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First-time experience?

Introducing *DynaStrip*

This start up document aims to demonstrate how easy it is to impose with *DynaStrip*, and how feature-rich the application is.

For the best first-time experience, we strongly suggest that you print these pages and complete the step by step exercises before testing your own jobs.

The installation on your hard disk of optional components such as documents and tutorial files is recommended. You can return to the installation file at any time.*



DynaStrip offers a quick-layout interface, called *DynaMo*, that leads you through the hole imposition process. It's fast, easy, and convenient for most of the "real-world" jobs.

Should you need more sophisticated layouts, the standard interface allows you to build a new job from scratch or import your own pre-defined templates.

This document will introduce you to both capabilities. Simply follow the guide...

Thank you for choosing *DynaStrip*, THE digital stripping software!

*If you use a demo version, remember that it contains all of *DynaStrip* features and filters but uses encrypted data. The jobs and sheet templates it produces are not compatible with the registered versions. A watermark will be printed on each page and document pages will be skipped randomly during output.

Your very first job with *DynaMo*

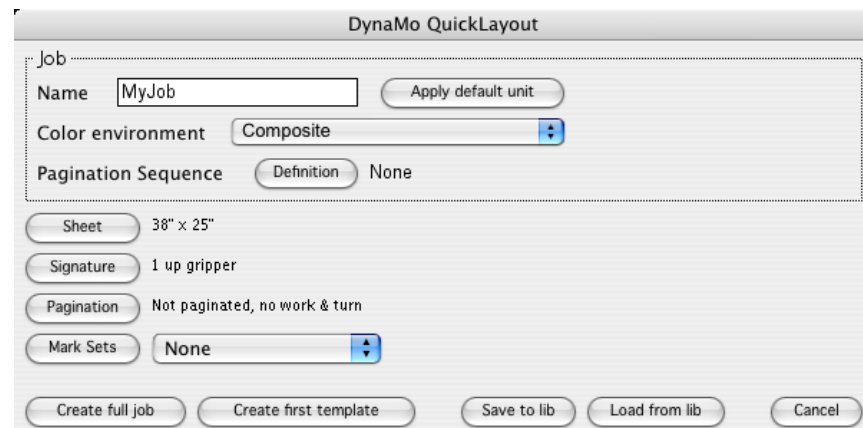
1 A “QuickLayout” creation

Let’s build a saddle-stitched booklet imposition using a composite pdf file.

A. Double-click on *DynaStrip*’s icon to start the application and create a new job (*File/New* menu or *Command + N*).

Choose *DynaMo QuickLayout* to open the **QuickLayout** window. Since it contains all object parameters, it allows for fast layout creation.

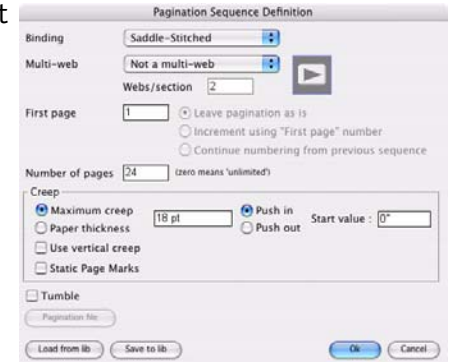
- Enter the name *MyJob*.
- In the *Color environment* menu, select *Composite*.



B. A **pagination sequence** must be defined for the booklet.

Click on the *Definition* button.

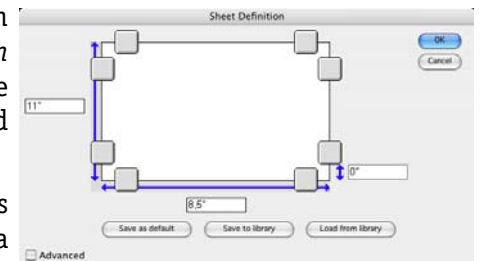
- In the *Pagination Sequence Definition* window, select *Saddle-Stitched* as the type of binding.
- The first page is 1 and there are 24 pages.
- Enter an 18 pt *maximum creep* adjustment and toggle *push in*.



