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- **Production automation**
- **Integrable cloud service**

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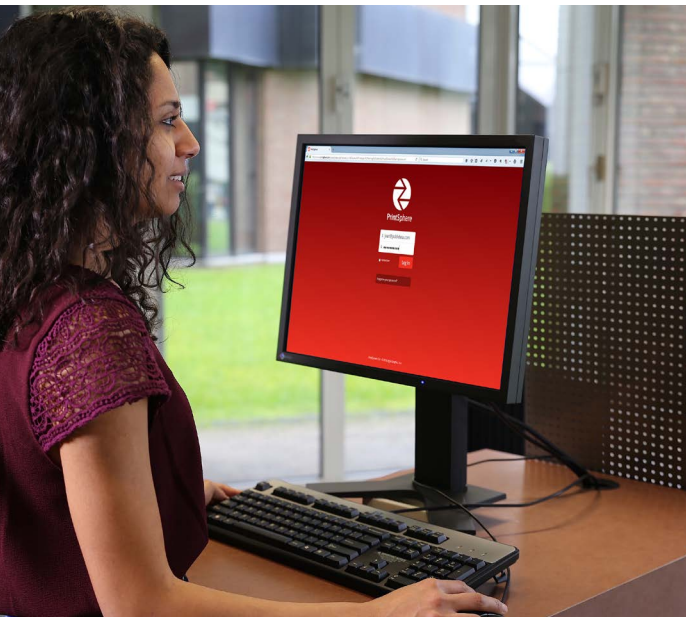
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Easy log-in via the website

Tired of exchanging data through a variety of tools? Meet PrintSphere, a cloudbased service that makes it easy to store and access data online. It provides a standardized way for print service providers to share files, automate their workflows, and facilitate data exchange with other Agfa service solutions.

Easy file sharing

To be a print service provider is to exchange large quantities of data with a multitude of people. PrintSphere addresses the need for a standardized, easy and organized way to do this. This unique, cloud-based service helps you, your customers, and your colleagues to send and receive data in a fast and secure way. Workflow solutions typically import and export data using 'hot folders' — folders on a local drive or network in which the tool continuously searches for incoming files or writes outgoing data. Simply synchronize your hot folders with PrintSphere using the OS X or Windows desktop client and all incoming and outgoing data becomes web-enabled.

Online data storage

PrintSphere can be used to make an archive of finished PDF job data available to customers. It also allows you to share a library of design templates and images or a collection of production files. Users can access these using a browser as well as dedicated apps for iOS and Android. You can password protect shared folders and have full control over what is shared with whom. In a world that increasingly focusses on cross-channel publishing, PrintSphere offers you an efficient platform to make data accessible to customers and other business partners.

Software as a Service

There is no need to invest in other hard- or software when you opt for PrintSphere. Running on Agfa's servers, PrintSphere enables you to offer clients a fast upload connection and a productive way of exchanging data. Agfa Graphics provides system maintenance and updates, ensuring you are always using the most recent and powerful version of the software. For all its cloud solutions — including PrintSphere — Agfa Graphics uses the same secure hosting technology that Agfa Healthcare has been using for many years to serve their customers.
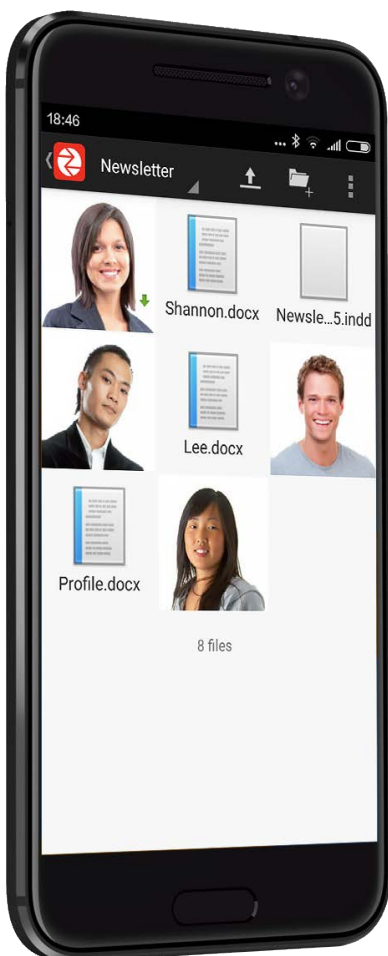
How does PrintSphere facilitate your workflow?

