

- The universal production RIP
- Easy to use software
- Can be expanded in modular form
- Supports a wide range of large and wide format printing systems





From User to User User

ColorGATE began developing special digital printing applications since 1996. Years of experience and intensive contact to users of our software contributed to the development of products that keep the user in mind.

This know how and on going development of the well-proven **Color**GATE family of software products led to the **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴, one of the most flexible and productive software tools available for reliable output of digital large-format printing.

Both new users and experienced users of **Color**GATE products will find the redesigned user interface easy to use. The system can hence be integrated in the production process without a lengthy familiarization period. An automatic software assistant guides you through the relevant steps to make more complex adjustments. This simultaneously offers the highest possible degree of reliability and guarantees problemfree production. Native support for European and Asiatic languages helps in ensuring safe use of our products.

Reliable Technology

In digital printing maximum performance and production reliability are decisive factors. All **Color**GATE products therefore include ultra-efficient and reliable RIP technology that is constantly updated to keep pace with the latest developments.

Investments with a Future uture

As expandable RIP software, the **Color**GATE **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴ can be adjusted to the demands of your production environment whenever necessary. The entirely modular design allows you to obtain the specific functions you need. This allows you to keep your initial investment costs low. When your production specifications change, the **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴ can be flexibly expanded by adding the desired functions.



Software Packages for Beginners and Pros

The **PRODUCTION**SERVER4 is available from **Color**GATE in three different packages. **PRODUCTION**SERVER4 **RASTER** and **SELECT** both provide the following standard functions. **RASTER** only processes raster data such as TIF, JPG, etc.; **SELECT** is capable of processing additional formats such as EPS, PS and PDF. Each can be combined with the **PRO** functions and modules available as optional extras.

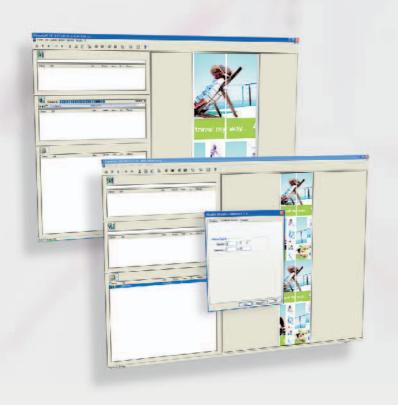
PRODUCTIONSERVER⁴ **RASTER/SELECT** is the economical entry level variant as a first step into the professional Print for Pay market. This solution can be complemented with the **PRO** package features at any time. Apart from the major working functions such as rotating, mirroring, copying, centering, duplicating, cropping and previewing, cutting marks, information text and free text, this package also includes:

- 1 supported printer / 1 RIP and Printer Queue
- ICC color management (CMYK) (Numerous ICC profiles are included)
- 1 Hotfolder (integrated in the user interface)
- AUTO TILING
- MIM Administration: Load ColorGATE Media Packages (*.cgm) and media-, ink and reference (MIM) profiles (MIM import to use ICC linearization)

PRODUCTIONSERVER⁴ **PRO** is the universal high-end production tool for those supplying LFP goods and services, and contains a complete set of production tools.

This software package includes:

- 2 supported printers (operable in parallel)
- 2 RIP and print queues
- Multicolor ICC engine (CMYK and up to 11 further color channels, e.g. orange or green)
- Unlimited Hotfolders (integrated in the user interface)
- Auto and variable tiling with intelligent materials use for cost-efficient operation
- Container, Multi-page Container, Hot Container for automatic, media-optimized arrangement of several jobs on one printed sheet
- Copy Container, Container Copy: processing and output of as many Containers/copies as desired
- Tiling Container, for optimal materials used in tiling jobs
- Editing, copying and exporting of media, ink and reference profiles (MIM administration)
- Spectral linearization
- Linearization synchronization
- TWAIN interface for direct use of TWAIN-capable scanners and digital cameras
- Spot colors: as many freely defined color replacement tables as desired (RGB, CMYK, Spot -> CMYK, LAB) HKS™ tables are included; Pantone® tables are optional.
- Expanded color correction (gradation, brightness, contrast) with visual soft proof checking.
 Pipette tool to support image preview before correction, after correction
- Printout of documents during ripping





Functions

Despite its simple and easily user interface **PRODUCTION**-SERVER⁴ offers comprehensive options so that you can integrate it into your workflow to support your daily business efforts. With the aid of our freely definable containers you can process documents and other materials simultaneously, saving time and effort both.