No other information is needed here. Click on *OK* to go back to the *DynaMo QuickLayout* window.

C. Click on the **Sheet** button to open the *Sheet Definition* window. (This window is the same one as in the standard interface.)

Note that the demo booklet is small enough to be printed on a laser printer.



Enter the following values:

- Width: 8.5"
- Height: 11"

Click on *OK* to go back to the *DynaMo QuickLayout* window.

D. Click on the **Signature** button to open the *Signature Definition* window. (This window is the same as in the standard interface.)

Enter the following *Page Format* size:

- Width: 3.5"
- Height: 5"
- No bleed

Click on the *Maximum format* button. Four pages will fit in the sheet (2 columns by 2 rows).

Leave the default page marks as is for now (however, you could customize them by clicking on the *Details* button).

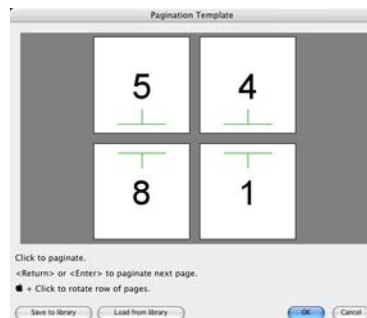
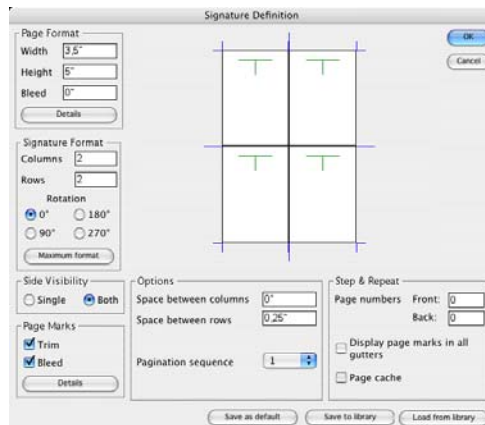
Enter 0.25" (or 1/4") in the space between rows box.

Click on *OK*. A dialog box indicating the width of the lower margin, between the signature and the bottom of the sheet, will open. This field is used to adjust the gripper. Keep the default value and click on *OK* to go back to the *QuickLayout* window.

E. Click on the **Pagination** button to open the *Folding* window. The *Pagination template* button opens an interactive window where you can either manually enter the page numbers or import a folding template from a library.

Click in the upper left page and enter 5. Press *Enter* or click in the page to the right and enter 4, then 8, and finally 1, as shown in the screen capture. Press *Esc* to exit.

The *T* indicates the top of the pages. Hold *Command* and click on the upper row to inverse the head of the pages.



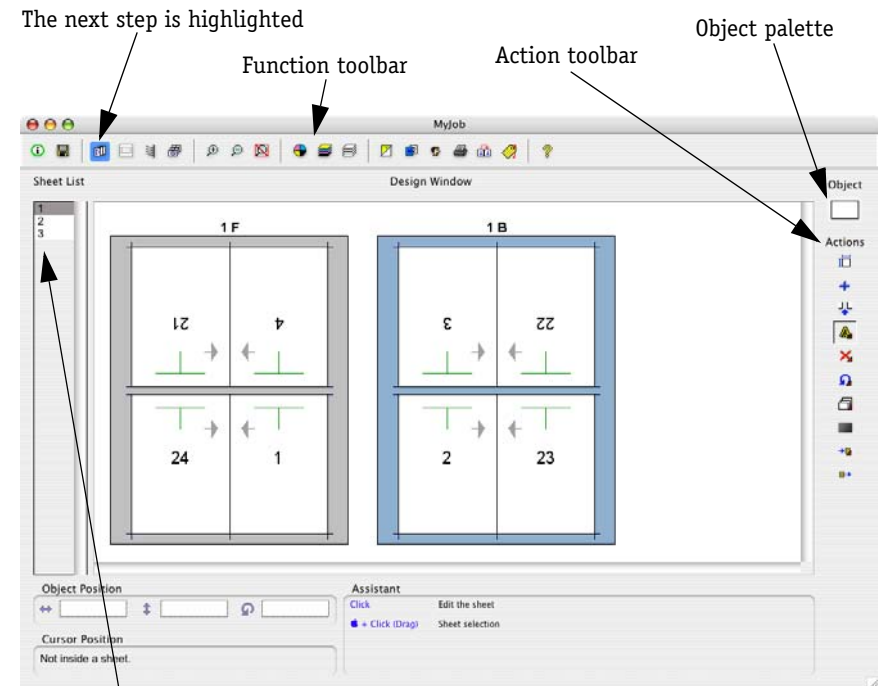
Click on *OK* to return to the *Folding* window and click again on *OK* to return to the *QuickLayout* window.

