Operating environment (server)

- Recommended CPU: Xeon QuadCore processor or higher
- Recommended memory: At least 8 GB
- Recommended hard disk drive: At least 100 GB of available space
- Required platform: Windows Server 2019 standard 64 bit or Windows Server
  2016 standard 64 bit, with all the latest Windows updates

Operating environment (for connecting with EQUIOS)

EQUIOS
EQUIOS PT-R / Rite / PPP Version 7.02 EQ211 or higher
Or Version 8.00 EQ011 or higher
Can not be used in combination with EQUIOS Inspection.

Operating environment (client)

Supported platforms	**Recommended Web browsers**
Windows: Windows 10	Windows: Google Chrome
Macintosh: Mac OS Catalina	Macintosh: Safari
iPad: iPadOS 14 or higher	

SCREEN

CREATING A FUTURE IN PRINT

EQUIOS Online

New Version 6!

Web Portal System

Now is the time to digitally transform your printing operations!

TRUST Network Service
EQUIOS Online is covered by the Network support program.

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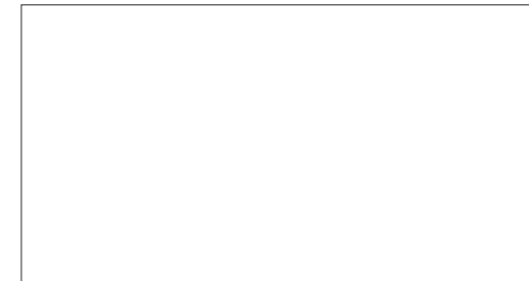
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EQUIOS
ART & UX

Web portal system builds trust between production, printing and client companies

EQUIOS Online

With so many companies now switching to remote working, this is an ideal time to transform your job submission, proofing and inspection operations. These processes often create bottlenecks with their complex procedures and requirement for in-person communication.

EQUIOS Online enables the creation of an Internet-based network that allows seamless interaction between production, printing and client teams, helping to build an error- and loss-free workflow. The portal system supports highly efficient remote submission and proofing as well as smooth management of work progress.

For printing companies, it also offers the added benefit of boosting the performance of core sales, production and prepress functions.

Connect with EQUIOS Online and transform your business

Client
Efficient submission and proofing plus smooth progress management

Client

Revision instructions

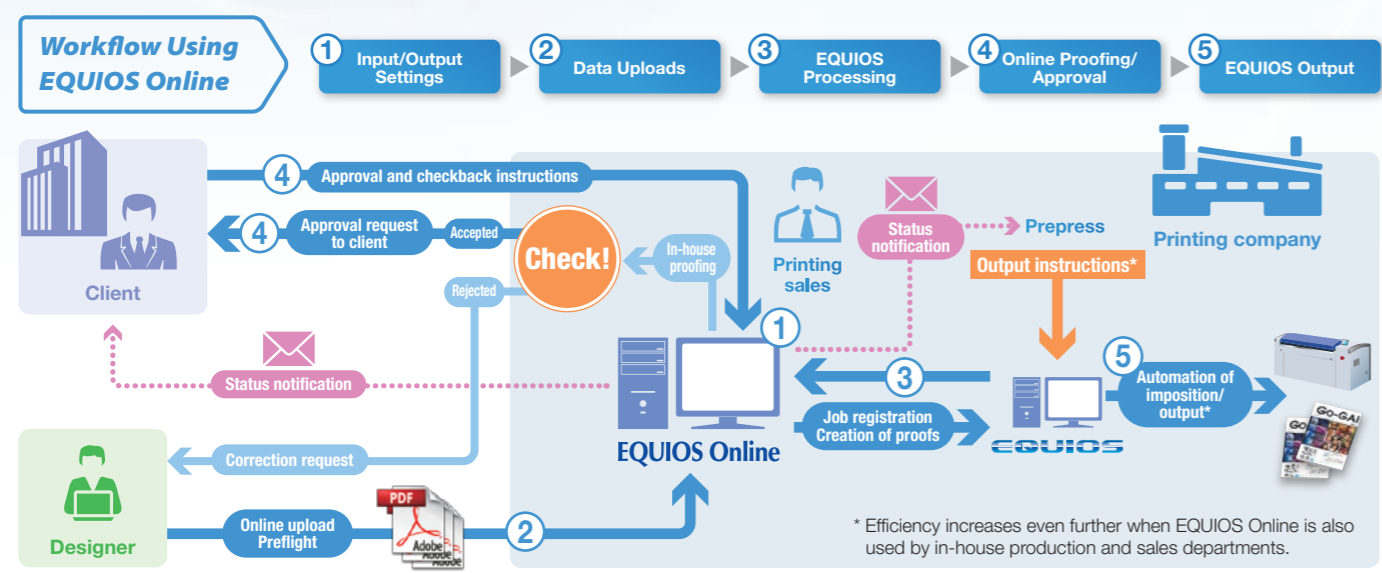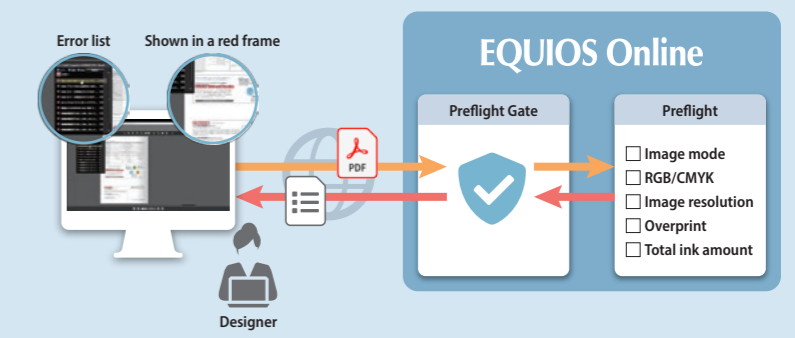**Production company**
Quick and reliable data submission