Just need to print a single label in a small quantity or illustrate an entire skyscraper wall? No problem, as the available modules and functions enable you to handle any challenge.

When we develop new tools or update existing ones we always keep your everyday digital production problems in mind so that we can always offer you efficient and practical solutions.

PRODUCTIONSERVER⁴ **PRO** with the "Tiling Container" function has the ability to automatically combine panels of differing widths. Using this innovative function you can now utilize the materials at hand more efficiently and hence save a lot of money.

You can work just as cost-effectively with additional modules, such as the Photo & Fine Art Module, for example, which includes many innovative and time saving functions that significantly increase your competitiveness.

Photo & Fine Art

With the optional Photo & Fine Art Module you can add a number of useful functions to your **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴, such as automatic conversion of any kind of image data to neutral or toned grayscale images. In addition, the ambient light compensation function lets you produce images perfectly attuned to the light conditions where you make your presentation destination.

For fine-tuning or retouching – and with just one click on the **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴ – you can open the image in your preferred picture editing software. Once you have completed the image corrections they are automatically updated in **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴.

The contact sheet function is also useful as it supports the EXIF Standard and produces informative contact prints, whose layout, content and size you can determine as you wish.

Simple but effective ctive

Apart from the usual standard tools for large-format printing such as cropping, tiling and cutting and scaling of documents, **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴ **PRO** also offers a means of visual scaling.

This allows you to adjust any document visually to the proportions of any other and thus determine the scaling factor in output.



Variable File Types ypes

The software functions with all standard print production file formats such as PostScript 3, EPS, TIFF, JPEG, PDF and DCS 2.0, even if separate. Multi-page PDF and PS files as well as PDF/X-1a and PDF/X-3 formats are fully supported.

Parallel Production

With PRODUCTIONSERVER4 differing printing systems can be adapted to one another. You can work on the same project in using different printers at a time. That's why ColorGATE integrated their trend setting linearization synchronization feature in the software. You simply print out the supplied linearization chart and measure it using spectrophotometer such as Eye-One. The software does the rest - automatically. This means the new staff members in your company can be efficient and productive from the beginning without special knowledge.

Spot Colors ors

PRODUCTIONSERVER⁴ allows you to save and manage as many spot colors as you like via input of CMYK or laboratory values or direct calibration via spectral photometer, e.g. Eye-One.

The HKS™ replacement tables are included in the software package.

Infinitely flexible

Dynamic PPD production from the RIP-Server. You can print out your documents direct via PortMonitor regardless of format. The PortMonitor works like a virtual printer and guarantees simple control in all working environments including Mac, Unix and Linux. Scanners can be interfaced direct by **PRODUCTION**SERVER4 **PRO** without any additional software.

Color Replacement ment

Clients often approach us with data containing fonts in the wrong color or a bright, spot color logo which was created in CMYK. With its color replacement utility, **Color**GATE created a function that lets you solve this problem easily and efficiently on site without having to change the supplied data.

Soft Proof Preview View

The **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴ offers a split preview with before-and-after display for simple visual color monitoring and adjustment. The soft proof function gives you a quick concrete impression of the graphic material by simulating an ICC link.



Profiler Module

The profiler module gives you a means of generating ICC profiles straight from the software without needing expert knowledge. A linearization assistant guides you through all the relevant settings and thus makes it possible to achieve professional and reliable results. What used to only be possible using expert knowledge, expensive software and a lot of time and money is now feasible at an attractive of cost-benefit ratio.

Screen Module

Generate screen printing films with your LFP printer. This module allows you to generate autotypically screened printing films for screen printing purpose. You don't need any chemistry, exposure unit or extra money which means you can profit from completely new service areas. (Maximum screen frequency depends on the printer used).

Photo & Fine Art Module odule

Now you can produce neutral grayscale images with this module just as easily as individual color effects. Plus, gray balance optimizing is now possible, if the linearizing workflow is available via the Profiler Module. A color tuner that compensates for ambient light, contact prints incl. EXIF information and direct access to external picture editing software, are further highlights of this module.