Commercial printing

Commercial printers – e.g. those working with Apogee Prepress – benefit from PrintSphere's functionalities in several ways. PrintSphere's possibility of swift data exchange results in a time-saving and more efficient working process. It enables the Prepress operator to create jobs and assign customers, who then receive an automatic email inviting them to upload files to the job's PrintSphere folder. The cloud service automatically forwards delivered data to the correct Apogee Prepress job. Data exported by Apogee Prepress can also be made available to select PrintSphere users. In addition, automated database backups guarantee safe file storage and off-site copies of vital data.

Integration with Agfa Graphic's web-to-print solution, Apogee StoreFront, is possible as well. For printing companies that do not use Agfa's Apogee workflow solution, PrintSphere can automatically pick up placed orders and uploaded customer files to make them available at the local print production site. Operators can then easily allocate the different orders to specific engines. In stores that allow print buyers to personalize documents, PrintSphere can be used as a digital asset management system to maintain libraries of photos or images. The company for which such a store is set up can manage those libraries, making sure that shoppers can only insert company-approved artwork in their documents. This win-win situation results from simply sharing a PrintSphere folder with the specific customer.
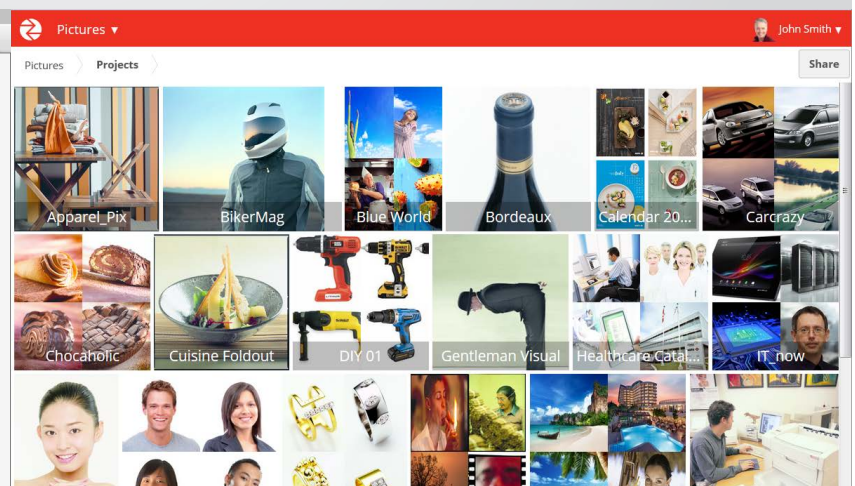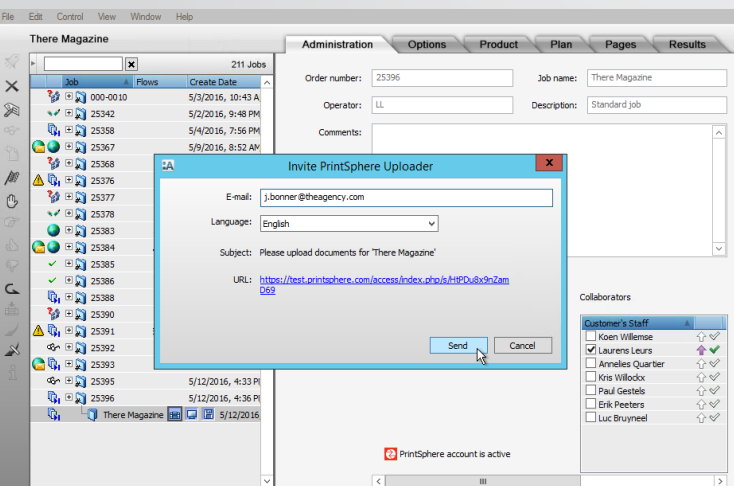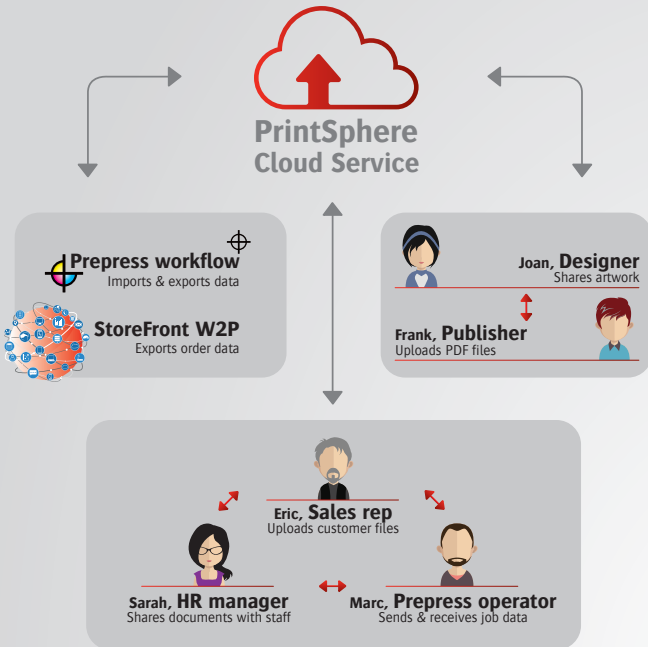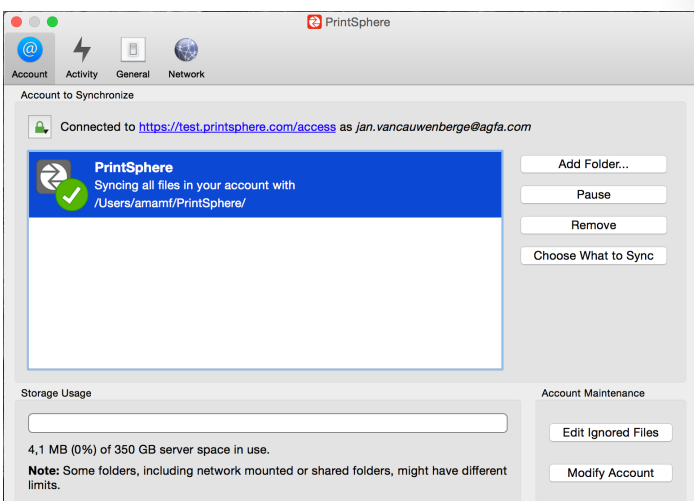
Sign and display printing