Designer

Printing company
Better sales and production performance thanks to reduced workloads

Printing company

Workflow Using EQUIOS Online

① Input/Output Settings → ② Data Uploads → ③ EQUIOS Processing → ④ Online Proofing/ Approval → ⑤ EQUIOS Output

④ Approval and checkback instructions
④ Approval request to client — Accepted — Check! — In-house proofing
Rejected
Client
Status notification
Correction request
Online upload Preflight
Designer
① EQUIOS Online
③ Job registration Creation of proofs
Printing sales — Status notification → Prepress
Output instructions*
② Output instructions*
⑤ Automation of imposition/ output*
Printing company
⑤ EQUIOS

* Efficiency increases even further when EQUIOS Online is also used by in-house production and sales departments.
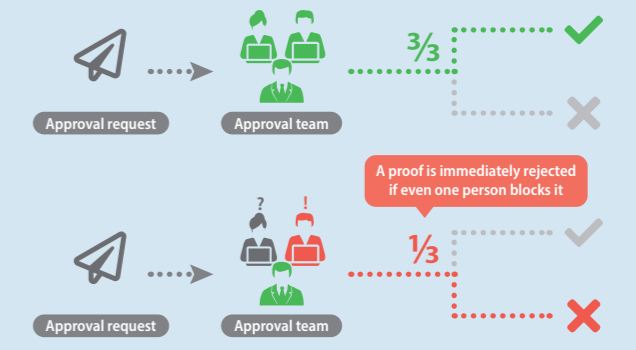

New

Preflight Gate

The new Preflight Gate function allows collaborating design companies to easily check prepress data. While this was previously possible when registering PDFs to jobs, Preflight Gate enables individual PDF files to be reviewed at any time. This means any questions that come up during production can be resolved immediately, boosting efficiency.

Error list   Shown in a red frame

EQUIOS Online

Preflight Gate   Preflight
☐ Image mode
☐ RGB/CMYK
☐ Image resolution
☐ Overprint
☐ Total ink amount

Designer

Joint approval function

A newly added joint approval function enables a proof to be immediately accepted if it passes inspection by all of a preset number of proofers. Even if the approval team includes several people from client and production companies, they can connect online to create a fast and easy approval workflow.