Proofing Module dule

This module complements your workflow by adding a legally binding proofing solution with a licensed FOGRA media wedge. It includes special evaluation and reporting functions developed to FOGRA and bvdm specifications as well as ECI Media Standard Printing recommendations.

The integrated FOGRA media wedge can be printed out with every proof. This control strip can be input using a spectrophotometer and checked using the evaluation software included for adherence to standards. Apart from the usual printing specifications adherence to individual in-house standards can also be checked in this way and a proof report automatically printed.

FotoFusion Module dule

Innovative front-end for easy and creative ways of presenting digital image data for individual or predefined photo collages, layouts, backdrops, and lots more besides.

Additional Queues

Expand your **PRODUCTION**SERVER⁴ by adding a RIP and a Printer Queue to increase your productivity. With just single software RIP you can print to 6 printers simultaneously.









Supported Printers

Manufacturer	Printer	Category*
BeDigital	SolBeJet URIBE 250	I II
Canon	i9950	I
	W2200 W6200 Pigment PB	I I
	W7200 PB	I
	W7250 PB W8200 PB	I I
	W8200 Pigment PB	Ī
ColorGATE	Rasterfile Windows Printer	I
DGI	0J-62	I
	OJ-62D VT-92/REX-62	I I
	VT-II/VT-100D	I
Eastech	IO-6200 IO-6400	I I
	IO-8700	I
	UV6440e	I I
	UV8740e UV6420s	II
	UV6440s	II
	UV8720s UV8740s	II II
ENCAD	CADJET-T200	I
	Chroma24	I
	NovaJet NovaJet-1000i	I I
	NovaJet-500	Ī
	NovaJet-630	I
	NovaJet-700 NovaJet-850	I I
	NovaJet-880	I
	NovaJet-PRO-600e NovaJet-PROe	I I
	VinylJet-36	I
Epson	Stylus-3000	I
	Stylus-Ph. 2100-2200 HTM	I I
	Stylus-Ph. 2100-2200 Scr. Stylus-Pro 10000	I
	Stylus-Pro 10000 CF	I
	Stylus-Pro 10000 HTM Stylus-Pro 10000 CF HTM	I I
	Stylus-Pro 10600 Non-HTM	I
	Stylus-Pro 10600 Screen Stylus-Pro 10600 CF HTM	I I
	Stylus-Pro 10600 DYE HTM	Ī
	Stylus-Pro 10600 UC HTM	I
	Stylus-Pro 4000 Non-HTM Stylus-Pro 4000 HTM	I I
	Stylus-Pro 4000 Screen	I
	Stylus-Pro 5500 Stylus-Pro 7000-9000	I I
	Stylus-Pro 7500-9500	I
	Stylus-Pro 7600 Non-HTM	I
	Stylus-Pro 7600 HTM Stylus-Pro 7600 Screen	I I
	Stylus-Pro 9600 Non-HTM	I
	Stylus-Pro 9600 HTM Stylus-Pro 9600 Screen	I I
Fey Yeung	Infiniti FY6150	I
Union	Infiniti FY6180/6250/8180/82 Infiniti FY6180II/6250II	.50 I I
	Infiniti FY6250SL/6320SL	I
	Infiniti FY6320LQ Infiniti FY8180II/8250II/8320	, I
	8250A/3308B	Í
	Infiniti FY8250III	I
	Infiniti FY8250SL/8320SL Infiniti FY8250C/8320C	I I
	Infiniti FY3308C/8250C+	I
	Infiniti FY3212C/3312C Infiniti FY1808C/8180C	I I
	Infiniti FY1504C	I
Graphtec	SignJet-PR0	I
HMDT	Pro-Jet	III
	Ultra-Jet Q-Jet	III
	Q-Jet+	III
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Manufacturer	Printer	Category*
HP	DesignJet DesignJet-10_20_50PS	I
	DesignJet-100	Ī
	DesignJet-105xC	I
	DesignJet-120 DesignJet-130	I I
	DesignJet-2x00CP	Ī
	DesignJet-30	I
	DesignJet-3x00CP DesignJet-45xC	I I
	DesignJet-500+800	I
	DesignJet-5000C DesignJet-5000-UV	I I
	DesignJet-5500	I
	DesignJet-5500-UV	I
	DesignJet-75xC DeskJet-2500C	I I
Gandinnova.	JETi JETi UV Flatbed	III
Grapo	Octopus (32Bit-TIFF) Octopus	III
Keundo	SupraQ	II
L&P D.T.	VIRTU	III
Mimaki	JV-1300 JV2-130	I
	JV2-130 JV22-130/160	I
	JV22-250	II
	JV3 JV3-160 SP	I I
	JV3-250 SP	II
	JV4	I
Mutoh	Albatros	I
	RJ-4000 RJ-4100	I I
	RJ-6100	I
	RJ-8000 Rockhopper	I I
	Rockhopper II	I
	Toucan PJ-1614NX	II
	Toucan PJ-1626/2216NX Toucan PJ-1634/2234NX	II
	Toucan PJ-2646NX	II
Neolt	NeoltJet	III
NUR	Fresco Tempo	III
	Tempo Ultima	III
Richmond Gr.	DirectJet-CTS	I
Roland	CJ400-500	I
	CJ540 CJ540 X	I I
	FJ540	I
	FJ540 X	I I
	SC540 SC540 X	I
	SJ540	I
	SJ540 X SJ740	I I
	SJ740 X	I
	SolJet	I
	SP-300 SJ1000X	I I
	CammJet	I
	HiFiJet (FJ 50/52) HiFiJet PRO (FJ 500/600)	I
Scitex Vision		III
Seiko	IP-4010	I
	IP-4500 IP-4500 Mark2	I I
	SIIT IP-6500	I
	SIIT IP-6600 (ColorPainter 64	S) I
Teckwin	TeckJet 1800s/2500s TeckPro 3200s	I
Tiara	Opal	I
	Opal II Opal-46	I I
	Sapphire	I