F. Click on *Create full job*. Browse and create a folder called *MyJob* on your hard disk and save your job in this folder.

After you choose the folder, click *OK* on a warning about paginating your job. You will then return to the design window.

To view all the sheets simultaneously on the light table, simply select them in the sheet list to the left (hold down the *Command* key and click to select the sheets).

Once the layout is finished, the highlighted icon leads you to the *Document List* where you can index the pages of your pdf document file and assign them to the imposition.



Click in the list to display the sheets (use the *Command* key to modify the selection)

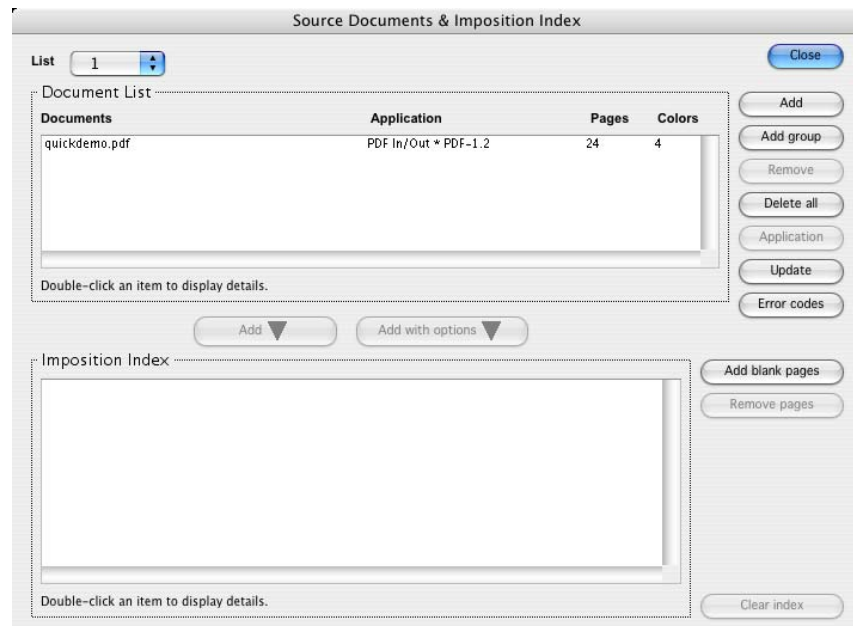
2 Source Documents

Click on the **Source Documents** icon that is highlighted in blue in the horizontal *Functions* toolbar. The *Source Documents & Imposition Index* window will open.

