



K2's Options To Automate Your Tax Preparation Workflow

Major Topics



- Structuring the Practice
 - Pre-season Planning
 - Outsourcing Options
- Workflow
 - Scanning
 - Give away scanner used
 - Personal Tax Workpaper Automation Solutions
 - Review options

- Collaboration with Clients
 - Liscio
 - Suralink
- Ease of Delivery and Completion
 - eSignature
 - RPA for eFiling
- Higher Value Services
 - Tax Advisory and Planning
 - Value Pricing
- Tax Technology Tool Options

Learning Objectives



- Identify key tax return preparation processes that have technology automation solutions
- Differentiate between vendor options for key tax return preparation processes
- List examples of how preparers can use RPA to automate tax processing





STRUCTURING THE PRACTICE

What Are Your Objectives?



For The Firm

For You

- Better control
- More profitable
- More responsive clients
- Balanced workload

- Less hours
- Lower stress
- More interesting work
- Less repetition

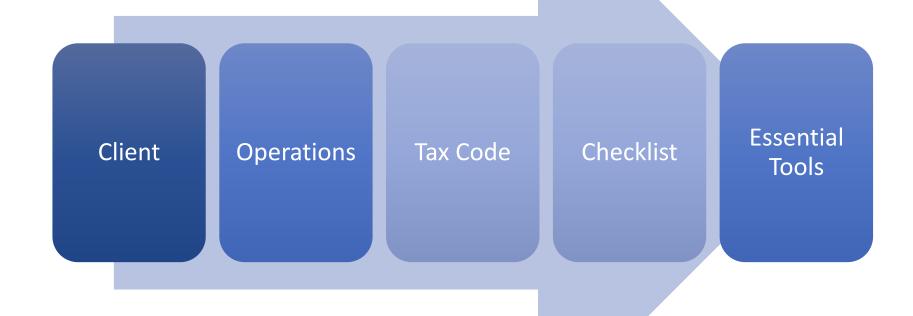




PRE-SEASON PLANNING

Pre-Season Planning Considerations





Client



- Setting Expectations
- Integrations
- Secure and proactive systems

Being proactive is the only way to exercise control over this workflow.

There are many solutions to help with this, but most of this is operational

Operations



- Cloud centric
- Documents
- Centralized library
- Tax prep software
- Tracking tax returns
- Communications
- Client collaboration
- PBC/Engagement letters
- Ease of payments

Don't forget to review all internal and external communication methods.

Tax Code



- Backup email and other IT resources
- Patch and update systems, including tax software
- Review Tax Code changes and communicating changes to staff and clients
- Notice handling
- Security plan compliance
- IRS Resources

Checklist



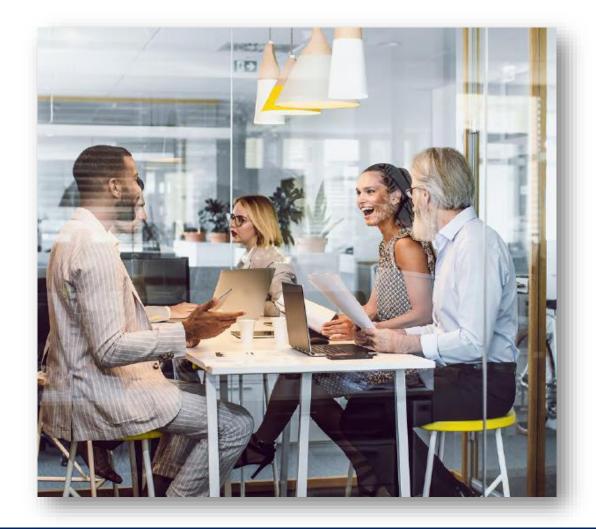
- Systems check
- Remove the cobwebs
- Fresh list/workflow update
- Review old and make new
- Resources and education
- Get your message out

The year-end list from your tax software will be closest to reality.