Manufacturer	Printer	Category*
Tiara	SignMaker LP53 SolventJet CP52 SolventJet II SC540 SolventJet II SC540 X SolventJet II SJ540-740 SolventJet II SJ540-740 X SolventJet X21 Tourmaline	I I I I I I I I I I
VIP	Eurros 36 Euros 43-62 Permasol Permasol-S	I I I
Vutek	UltraVu 2360/3360	III
Witcolor	JETPOSTER	I
Xerox	X2	II
Yaselan	YSL-D3500 YSL-D2300 (Thunderbird)	II
ZBE	Chromira	II
Zund	UVjet 215 UVjet 250	III

*Categories I-III:

PRODUCTIONSERVER⁴ **RASTER** and **SELECT** each include a category I printer driver.

 $\mbox{\bf PRODUCTION} \mbox{SERVER4 PRO}$ includes two category I printer drivers.

You can also obtain further drivers in categories I, II and III; this gives you the option to control up to six printers!



Technical Facts

PRODUCTIONSERVER ⁴ BASIC EQUIPMENT (RASTER, SELECT & PRO)		
Operating Systems	 Windows 2000/XP/2003 (Copying of data from MacOS/Unix/Linux via ColorGATE PortMonitor) 	
File Types	 Automatic file format recognition PostScript 3, PDF 1.4, PDF/X (-1a and -3), EPS, JPEG, TARGA, TIFF, BMP, PCD, PSD, DCS 2.0, etc. (RASTER only raster formats) Multi-page PDF and PostScript 	
Interfaces	• Parallel, Ethernet, TCP/IP, ECP, USB, Serial, SCSI*, Firewire* (*Depending on printer)	
Languages	 Chinese, Danish, Dutch, German, English, Finnish, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish 	
Color Management	CrossXColor ICC-Engine ICC-Color Management, ICC profiles included in the scope of delivery Support of the following Rendering Intents: Standard Rendering Intents (photographic, relative colorimetric, absolute colorimetric, saturation) Relative colorimetric with black point compensation Absolute colorimetric with optical brightener correction ICC profiles and linearizations separately selectable per color model / graphic object type MIM-Administration: Load ColorGATE Media Packages (*.cgm) Soft proof: Display a simulation of the ICC-link in the preview	
Screening settings	 Large selection of screening algorithms: ColorGATE smooth, Crispy screening, Floyd Steinberg etc. No ink below x % Blend optimizing PostScript screening with 16 spot functions included 	
Workflow	 PortMonitor: Print from any Mac, Win, Unix or Linux application directly to ColorGATE Hotfolders for automatic output (virtual printer) 1 Hotfolder for an automatic workflow (RASTER & SELECT) Adjustable workflow settings Manual job import with Hotfolder setting assignment Drag-and-Drop Preview options: Job preview, job placing on output media, rotate job, zoom in-/out for preview, color correction Job Sorter: Sort your jobs by status, alphabetically, fileand output size, number of copies Duplicate jobs: Copy any job or link to an existing file Archiving of print files Freely definable scaling Saving of cut, registration and overlap markings CROPPING: CROPPING tool to select print areas Mirroring & rotation in 90°-steps AUTO ROTATE: Automatic placing for efficient media use Printing of freely definable text and job information Offset & centering Multiple copies; Only one Rip-process for printing several copies Output of color separations in 4 process colors or black AUTO TILING: Automatic paneling 	

