert consultation, installation, team training, and technical support.

Specifications

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Apogee Prepress 12 system (Workflow Essential or Base for subscription plan users or Manage, Integrate or PDF & Proof)
- One external URL for publishing on the WWW
- Appropriate internet security environment
  - The use of a reverse proxy is highly recommended
  - The use of HTTPS is highly recommended (SSL certificates to be ordered separately)
- Symmetrical 10 Mbps internet connection

CLIENT BROWSING

- Desktop Version
  - Microsoft Edge: latest stable version supported on Windows 8.1 and later
  - Mozilla Firefox (Windows and Mac OS): latest stable version supported
  - Google Chrome (Windows and Mac OS): latest stable version supported
  - Safari (Mac) OS release 10.13 (High Sierra) and later: latest stable version supported
  - Other browsers may work but are not certified
- Mobile tablet version
  - Mobile Safari (iOS): latest stable version supported
  - Chrome (Android and iOS): latest stable version supported
  - Other browsers may work but are not certified
- JavaScript must be enabled
- Video display min. 1280 x 1024 (highest color quality)
- Internet connection min. 5 Mbps.

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Simplified and Traditional)
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English (British & US)
- Finnish
- French (French & Canadian)
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Norwegian
- Polish
- Portuguese (European & Brazilian)
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish

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Remote proofing and page approval

File upload and page handling

Prepress integration

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