Checklist



- Roles
- Stock your shelves
- Capacity check
- Have a game plan



Tax Tools



- Compliance
- Controlling the work
- Client development and engagement
- AccountingWeb Tax
 Season Survival Guide

OUTSOURCING

Taxfyle

TOA

Analytix

Cloudstaff

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

CPA Charge

QuickFree

Kotapay

Veem

VeriCheck

PaySimple

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT PORTAL

Doc-It

CCH Axcess Document

GoFileRoom

Filecenter

eFileCabinet

Smartvault

Tax

Joy

CCH Axcess Client Collaboration Portal

Sureprep TaxCaddy

Liscio Secure File





On-shore, Off-shore, Outsourced Employees, Contract Labor

OUTSOURCING OPTIONS

Staffing – Elephant In The Room



Sufficient Staff

Short Staffed

- Reasonable work loads
- Flexibility
- Good retention
- Positive outlook
- Proactive
- Well organized

- Bursts of excessive hours
- Tied to work
- Excessive turnover
- Low morale
- Reactive
- Disorganized and chaotic

Staffing Solutions



Remote Work

- Add staff from other locations
- Retain staff
- Higher caliber and capability
- Management load
- Flexibility
- Quality control
- Culture

Outsourcing

- Time shift workloads
- Scale staff
- Lower cost
- Delegation skills
- Unused capacity
- Variable skills
- May not use in client contact

Tax Workpapers



	Technology/Internal	Review/Internal	Outsource/Internal	
Per Return	\$5-50	\$52-80	\$120-280	
Staff Costs	\$15-25	\$50-200	\$200-800	
Other factors	Simple/Complex/ABC	Staffing shortage	Skill set/capacity	

Cost per hour (blend)	Number of returns	Pages/return	Hours/return	Projected cost
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Internal			\$400/return	\$400,000
Full Outsource		\$100/for an hour	\$280/return	\$380,000
Tech/external	\$50,000	\$100/for an hour	\$52,800 for verify	\$202,800

Full Outsourced Options



Guidance

- Consider labor shortages and expertise needed
- Look at the costs for full outsource vs. partial outsource
- You'll need workflow to control things

Providers

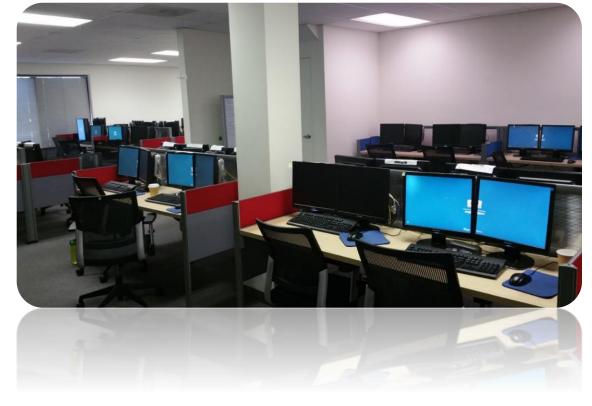
- SurePrep <u>Outsource</u>
- BooXkeeping
- Wolters Kluwer Xpitax
- <u>Taxfyle</u>
- Aldrich and other private groups
- Look for credible organizations specializing in CPA firms

SurePrep



- Technology SPbinder, 1040SCAN ORGANIZE, 1040SCAN PRO
- On shore or offshore services
 - Verification
 - Full preparation
- Hybrid 1040SCANverify
- Integration with all the top tax products
- Usually less expensive than interns and more accurate
- Provides scale to your tax practice





Why Choose BooXkeeping?





- Low Startup Investment
 - BooXkeeping franchise costs are significantly less than most franchises due to low initial staffing needs and the ability to operate your business from virtually anywhere
- Flexible For Your Lifestyle
 - Because you can start your business from anywhere, owning a BooXkeeping Franchise allows the freedom to grow as fast as you'd like and set your own pace
- Stand Out Brand
 - Unlike freelance bookkeepers, BooXkeeping franchisees have the advantage of being backed by a trusted brand, built-in processes, and 360-degree support

BooXkeeping Outsourcing



- Staffing Solution For Faster Growth
 - Franchisees can outsource the bookkeeping process to BooXkeeping trained professionals, allowing owners to focus more on acquiring customers and growing their business
- Turn-key Business Model
 - BooXkeeping's proprietary cloudbased system provides you with a complete business in a box that's easy to learn, secure and efficient. They also offer around-the-clock IT support and training resources.