PRODUCTIONSERVER4 PRO functions:

With the functions and modules of the PRODUCTIONSERVER⁴ **PRO** version shown here you can extend the **RASTER** & **SELECT** versions any time you want. You will find the various modules under the "additional options". Please consult your dealer for technical details.

• JOB-ACCOUNTING: Rip-time, printing time and area

Color Management

- Multi-color ICC-Engine: calculation and output of data with
- Spectral-based linearization wizard with ink limitation option for primary colors and total ink laydown
- Linearization synchronization to match local linearization to original linearization
- Advanced MIM-(Media-Ink-Metamode) Technology
- MIM-Administration:
 - ... Create, copy and modify MIM-files (*.cgm)

 - ... Load **Color**GATE Media Packages (*.cgm) ... Save **Color**GATE Media Packages (*.cgm)
- Spot color replacement in CMYK, LAB and with direct spectrophotometer integration selectively applicable to vectors and text, HKS™ color replacement tables included with HKS™ E, K, N and Z, optional Pantone® color replacement tables, alias assignment, administration of as many replacement tables and entries as desired. Compatible with color paletts of the leading application packages over new CxF format.
- Interactive color correction tools for brightness, contrast, gamma and gradation, image preview before and after correction. Pipette tool supports image preview before correction, after correction

Workflow

• Second RIP and Printer Queue:

rip and print on a second printer

- Rip and print simultaneously: prints a file whilst ripping
- Hotfolder: unlimited Hotfolders for unlimited workflows
- VARIABLE TILING with a free definition of any segment and overlap; Changes without reripping the printdata. Also prints cut and overlap markings.
- **CONTAINER:** Automatic or manual placement of differing jobs (including from multi-page PDF and PostScript files), copying in Container, Container copies, TILING-CONTAINER arranges the segments of tiling jobs in a media-optimized manner. Positioning and arranging tools such as "magnetic" borders, guidelines and object edges
- TWAIN: interface to direct link with TWAIN-capable scanners and digital cameras
- Visual scaling: positioning of a distance tool with input dialog for distance length after scaling

Additional options

- Photo & Fine Art Module: Creation of grayscale images in "neutral" or with individual color effects, color tuner for printouts to compensate for ambient light; Contact sheet: automatic indexing and thumbnails incl. definable EXIF information, direct requests to external picture editing software.
- FotoFusion® Front-end to create collages, photographic arrangements and posters.
- Profiler Module: Assistant-quided ICC profile generation with free separation management for black use (start and maximum), overall color application quantity, black build-up (UCR/GCR) and correction function of optical brighteners. Optional Profiler Module bundled with GretagMacbeth Eye-One Pro color metrology device.
- Proofing Module: For production of legally binding proofs per media standard (ISO 12647-2). Contains DeviceLink Generator, FOGRA media wedge 2.0, and control strip evaluation with recording function.
- Screen Module: output of separate screen printing films (available from the second quarter of 2005).
- Additional RIP and Printer Queue: expands the RIP and Printer Queue by a further software-supported printer for each.

Recommended system requirements (Minimum)

- Intel Pentium III or higher (Pentium II)
- 512 MB RAM (128 MB RAM)
- 40 GB Harddisk (10 GB Harddisk)
- Win 2000/XP
- LAN Adapter TCP/IP



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