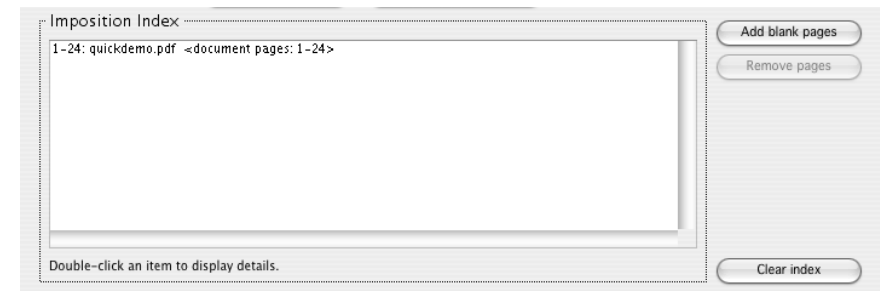
Click on the *Add* button located in the upper right corner of the window. Browse and select the *quickdemo.pdf* file in the *Tutorial* folder.

C. A string of dialog boxes will inform you that *Black, Cyan, Magenta, and Yellow* colors were found in the pdf composite file. Click on *OK* each time to add the information to the color table. The file will be added to the document list.

- the filter name used to parse the file (*PDF In/Out* PDF-1.2*),
- the number of pages found (24), and
- the number of colors found (4).



Select the *quickdemo.pdf* file in the upper *Document List* section and click on the middle *Add* button (with an arrow below the document list). The pages will be added to the lower section of the window called the *Imposition Index* and the final 24-page list will be built.



Click close to return to design window.

3 Preview and print

The first time you use *DynaStrip*, you must define your output device. The output device will be available for all your jobs. For now, you will only create a basic PDF definition.

Click on the *Output* icon (now highlighted in blue in the horizontal *Functions* toolbar) to open the *Output Parameters* window.

Click on *Output Device*.

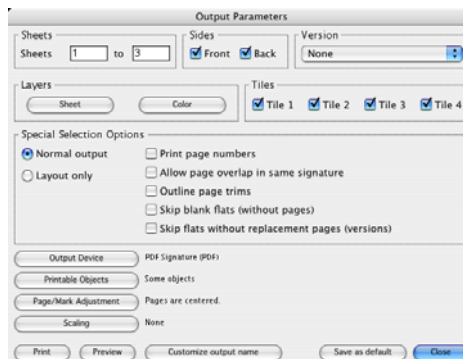
In the window, click on *New* and enter the name *PDF Signatures* and click on *OK*.

- Select the *PDF* format.
- Choose *PDF1.3* as the *Configuration*.
- The pdf output files can be sent to a destination folder. Click on *Browse* and choose a target folder on your hard disk.
- Finally, click on *Default Image Area*, and enter 8.5 x 11" (portrait orientation). Click on *OK* twice to return to the *Output Parameters* window.



In the *Output Parameters* window and the *Sheets* section, enter sheets 1 to 3, *Front* and *Back*.

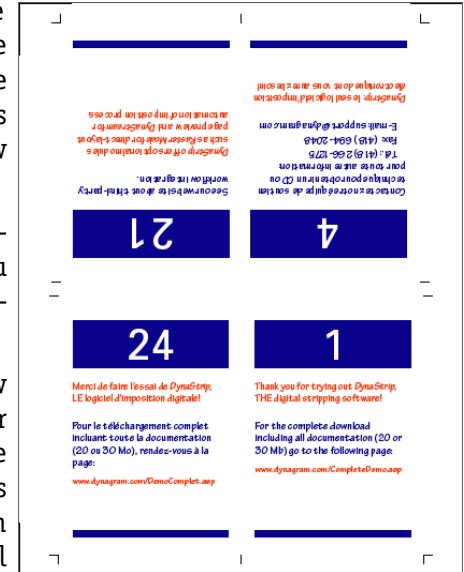
To view the resulting imposition on screen, simply click on *Preview* and *Acrobat*® will be launched.



In *Acrobat*®, the three sheets, front and back, will be displayed as six consecutive pages. The document folios (white numbers in boxes) follow the imposition page numbers.*

You can print directly from *Acrobat*® to your laser printer if you wish to check the folding pattern and *creep* adjustment.

Congratulations! You are now ready to use *DynaMo* with your own pdf files. You can also make a quick foray into *DynaStrip*'s standard interface. The design window recalls the traditional stripping light table where a form is created, pages are pasted, marks are overlaid, etc. Note that everything is being displayed to scale.