- No Experience Necessary
 - You don't have to have bookkeeping experience or be a financial professional, as long as you have good people skills and can concentrate on business development
- Total Marketing System
 - BooXkeeping provides everything you need to market your business, including a local website, SEO, social media, content, email marketing, analytics, reputation management, CRM, and custom mobile apps for you and your clients

Professional Accountant CAS



- Take Your Practice To The Next Level
 - Bookkeeping services add additional revenue so you can scale faster
- Build A Valuable Business
 - CPAs, Accountants, and Bookkeepers know that providing great value builds lasting relationships, and BooXkeeping can help your business become stronger

Avg Billing Rate for Bookkeeping Services

Client Accounting Services	
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Less: 10% franchise royalty	

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69% Gross Margin

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BooXkeeping White Label





Boost Your Revenue With Our Impressive White Label **Bookkeeping Services**

BooXkeeping offers a complete White Label Bookkeeping Service for CPAs, CFO outfits, consulting services, and other bookkeening

- ✓ Generate Additional Revenue We provide added value to your business by enabling capacity without the overhead, and stress of internal staff
- Increase Capacity Without the need to hire bookkeepers internally, you can offer better bookkeeping to more clients



- ✓ Dedicated Relationship Manager Your firm will have a dedicated Senior Accountant to ensure each client account is serviced at a level of expertise your own staff
- Fully Branded For Your Business Our services are 100% white labeled for your brand with your logo and your level of service.

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BooXkeeping took over. It's like a Swiss watch.

CPA / Attorney / San Diego, CA

accounting, but I have no time to fix my bookkeepers mistakes. I have had four bookkeepers before but never even had to think about my accounting since

Join Hundreds Of CPAs, CFO Outfits, And Consultants Who Count On Us To Handle **Bookkeeping For Their Clients.** No matter how big or small your company is, having the right amount of

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Our bookkeeping experts handle all the back-office work. We save you time and money by handling all the menial tasks required to keep your client's books in order.



Create Stronger Relationships With Customers

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We Support

We support and work with most major accounting and bookkeeping software platforms, making it easy to outsource to us and keeping you in control of your financial data.







Meet with one of our Chief BooXkeeping Officers

Don't Take Our Word For It

The BooXkeeping team has done a very good job supporting my client who can be difficult to work with

Les S.

Entrepreneur

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When Outsourcing to BooXkeeping.



White Label Outsource





Avg Billing Rate for Bookkeeping Services

Client Accounting Services
White Label cost per employee
No franchise royalty

Per Hour \$ 120.00 (65.00)

Gross Margin per Booxkkeeping Employee

\$ 55.00

46% Gross Margin





WORKFLOW

Workflow



- Wikipedia defines <u>workflow</u> as "movement of documents or tasks through a work process"
- Properly done, leads to increased productivity, accountability, and client satisfaction
- Often integrated with document management

Obstacles To Process Change



- The task is believed to be "too complex" to be automated
- Internal politics make approval of even minor changes very difficult
- Overblown concerns about regulatory compliance, such as with Sarbanes Oxley, create organizational inertia
- The consistency of existing processes is comforting to staff facing an uncertain future

Obstacles To Process Change



- Previous process management technology failures have driven mid-level staff back to reliable but inefficient methods
- Outdated employee performance measures do not reward efficiency
- Organizational changes make it unclear who has the authority and responsibility to make processes more efficient

Workflow Management Systems



- Many portals and web sites that provide information on commercial transactions
 - Package delivery status
 - Technical support case tracking
 - Monitoring the status of routine tasks
 - Requesting documents or services

Workflow Management Systems



- Combination of
 - Item tracking
 - Workload tracking
 - Activity tracking
 - Due-Date Monitoring
- Can be used to create
 - Instant transparent status reporting
 - Summarized performance data
 - Simplified approval processes
 - Standardized processes
 - Business processes with fewer lost or delayed transactions

What Is Workflow Management?



- A sequence of connected steps
- A model to represent real work for further assessment
- A pattern of activity enabled by systematic organization and deployment of resources
- A work process that can be documented and learned
- The structure supporting process-oriented "human to human" and "human to machine" interaction

Workflow Methodology



- What is Workflow Management?
 - Is it just document tracking?
 - Is it simply process rules and procedures?
- Workflow is the movement of documents or tasks through a work process
 - How tasks are structured
 - Who performs them
 - What their relative order is
 - How they are synchronized
 - How information and document flows to support the tasks
 - How tasks are being tracked and their associated budget and time
 - Where are billings being tracked and captured