Easily integrable with workflow tools like Asanti, PrintSphere offers a valuable solution for the sign and display printing market as well. Files that are uploaded in PrintSphere are automatically picked up by Asanti and then easily converted into specific jobs. As PrintSphere enables the automated transformation of delivered input into these jobs, the printer's many projects are always perfectly organized. PrintSphere automatically creates an off-site backup of the Asanti database as well, making sure vital production data are protected against theft, fire, and flooding.

Analogous to its integration with Apogee StoreFront, PrintSphere also facilitates your Asanti StoreFront workflow. It offers the same benefits and possibilities, such as automatically exporting orders to the local network, and serving as a digital asset management system.

Newspaper printing

Of course, PrintSphere's working principles are also of great value to the newspaper printing market. The world of newspaper printing is filled with tight deadlines, making fluent data exchange truly essential. PrintSphere offers you that, and more. It enables easy file distribution between various production sites, for example. And it allows identified users to share soft proofs or upload input for advertising.

Automatically synchronize data between teams or production sites using the desktop client for Windows and Mac.

The power of PrintSphere:

- Standardized, efficient and easy data exchange
- Automated and regular database backups
- Integrable with existing production workflow software
- Synchronization of folders on different systems
- Hosted by Agfa Graphics' private and secure cloud
- SaaS that eliminates the need for other investments
