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Konica Minolta introduces Printgroove JT for fast and reliable production printing workflows

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Konica Minolta's web-2-print solution, the Printgroove JT Suite, consisting of Printgroove JT Web 4 and Printgroove JT Man 4, provides customers in the production printing segment with a comprehensive application for an efficient, streamlined workflow. Printgroove JT Web 4 simplifies the process for the ordering party as well as on the production site. Printgroove JT Man 4 is a job ticket based application automating the print workflow at the production site itself. At both ends, handling is easy and straightforward thanks to a graphical user interface (GUI).

Konica Minolta's Printgroove JT Suite supports customers in ensuring productivity and cost-effectiveness. The web-2-print solution is particularly useful for commercial print service providers as well as organisations with different, geographically distributed branches. The suite's Printgroove JT Web 4 and Printgroove JT Man 4 modules can be used individually as well as in combination. On top of the standard Printgroove JT's modules, several options are available to meet specific customer needs.

At any printing facility, Printgroove JT Man 4 makes life easier because it allows administrators to predefine the entire print workflow for a product before starting production. All functions for an up-to-date production printing workflow from document submission through impositioning and media programming to accounting



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are covered by Printgroove JT Man 4. Via job ticketing, the basis of the Printgroove JT Man 4 workflow, all relevant details for the production of the print product are collected. Predefined as well as individual impositioning schemes, for instance, make sure the printed sheets will be sorted in their proper order. An attractive option for Printgroove JT Man 4 is JT Color Split. This function allocates colour and monochrome pages within a mixed print job to the printing system that best matches the requirements.

“As a whole, Printgroove JT Man 4 gives administrators at print shops and CRDs the confidence that their production printing workflow is automated at a very high level,” says Achim Ricks, Product Manager at Konica Minolta Business Solutions Europe. “With job ticketing, callbacks and uncertainties about the product ordered belong to the past. Thus, manual intervention is kept to a minimum and cost efficiency to a maximum.”

With Printgroove JT Web 4, print providers – be it an in-house CRD or a commercial printer – offer their clients major advantages in terms of ordering print products. With its GUI, JT Web 4 offers an easy-to-use online ordering front. Clients can not only place their order there but also get a preview of the print product. This includes details such as punch holes and paper colour. As soon as the print product is selected, the client receives an online quotation. However, the easy ordering process is not the only benefit of Printgroove JT Web 4: Together with Printgroove JT Man 4 production routines can also be monitored and optimised in the print room.

“Our Printgroove JT software suite provides an optimal, comprehensive printing workflow for print providers and in-house CRDs,” says Achim Ricks. “It combines the efficiency of central printing with the benefits of a job ticket driven workflow. And the customers of the print providers will like the convenient yet sophisticated order process that Printgroove JT Web 4 provides. To sum it up: The Printgroove JT suite ‘scales up’ our and our customers’ business.”



Press photos



The customer of the print service provider places an order via Printgroove JT Web 4, a self-explanatory user platform. She can upload her print file, then gets a preview of the chosen print product along with the price.



Via Printgroove JT Man 4, the order is received at the print service provider. Printgroove JT Man 4 is a job ticket based application that automates the workflow for print products.



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At the print service provider, the production starts. The entire workflow for each print product can be pre-defined with Printgroove JT Man 4.



Once the job is completed, the product is packed to be sent to the customer.



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“Scale up” is Konica Minolta’s motto for its great strides towards a leading role in the production printing segment.



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