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Preps® is the world's leading digital imposition tool with over 25,000 copies installed. Sold and supported by dealers and vendors worldwide, Preps leads the industry in the adoption of open standards such as PDF and JDF. Preps is the cornerstone of a productive prepress operation, dramatically reducing job costs and turnaround times with a customizable workflow. It is used with popular workflow solutions including Brisque®, Prinergy®, Apogee®, and Rampage™, supports both Mac OS® X and the latest Windows® operating systems, and is compatible with Adobe® Acrobat® 6 and QuarkXPress® 6.5.

Mac OS X native support

Mac OS X native support improves overall job processing time, since there is no need to launch classic mode. Mac OS X print center connectivity simplifies template creation.

Intelligent SmartMarks

With SmartMarks®, users can define where marks or groups of marks should be placed on a press sheet in relation to the sheet size, rather than as static marks, and save the marks as templates. When the template is applied to new jobs, these marks will automatically reposition and resize themselves to the new press sheet sizes in a single action, saving valuable job processing time.

Unmatched source file support

Preps supports file formats from more than 120 desktop applications, including PDF, EPS, DCS, and TIFF. Any of these files can be mixed and matched in a single job. On-demand printing is supported through Xerox® FreeFlow 2 and DigiPath 3 and 4 RDO PostScript® files (Preps XL and Pro, Windows only).

Flexible template editor

Impose jobs using existing templates from the Preps library, or customize and design your own. Visual template editors make it easy to create and customize for any workflow or binding style.

Enhanced workflow support

Preps is qualified for Brisque, Prinergy, ApogeeX, and Rampage. It also supports Prinergy Evo and the newest JDF-enabled Harlequin® RIPs.

Adobe PostScript 3 previewer

Preps features a fully integrated Adobe PostScript 3 previewer for fast and accurate WYSIWYG previewing. Check on-screen color separations, single pages, or complete signatures, including marks and color remapping.

AppleScript (Mac OS X only)

Write powerful scripts to automate repetitive manual tasks and reduce errors.

PDF-native workflow

The seamless PDF workflow automatically accepts all incoming PDF files without converting them to PostScript, saving time and disk space. PDFs can be archived, sent to an output device, or exported for viewing in Adobe Acrobat.

JDF import

Preps can now import JDF files from management information systems (MIS). When you import a JDF file, Preps expresses it as a new Preps job and attempts to match the imposition details specified by the MIS with existing Preps templates. If a valid match is not found, Preps automatically populates the signature list. If a match not is

found, Preps will create a placeholder signature which is resolved when an appropriate template is created. Preps can then export a file that includes the original JDF plus the JDF imposition layout and mark flats. The JDF can be used downstream by prepress workflows, or upstream by the MIS to update imposition details missing from the original estimate.

Preps 5.1 Features

	XL	Plus	Pro
Print environments supported	On demand	Commercial print	Commercial print and on demand
Mac OS X native	Yes	Yes	Yes
SmartMarks, mark groups, and press marks	No	Yes	Yes
Native PDF imposition	Yes	Yes	Yes
JDF/PJTF output	Yes	Yes	Yes
CIP3 export	No	No	Yes
120+ applications supported	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multiple sections on a single press sheet	No	No	Yes
APR, OPI, and DCS pass through	Yes	Yes	Yes
OPI processing	Yes	No	Yes
DCS processing	No	No	Yes
Level 1 and 2 color separation	No	Yes	Yes
Automatic and custom tiling	No	Yes	Yes
PostScript 3 WYSIWYG previewer	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multiple output files	No	Yes	Yes
Qualified for Brisque, Prinerger, ApogeeX, and Rampage	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support for Prinerger Evo and JDF-enabled Harlequin RIPs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Web growth compensation	No	No	Yes
Xerox DocuTech® tickets	Yes	No	Yes
Xerox DigiPath documents	Windows only	No	Windows only
AppleScript support (Mac only)	Yes	Yes	Yes



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Workflows

Preps XL and Preps Pro for Windows support on-demand printing. Preps XL makes it simple to add tabs and slip sheets, run cut and stack jobs, and fully control media and finishing options with the Signature Booklet Maker (SBM) for Xerox DocuTech printers. In addition, Preps Pro supports DocuColor printers and the Xerox FreeFlow and DigiPath workflow.

Available in seven languages

English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, and simplified Chinese.

Preps imports JDF files from Synapse UpFront and MIS, and exports JDF imposition layouts to prepress workflows

Preps system requirements

	Recommended system requirements	Minimum system requirements
Macintosh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mac OS X 10.3 • Power Mac G5 • 1 GHz G5 processor • 512 MB RAM • HFS+ hard drive with 1 GB free space • CD-ROM drive • USB port • 1024 x 768 monitor resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mac OS X 10.3 • Power Mac G3 • 350 MHz G3 processor • 128 MB RAM • HFS+ hard drive with 500 MB free space • CD-ROM drive • USB port • 1024 x 768 monitor resolution
Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows XP® Professional • 1 GHz Intel® Pentium® 3 processor • 512 MB RAM • 1 GB free hard drive space • CD-ROM drive • Parallel or USB port • 1024 x 768 monitor resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows 2000, Windows XP or XP Professional, or Windows Server 2003 • 233 MHz Intel Pentium 2 processor • 128 MB RAM • 500 MB free hard drive space • CD-ROM drive • Parallel or USB port • 1024 x 768 monitor resolution

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