Source: Wikipedia

Industrialization Of Knowledge Work



Process Tracking: Know What is Occurring

Automation: Standardize, Simplify, and Specialize

Commoditization of Inputs and Processes Leads to Scalable Methods and Outputs Understand, and Manage Quality

Predictive Analytics: Automate, Maximize Efficiency, and **Predict Future** Outcomes

As Work is Industrialized, More of It Can Be Performed By Less Knowledgeable Team Members at Lower Cost

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* Service has limited scope and is not specifically configured for general audit/tax engagements – ShareFile (does well at PBC lists, general approvals), Canopy Tax (tax controversy resolution)

Workflow



Products

- Wolters Kluwer or Thomson Reuters suite
- Clarity Practice Management
- Empire RESOURCE
- Jetpack Workflow
- <u>Liscio</u>
- TPS
- XCM

Critical Features

- Configurable, simple step
- Integration with practice management
- Approval
- Browser and mobile enabled
- Due date support
- Scheduling and talent

Skip Workflow

Effective Workflow Management?



- Putting the right people in the right place with the right resources at the right time
 - It is not software although good software helps
 - It is not just managing people although that is a big part
 - It involves combining clients, staff, software, and other resources to accomplish the common goal of creating an efficient and profitable practice
- You are the CEO, not a staff worker
 - Your job is not data entry
 - Hire Train Delegate
 - Spend your time on the tasks that drive client satisfaction
 - Apply your expertise to as many clients as possible

Project Workflows In Your Practice



- Individual income tax returns
- S corporation tax returns
- C corporation tax returns
- Partnership tax returns
- Financial statement preparation
- Sales tax returns
- Personal property tax returns

- Payroll
- Monthly bookkeeping
- IRS or state letters
- IRS collections
- Client onboarding
- The ever popular "other"

Breakdown Project Types Into Steps



Individual Tax Return Steps	
Workflow Step	Who's responsible
Waiting for documents from client	Client
Initial scanning	Firm
Initial preparation	Firm
Questions to client awaiting answers	Client
Second preparation	Firm
Review	Firm
Draft return	Client
Finalize return	Firm
Waiting on signed 8879	Client
Waiting on payment	Client
E-filed waiting on ACK	Firm
Complete	Firm

Winning The Tax Season Battle



- Minimize turnaround time
- The basic Lean Six Sigma for Service Equation
 - Turnaround Time = WIP / Capacity
- How do we maximize capacity?
 - Training
 - Get more productivity from your employees
 - Higher billing rates for existing staff
 - Allows more delegation from you
 - Assign tasks to the least expensive employees
 - Capacity planning
 - Get the right mix of permanent and seasonal staff
 - Capacity planning spreadsheet

Delight
Clients
With
Better
Service!

Tax Season Capacity Planning Steps



- Accumulate tax season statistics from prior years
 - Determine how many returns you are getting from each staff member
 - Determine how many returns you should be getting from full time and seasonal staff
- Forecast demand for the coming tax season
- Determine the number of full time and seasonal staff required
 - Keep in mind, you'll need non-tax season work for full time staff
 - In general, a person will accomplish as much after tax season as during tax season
 - Hire to hit your forecast demand

Tips For Managing Projects



- Commit to a full project review at least twice per week
- Focus on old projects and projects hung up in a status
 - You'll find projects that you believe are in the client's court, but your client believes are in your court
 - Projects don't age well
 - After two weeks, expect calls from clients with "What's the status of?" issues
 - Tax returns are not getting done when you're talking to clients about status
 - Drives up WIP and reduces Turnaround Time
 - Contact clients and staff about projects hung up at a workflow step
 - Preferably electronically
- Automate routine communications and follow-up