Approval request ⋯⋯> Approval team   3/3 ✓

A proof is immediately rejected if even one person blocks it

Approval request ⋯⋯> Approval team   1/3 ✗

Simpler, faster proofing and approval with greater opportunities for remote work

All proofing, approval and progress data can be viewed from anywhere at any time using any Internet-connected Web browser. Each job can also be set to allow concurrent proofing by up to 128 people. This allows the creation of work environments suitable for a wide range of situations, including collaborations with overseas companies or franchise operations with various people responsible for proofing.

Even operations such as registration of production data and in-house proofing and inspection processes can all be handled online, greatly expanding the potential for remote working by printing companies.

Dashboard for instant checking of proofing deadlines

All proofing jobs being supervised by a company are shown in a list view, making it much easier to check key details such as due dates. The display also provides updates on points such as proofing statuses and number of pages for which work is still pending.

In addition, jobs can be sorted in order of priority and selected directly from a calendar. Being able to instantly view work progress like this greatly improves the efficiency of schedule management.
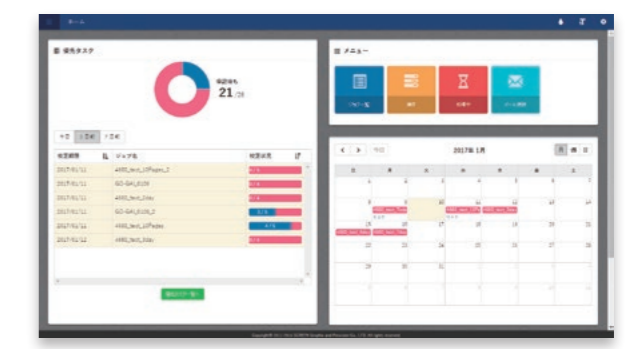
Issues facing **client companies**

1. Greater workload for submission and proofing

With the growing focus on remote work, there has been a rapid shift from in-person to online submission and proofing of materials. Meanwhile, telephone and e-mail must now be used to manage data submission capacities, check work progress, issue proofing instructions and coordinate other operations.

These changes have complicated procedures and increased the occurrence of serious errors. Even steps such as outputting proofing sheets for catalogues and other high-volume jobs become major tasks when using home-use printers.

2. Increased burden of progress management

Materials such as flyers for franchise operations or catalogues for national and international markets often have contents that must be localized for each region. Large teams are required to proof these documents, which places a major strain on supervisors as they work to manage progress and relay instructions to local coordinators. If they also have to resolve handwritten corrections, the task can become overwhelming, making it impossible to meet tight deadlines.

## Eliminate these issues with **EQUIOS Online** !

1. Highly efficient submission and proofing

EQUIOS Online enables data submission and proofing using any device that supports an Internet-connected Web browser from any place at any time. This is a fully paperless workflow that eliminates the need for handwritten notes, helping to create a more comfortable and productive remote working environment.

Client

Submission, proofing, approval

Inspection, in-house proofing/approval

Proofing data registration

Inspection supervisor

Production/ prepress supervisor

2. Smooth proofing and progress management

With an online network, even a large team working from widely separated locations can proof a document at the same time. This significantly reduces proofing times and makes it easier to coordinate feedback from team members. EQUIOS Online's dashboard also displays the deadlines and overall progress for jobs in an easy to understand format. These features ensure projects move smoothly through each stage.
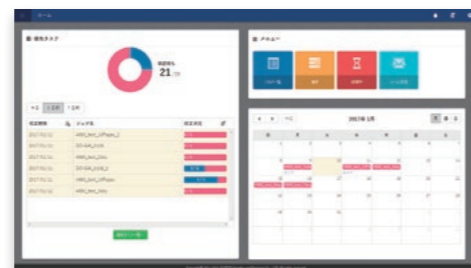
EQUIOS Online's interface supports efficient progress management of individual jobs

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Issues facing **production companies**

1. Difficulty in understanding prepress corrections

The details of instructions for prepress corrections are often difficult to understand when printing companies provide checkbacks by telephone or e-mail. Major bottlenecks can occur if these instructions are received by less knowledgeable or inexperienced staff.

