

Overprint Verification

The overprint control strip

Global Graphics (www.globalgraphics.com) has released a simple-to-use, free-of-charge overprint control strip for checking that proofs and prints, made from files transmitted as PDF/X, have rendered correctly. Full information is available on their web site at: <http://www.globalgraphics.com/products/pdfx/testimonials.html>. Global Graphics was kind enough to allow the Ghent PDF Workgroup to make the overprint control strip available from its web site as well.

The Ghent PDF Workgroup advises you to use this overprint control strip; most Ghent PDF Workgroup specifications are based on the PDF/X standards which means that you can use the Global Graphics control strip to verify that overprint is handled correctly whenever you view, proof or print files.

The overprint control strip Action List

Enfocus Software has created an Action List that adds the Global Graphics overprint control strip to a PDF file in any Enfocus application.

- If the document has no art box but it has a bleed box, the strip will be placed outside of the bleed box.
- Else, if the document has no art box but it has a trim box, the strip will be placed outside of the trim box.
- In all other cases the document will not be modified and an error message will be put in the report.

To download the overprint control strip Action List

You can download the overprint control strip

- from the Ghent PDF Workgroup website at http://www.gwg.org/en/specifications_2005_compliant_applications.php
- from the Enfocus knowledge base. Browse to <http://www.enfocus.com/support/knowledgeBase> and search for "overprint strip".

Using the overprint control strip Action List

You can use the overprint control strip everywhere where it is possible to use Action Lists:

- Interactively in Enfocus PitStop Professional
- Each time you create a PDF document in Enfocus Instant PDF
- For a larger number of PDF documents in Enfocus PitStop Server

The next chapter describes this process more in detail.

Using Action Lists

You can use Action Lists in:

- Enfocus PitStop Professional
- Enfocus Instant PDF as part of a PDF Queue
- in Enfocus PitStop Server as part of a hot folder

Using Action Lists in Enfocus PitStop Professional:

To use an Action List in Enfocus PitStop Professional, you import it once and then you execute it as often as you wish. Proceed as follows:

- 1 In Adobe Acrobat, choose **Window > Show PitStop Action List Panel**.
- 2 Click the **Managing** tab.
- 3 Click **Import**.
- 4 Select the Action List (*.eal) to import.
- 5 Click **Open**.

The imported Action List appears at the bottom of the left pane of the **Enfocus PitStop Action List Control Panel**.

- 6 Open the PDF document in which you want to use the Action List.
- 7 In the Enfocus **PitStop Action List Control Panel**, click the **Executing** tab.
- 8 Select **Current page**, a range of pages (**Page...to...**) or **Complete document**.
- 9 If necessary, select the option to create a report.
- 10 Click **Execute**.

See also:

- The chapter on Action Lists in the Enfocus PitStop Professional User Guide.

Using Action Lists in Enfocus Instant PDF

To use an Action List in Enfocus Instant PDF, you need to add it to a PDF Queue. Proceed as follows:



- 1 In the main Instant PDF window, click the **PDF Queues** button to see the list of PDF Queues.

- 2 In this list, select the PDF Queue to which you want to add the Action List and click the **Edit** button.
- 3 Make sure you are using the **Advanced Enfocus PDF Queue Editor**: You should see the **Standard** button in the bottom left corner. If not, click the **Advanced** button.

- 4 Click the **Correction** category.
- 5 Select the Action List(s) which you wish to add to the PDF Queue. You can perform one of the following actions:

- Select an Action List from the list of **Available Action Lists** and click **Select**.
- Click **Browse** to select an Action List (*.eal) which is available elsewhere on your computer's hard disk or on a network drive. Select an Action List file (*.eal) and click **Open**.
- Click the hyperlink to the **Enfocus Action List Library** page on the Enfocus Web site. Select an Action List or the complete Enfocus Action List Library and download the archive file. Extract or expand the Action Lists in the archive file to a folder, then click **Browse** again in the **Enfocus PDF Queue Editor** to add the Action Lists to your PDF Queue.

The Action Lists of your choice are added to the bottom of the list of **Action Lists to run on the PDF file**. The Action Lists appear in this list in the order in which they will be run on the PDF documents: the Action List on top of the list will start first.

- 6 If necessary, change the order of the Action Lists: select an Action List and click the **Move Up** () or **Move Down** () button.



If one or more properties in this category is locked, see "Locking" in the Instant PDF User Guide or Help.

- 7 Click **OK**.
- 8 Print or save your document to the PDF Queue.

See also:

The following chapters in the Enfocus Instant PDF User Guide or Help:

- Creating and Editing PDF Queues > Correction
- Using Action Lists

Using Action Lists in Enfocus PitStop Server

To use an Action List in Enfocus PitStop Server, you need to add it to a hot folder. Proceed as follows:

- 1 In the **Enfocus PitStop Server Control Panel**, select a hot folder and click **Edit**.
- 2 Click the **Action Lists and PDF Profile** tab.
- 3 Do one of the following:
 - Select an Action List in the list of **Available Action Lists** and click **Select**.
 - If the Action List is not available in the list, click **Browse**. Select an Action List which is available elsewhere on your computer's hard disk or on a network drive and click **Open**.
- 4 If you have added multiple Action Lists and you wish to change the order in which they will be executed, select the respective Action List and click **Move Up** or **Move Down**.



Changing the order in which Action Lists are executed affect the final appearance of your PDF documents. If you do so, you may want to check the outcome and differences, if any, first on a number of test files.

- 5 Click **OK**.

See also:

The following chapters in the Enfocus PitStop Server User Guide:

- Working with Hot Folders > Adding a PDF Profile and/or Action Lists
- Action Lists