Winning The Tax Season



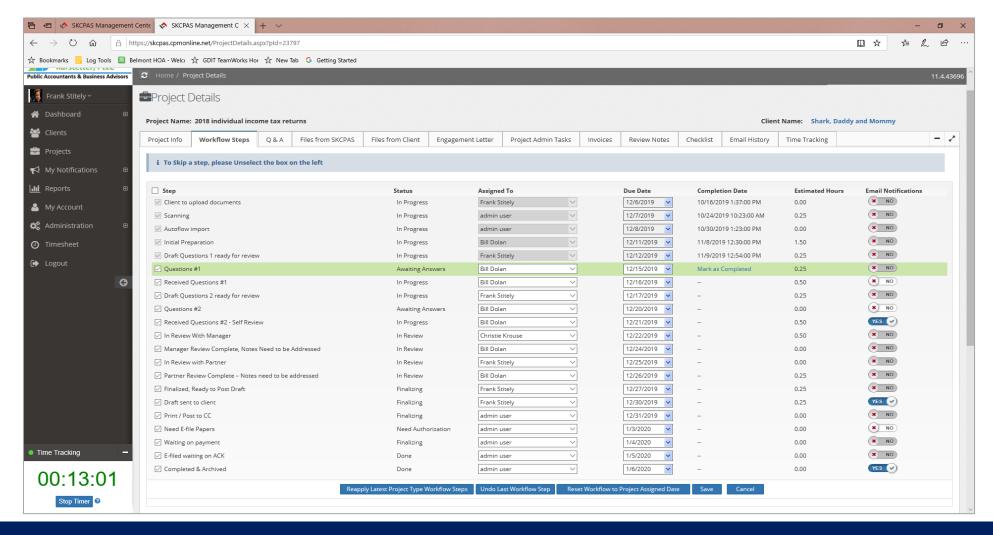
- First, improve workflow management?
 - Define project types
 - Define workflow steps for each project type
 - Define other project information to track
 - Accumulate data on projects in progress
 - Assign staff to projects (delegate, delegate, delegate)
 - Plan capacity to meet client demand
 - Manage project results as a CEO
- Then, stop working 14-hour days

The Key Is
Better Workflow
Management

Individual Tax Workflow







Defining Workflows In Your Practice



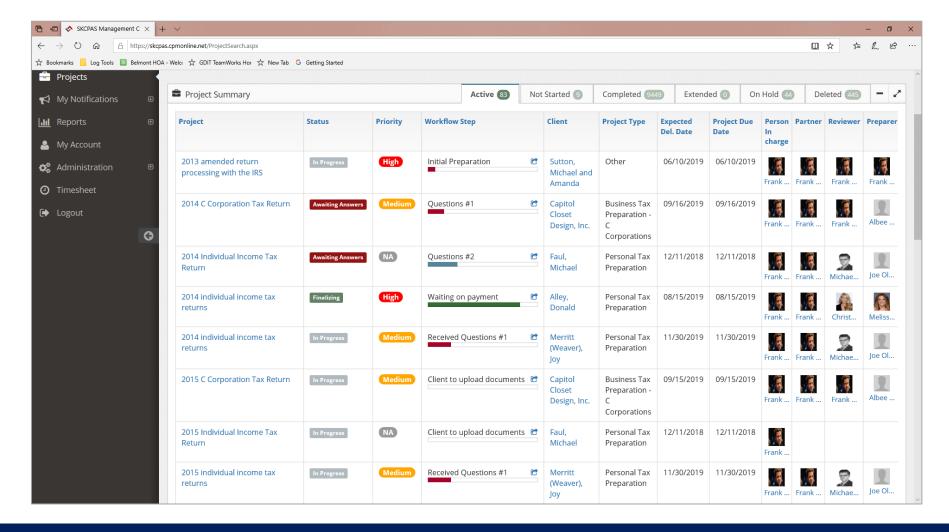


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Managing Project Workflow







Workflow And Scheduling



- XCM leader, bought in 2020 by Wolters Kluwer/ CCH
- CCH Axcess Workstream growing
- CCH iFirm
- Empire Suite
- FirmFlow

- ATOM
- Clarity Practice Management
- Doc.lt
- Karbon
- Office Tools Workspace
- Onvio Firm Management
- Practice CS
- QBO for Accountants

Major Topics

Who Is Doc.It?



- Provide document management, workflow and web portal solutions for accounting firms
- Established in 2001
- Headquartered in Canada. Representatives in California, Florida and Washington
- Product development comes from accountants (users) and industry experts
- Tax season fluctuate license counts with seasonal staff
- Serving accountants and tax professionals only
- Represent 15,000 users and 500+ firms



What Is Doc.It Suite?

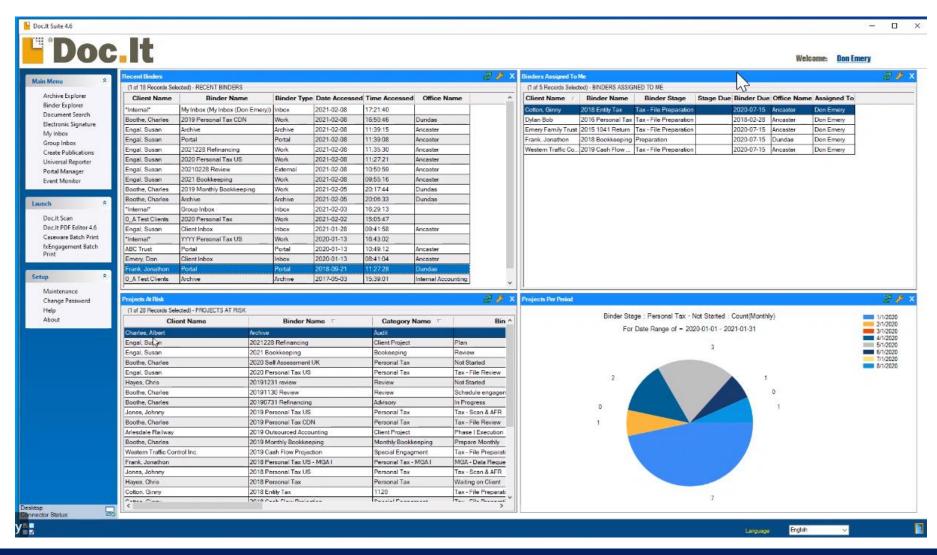


- Complete Suite that consolidates up to seven applications with SaaS and Windows clients:
 - Document Management
 - Workflow
 - PDF Editor (can replace Acrobat)
 - Scan & Organize Tools with OCR
 - Web Portal with PBC and Encrypted Link Emails
 - E-signature
 - Mobile App (Doc.It GO)

- Integration
 - CaseWare & CCH Engagement
 - Create searchable documents, edit PDFs, manage due dates, etc.
 - Auto-filing from all tax and time and billing applications
 - Microsoft Office Suite
- Unlimited award-winning customer care, no charge for upgrades and no long-term contracts
- On-premise or hosted
- Cloud with MS Azure

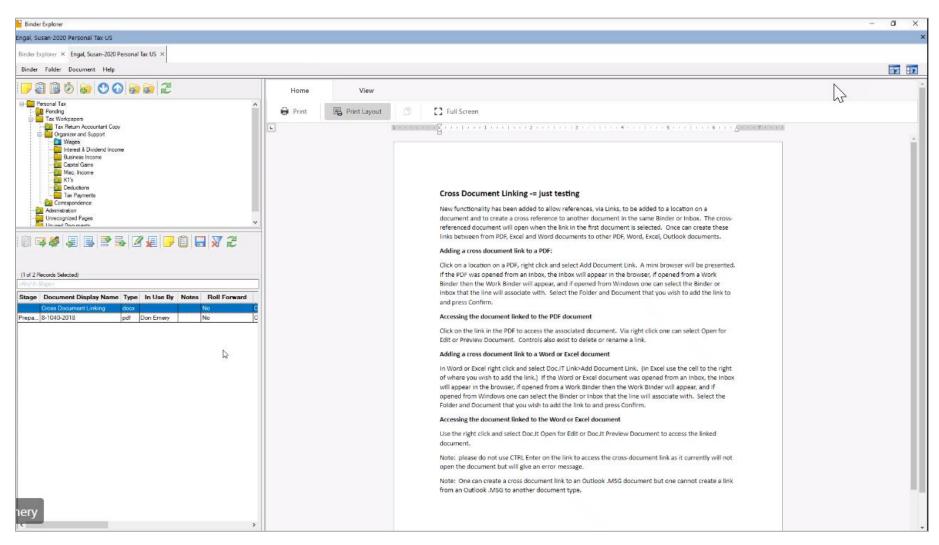
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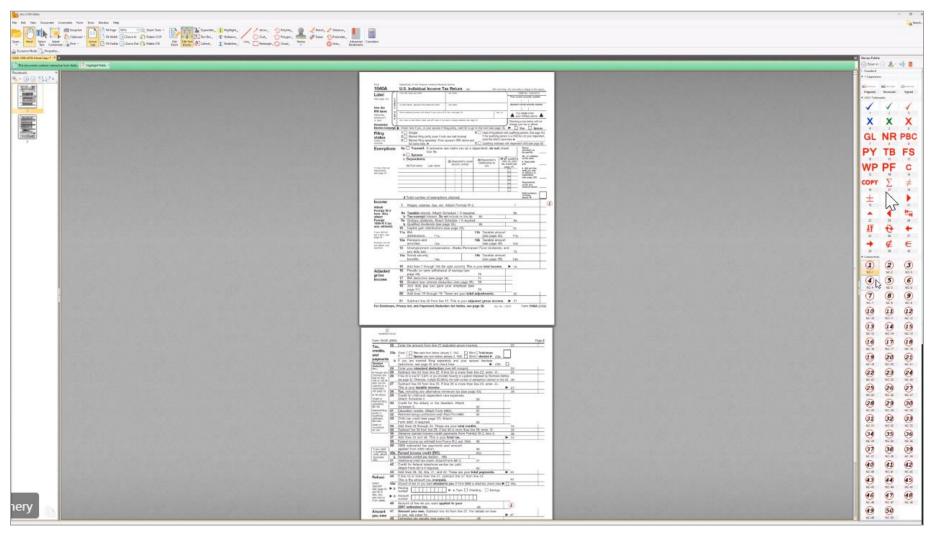
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Document Connectors





Workflow Project Tracking



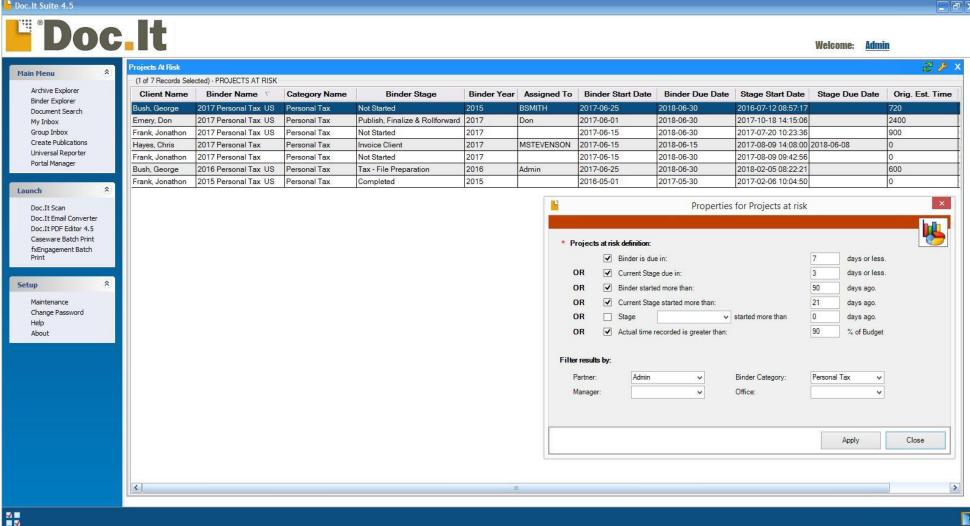
Doc.It® SUITE WORKFLOW IN YOUR FIRM

- 1. Instantly view status of all active projects.
- 2. See the status of all engagements related to a client.
- 3. Check the status of an engagement project.
- Open and view multiple Work Binders on multiple screens
- ✓ View dates and history of activity
- **Search** for documents

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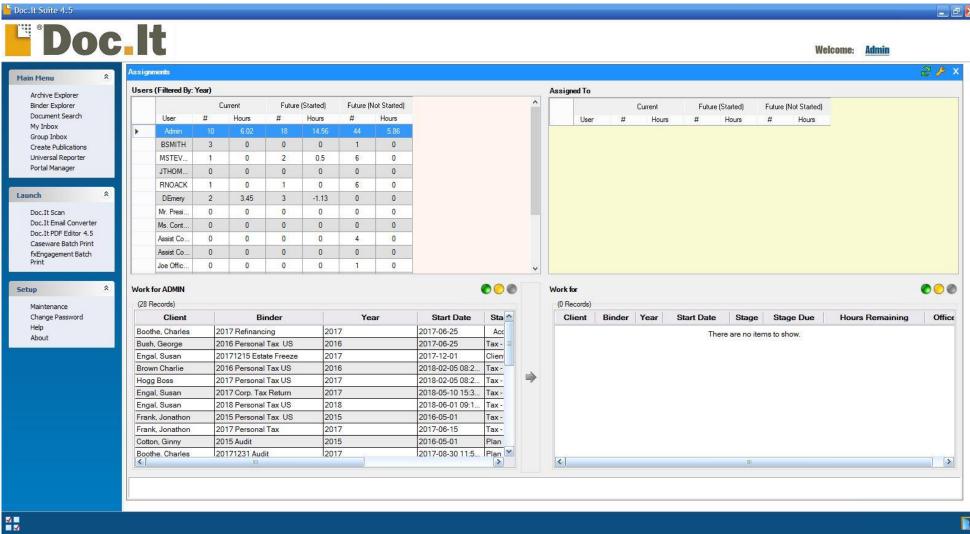
Monitor Projects At Risk





Assign Work And Set Deadlines

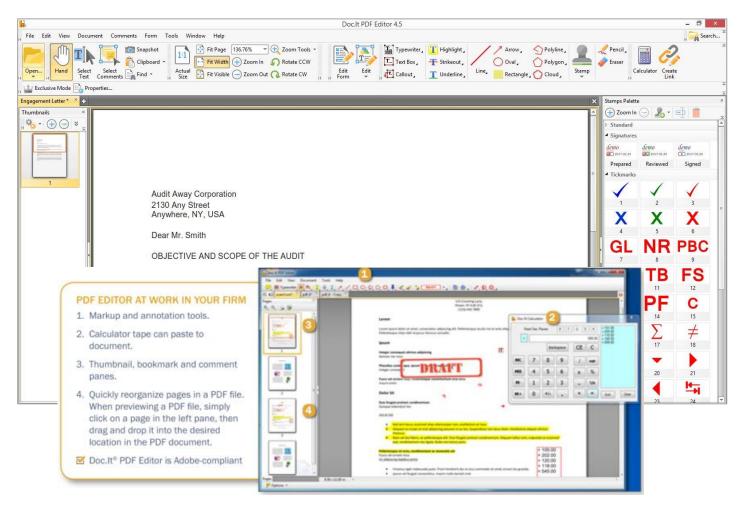




PDF Editor With Mark-up



- Acrobat replacement
 - Tick-marks
 - Stamps
 - Calculator
 - Connectors
 - Create fillable forms
 - Split, merge, combine



Doc.It Package Offerings



	Doc.It Suite	Doc.It Explore	Doc.lt Connect
Main Focus	Full Featured Suite tools	of Simple Document Management	Client Communication Portal Tools
Main Features	 Explore + Connect Scan & Organize Workflow Auto-filing Secure Archive with retention manager Integration to CaseWare and fx Engagement 	 PDF Editor Scan Tools Search Reporting 	 Engagement Workspace Integrated Web Portal PBC Checklists Encrypted Link Email eSignature integration Doc.It Go – Mobile app (optional) Reporting
Price	\$27-\$37/user/mon \$50-\$60 for cloud		\$17/user/month \$40 for cloud

SmartVault



- Online document storage
- Branded client portals
- Secure file sharing
- Integrations











Skip Workflow





SCANNING

Scanning Guidance



- Setup correctly
 - 300 DPI for most situations
 - 600 DPI for GruntWorx
- Configure software to optimize steps
- Pick major brands
 - Fujitsu
 - Canon
- Install clean-up software –
 PaperStream or Kofax VRS

- Clean scanners regularly
- Install maintenance kits yearly or when duty cycle is reached
- Use carrier sheets (scanner sleeves) for badly damaged documents

Scanning Workflow



- Big decision
 - Pre-sort by partner OR
 - Post scanning clean-up
- Scan on front end
 - Consider workpaper automation, OCR?
 - Use PDF bookmarks for major sections
- Clerical vs. professional

- Clerical post scan mapping
 - Experience/skills
 - Verification if OCR
- Electronic mark-up tools
 - PDFlyer
 - SPbinder
 - TicTie Calculate
 - Doc.lt
- Optimization may take 1-2 years
- Could start with back-end scanning

Fujitsu ScanSnap ix1600





- 33% faster than the ix1500
- Touchscreen
- Wi-Fi or USB
- Links to cloud or mobile devices
- 40 ppm / 80 ipm, 600 dpi, 50 sheet ADF
- Duplex, up to 118" documents
- Embossed cards, multi-feed detection
- \$495 (\$399 street)

Fujitsu fi-8170 Deluxe





- Fast, double-sided scanning of up to 70 pages per minute
- 100-page ADF with enhanced handling
- