

New :Apogee Prepress v7.1 from Agfa Graphics Offers Increased Automation

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Updated, award-winning workflow provides improved integration, enhancements to :Apogee Impose, greater digital printing support

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Agfa Graphics today announced major upgrades for its award-winning :Apogee Workflow Management Suite, :Apogee Prepress 7.1.

Significant integration and automation improvements have been added into :Apogee Prepress 7.1, Agfa's JDF-enabled prepress production hub, including many new user-requested features. Apogee Prepress 7.1 is making its debut at GRAPH EXPO 2011 and will be available in October.

The latest implementation of the Adobe PDF Print Engine (v 2.5) provides compatibility with the newest design applications and Acrobat 10. :Apogee Preflight has been enhanced and has received Ghent PDF Workgroup (GWG) 1v4 certification; :Apogee's Preflight Reporter plugin is ready to work with Acrobat 10. For users of the popular Enfocus Preflight, :Apogee 7.1 integrates the latest Enfocus PitStop Library 10.

Support has also been added for a wide range of third-party CtP devices and the latest inkjet proofers, including enhancements to :Apogee Color Quality Manager to facilitate automated proofing, press repurposing and closed-loop color calibration. New functionality in Digital Printing capabilities include SKU-based job control and enhanced VDP support for :Dotrix and :M-Press. Enhancements to :Apogee Impose module provide higher levels of automation, customization and JDF connectivity to planning and MIS systems.

"During these tough economic times, the advancements in :Apogee 7.1 workflow offer users a great opportunity to become more automated, more productive, more responsive to their customers and therefore more profitable," said Mark Gallucci, Agfa Graphics Manager of Technology Marketing, Commercial Software & CtP, North America. "We've added unprecedented JDF integration to third-party digital presses through :Apogee's JDF Digital Print Link. :Apogee Prepress



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also offers multi-part job support, allowing users to combine the different parts of a job into one, reducing setup time and allowing for easy status tracking.”

Additionally, :Apogee Prepress supports the latest version of Adobe PDF Print Engine, which significantly enhances the rendering performance since PDF files are rendered natively and included transparencies are automatically resolved during the rendering process.

Integration between :Apogee Prepress and a digital press is accomplished through CIP4's Digital Print ICS compliant JDF/JMF. Once integrated, :Apogee Prepress becomes the facilitator in a “hybrid workflow.” It manages the creation of proofs, plates and the digital print-ready files.

Through rules, scripts, and JDF and JMF support, automated job processing can be controlled and job tracking and job cost calculations can be performed by communicating accounting-specific information to a JDF/JMF-enabled MIS system. Proofing and color management enhancers control and provide proofing accuracy.

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