2. Long waiting times for data checks

Differences between the work systems of production and printing companies mean that if data is submitted in the evening, a checkback may not be received until the following day. This reduces efficiency and makes it difficult to balance the requirements of other processes. Faster turnaround times are needed to resolve this issue.

3. Delays in receiving proofing results

Proofing instructions from clients are usually submitted via the printing company, creating a substantial time lag until the process is finished and corrections are received. Being able to check client comments more quickly would greatly speed up job completion times.

Eliminate these issues with **EQUIOS Online** !

1. Online access to simplified prepress corrections

EQUIOS Online features a unique interface that displays the details of errors and warnings identified in preflight using a clear visual format. With this approach, even designers who have limited prepress skills can make reliable corrections.
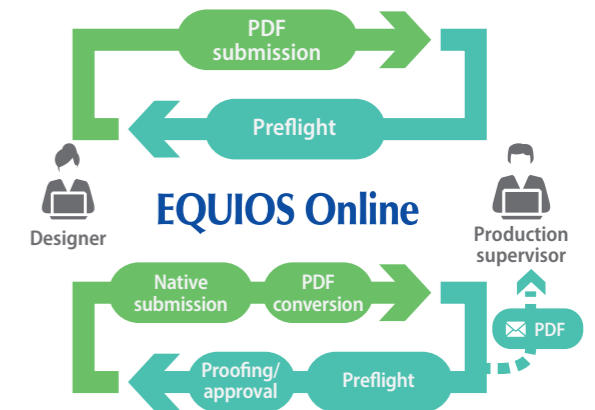
2. More efficient confirmation of submitted data

Preflight processing is performed automatically when PDF data is submitted by the production company. As the suitability of the data for printing can be checked immediately after submission, there is no waiting time.

3. Timely confirmation of proofing results.

Proofing results can be checked directly online, allowing an immediate start to correction work. Any differences between before and after the proofing and correction processes can also easily be confirmed using the inspection function, further boosting work efficiency.

PDF submission

Preflight

EQUIOS Online

Designer

Production supervisor

Native submission

PDF conversion

PDF

Proofing/ approval

Preflight

Designers and clients can be notified of errors using a visual format

Issues facing **printing companies**

1. Difficulty in focusing on core business activities

Materials are submitted via a range of sources, including FTP servers, mail attachments and data transfer services, making it difficult to coordinate the many different inputs. In addition, each client expects individual handling and feedback for their job. Responding to all these requests and confirmation requirements can prevent printing companies from focusing on their core sales and production activities.

2. Insufficient coordination between functional areas in-house

Inadequate communication between personnel handling administrative, production and prepress work can lead to breakdowns between production and prepress after orders are received. This results in errors and lost time during job processing.

3. Continuous excessive working hours

Conventional data submission and proofing work can only be performed in-house and personnel must return to a company's offices to handle these processes after attending meetings and visiting clients. Despite an urgent need to reform work practices, little progress can be made in improving efficiency or remote working.

Eliminate these issues with **EQUIOS Online !**

1. Smoother, faster workflows

All processes from data submission to the issuing of request e-mails to coordinators and progress management work can be integrated into EQUIOS Online. Once it is set up, detailed logs are retained of all steps right through to those performed by the final approval team.
This prevents issues such as instruction errors or use of earlier versions of materials, greatly reducing the burden placed on coordinators and production personnel. With EQUIOS Online, printing companies can focus on their core activities and provide clients with even higher added value.

2. Integrated management of core processes

EQUIOS Online interfaces with EQUIOS to enable centralized management of production and prepress processes. It greatly increases the efficiency of preflight processing of PDFs and inspection checks during proofing and correction work. Data can also be directly output to CtP and POD systems following final approval.