*Keep in mind that the demo version prints a watermark on each page and skips document pages randomly during output.

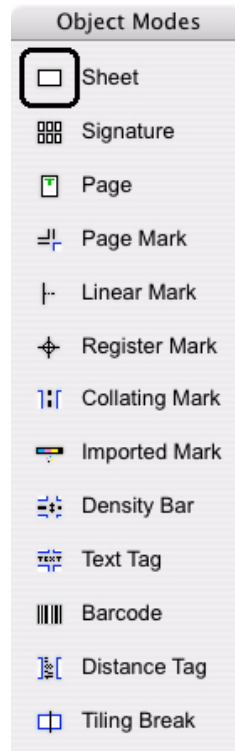
Standard interface exploration

Objects

Click on the big icon in the upper right area to display the selected object mode and the palette of other objects.



- The sheet holds all other objects. Create the first sheet, place objects on it, then copy it or save it as a template.
- The signature is usually linked to a pagination sequence but can be used for step & repeat jobs.
- Use the page mode to create or edit individual pages.
- Page marks are also individual objects.
- Create a custom linear mark or bar. You can even snap it to a signature.
- Place register marks in mirror or one by one.
- The collating mark module allows for automatic or custom index numbers.
- Link your own image files in the imported mark window and use them in all your jobs.
- *DynaStrip's* built-in density bar separates on all colors.
- Place any number of text tags or slug lines.
- Barcodes may be placed on the layout.
- Distance tags are used for mocks.
- Tiling is displayed on the layout.



Actions

The icons appearing in the *Actions* toolbar depend on the selected object. The toolbar illustrated here displays in *Signature* mode. A red triangle in the icon means the action can apply to a selection of one or more objects. Most of the objects have basic actions such as *Define, Add, Edit, Remove, Move, and Rotate*. Each object also has its own specific actions. For example, the *Signature* mode offers these actions:

- Gutters will change the gutter width.
- Prevent creep will remove the creep adjustment on a page.
- Ignore page is used only with optional DynaStream automation module.
- Page numbering for manual pagination
- Fold will apply a folding template to the signature.
- Save folding template allows you to build a pagination library.
- Index information displays source document information.
- Save offset template
- Load offset template



Functions

The *Functions* toolbar contains usual icons (*Save, Zoom, Print, Help*), advanced features, and optional modules.

- The imposition index is built in the Document List.
- Job Definition is where you define the pagination sequence. It opens when you create a new job.

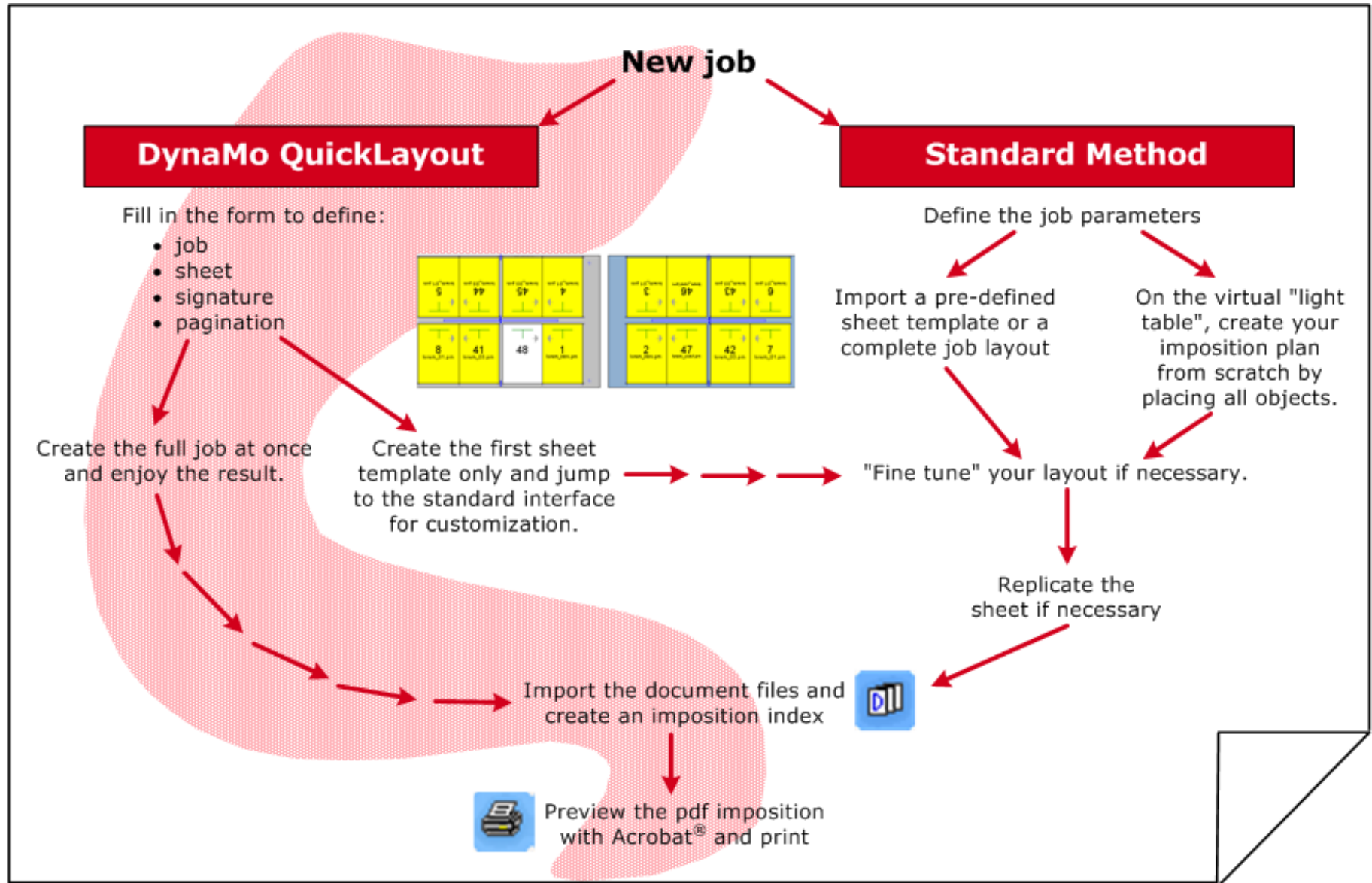


- The Color Table is used to match colors.

- Apply pagination

- Click on Imposition index to display details on document pages.
- You can define your Preferences here.
- Versioning for version management and DynaStream for automation are optional modules.

DynaMo or Standard Interface?



For more information

Documentation

For a more complete training, the *Docs* folder contains the following documents:

- A three-lesson **Tutorial** (pdf format for printing) with step by step exercises. (The installation of the *PostScript* and working files for this *Tutorial* is optional.)
- The complete **User's Guide** (pdf format for printing).
- Other documents and templates.

Workflows

The current version of *DynaStrip* supports the following workflows:

- JDF and PJTF workflows*
- PDF in & out (without conversion to PS at any time).
- **PS** files for main applications such as *QuarkXPress*, *PageMaker*, *FrameMaker*, etc., on both platforms.
- Filters and modules for pre-RIPing workflow systems such as **ArtQuest**[®], **PageFlow**[®], and **RAMpage**[®].
- **Raster Mode** for the preview of fpo's and link files (the *Raster Mode with LZW decompression* option is sold separately).
- **Brisque**[®] workflow system†.

*In the demo version, the template creation for workflow systems can be fully tested.

However, for protection reasons, the output of *ICF*, *PJTF* and *JDF* files is prevented. Please contact Dynagram to get an Evaluation version.

†For information about *DynaStrip's* integration into any other proprietary or non-proprietary workflow, contact our technical support.

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