- Access to up-to-date files anywhere and anytime
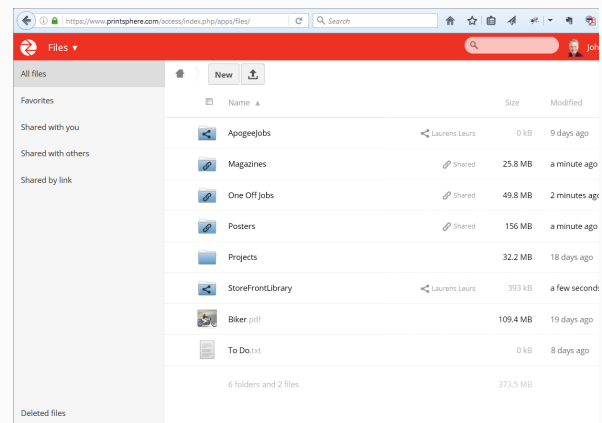- Automated messaging system with job notifications
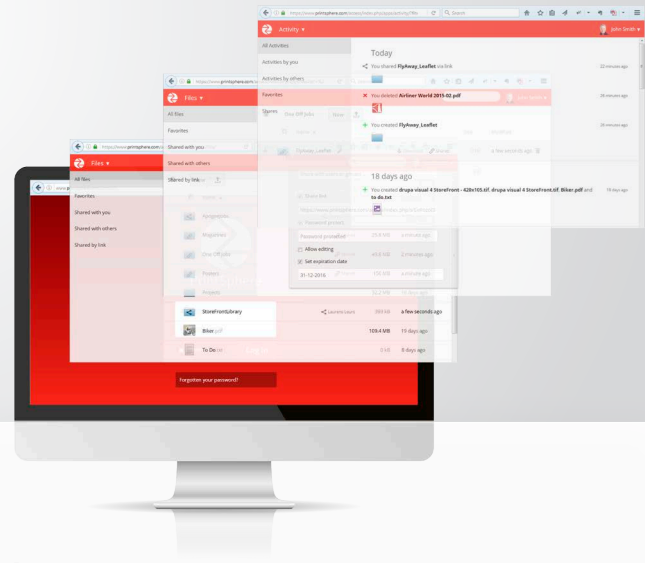
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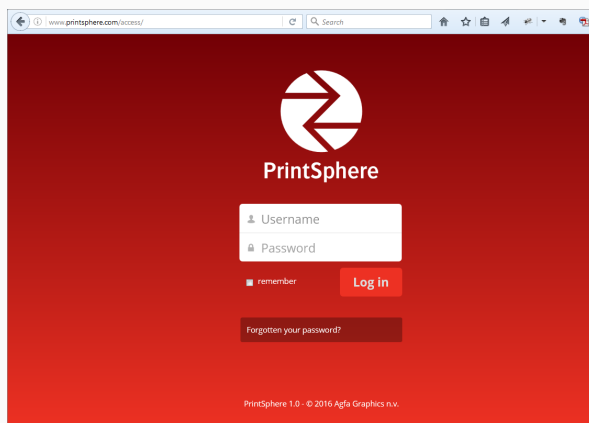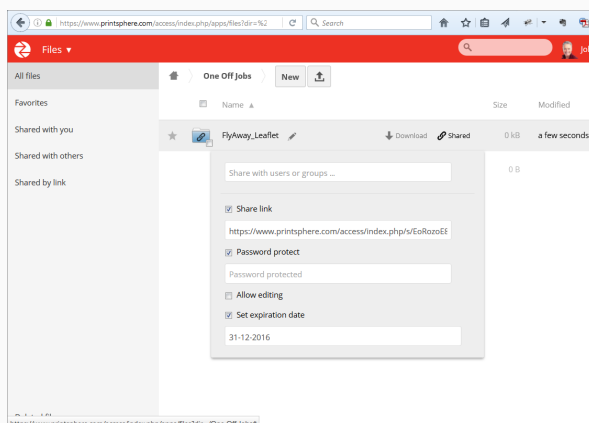
PrintSphere allows users to access their data from anywhere using a web browser.
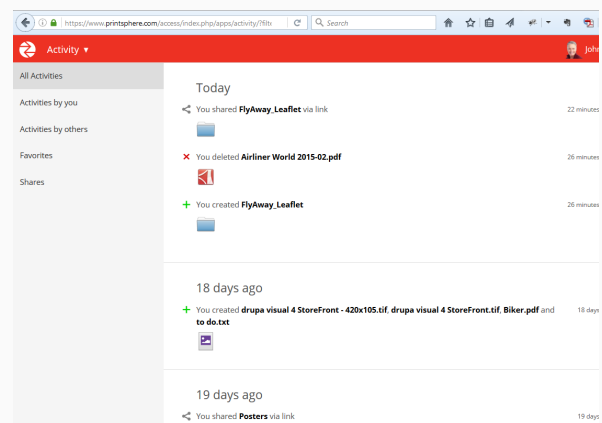
Easy data access

The main window of PrintSphere shows all the user's files and folders.

Powerful file sharing

Share folders or files with team members, customers or subcontractors

Monitor resource usage

Check who collaborates on projects or monitor when new revisions of files are uploaded

Technical specifications

Supported languages

Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German,

Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish

Web client

- Access PrintSphere using a standard web browser
- Integrated text editor and image viewer
- All data communication is encrypted
- Supported browsers: Internet Explorer 10.0 (or higher), FireFox 40 (or higher), Chrome 30 (or higher) and Safari 6.1 (or higher)
- Other browsers may work but have not been certified

Desktop client

- Synchronize select PrintSphere folders with a local drive
- Available for Windows 7 (or higher) and OSX 10.7 (or higher, 64-bit only)

Mobile app

- Access data from a phone or tablet
- Available for Android 4 (or higher) and iOS 7 (and higher)

Supported workflow solutions

- Apogee Prepress 10 or higher
- Asanti 3 or higher
- Apogee StoreFront 3.5 or higher
- Asanti StoreFront 3.5 or higher
- Any workflow solution that supports hotfolders

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