3. Major advances in work processes

The ability to submit and proof data online enables this work to be performed at home or while on the move. This dramatically improves flexibility and working hours when handling site-specific tasks that previously had to be performed at a company's offices or production facilities.
EQUIOS Online represents a major step forward in remote working capabilities. It also enables the state of proofing work to be tracked more easily, providing smoother handling of progress management.
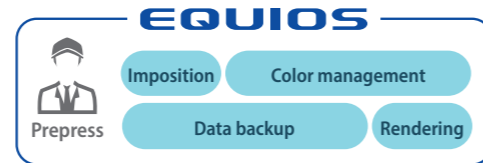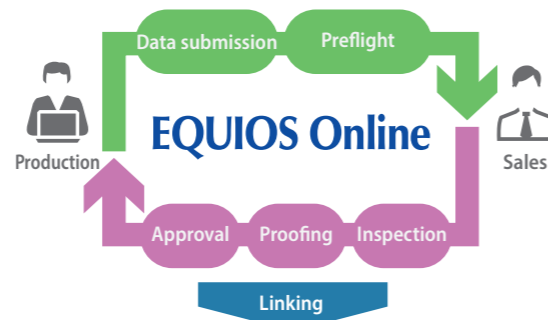
Proofing can be performed on-screen using a variety of approaches

Preflight view functions

The existing preflight report functions have been further improved. Report results are displayed at applicable points on an image of the page. Visually alerting the designer and client of the details of errors and warnings allows revisions to be handled quickly.
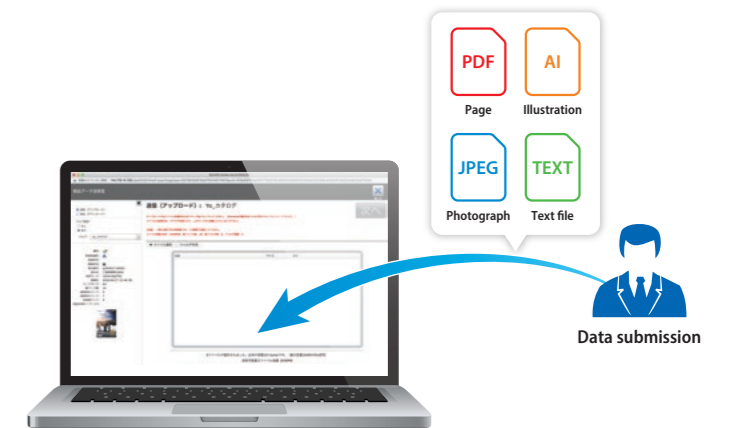

Display of the preflight report in a list

Clicking the desired item in the list displays the target area in a red frame.

An area zoom button has also been added. Target areas can be precisely enlarged for visual checking.

EQUIOS Online File Porter

EQUIOS Online File Porter is a dedicated submission portal designed for clients who wish to start the workflow as easily as possible by uploading a file. It enables the data to be uploaded in a variety of formats using a simple drag and drop operation.
The centralized interface resolves many of the issues related to conventional approaches such as FTP servers, mail attachments and data transfer services. Confirmation e-mails can also be sent immediately after submission, further speeding up and simplifying the process for both clients and job coordinators. Flie Porter can be upgraded to EQUIOS Online.

PDF	AI
Page	Illustration
JPEG	TEXT
Photograph	Text file

Data submission

Main Functions of EQUIOS Online Version 6.0

Dashboard	Display of priority job approval and proof status	Book view	
	Calendar	Report	
Job list	New job creation	Proof output*	
	Job deletion*	Component data transmission	
	Management name (alias) setting*	Proof request*	
Page list	Role setting	Proof deadline*	
	File sending functions (reupload, same name file, auto page assignment, spread page specification)	Progress window	
		E-mail sending	
	Batch approval	Administration menu	Printing company setting (representative, authority profile)*
	Approval/rejection release function*		Customer company setting (company, user, authority profile*, job sheet*, custom form*)
	Page assignment release function*		
	Approval status display	Site settings*	
Proof window	Proof comment functions (comment entry, fixed phrase selection, object/free line drawing function, file attachment, etc.)	MIS job linking*	
		Online proofing using an iPad	
	Color separation display		
	Bleed display	* Functions for printing company	
	Marker function		
	Partial check function		
	Ruler function		
	Dropper (dot density measurement)		
	Approval/rejection function (individual/team)		
	Spread page proof		
	Print function		
	Proof image download function		
Preflight (option)	Preflight Gate		
	Execution of preflight at file input to a job		
	Preflight view		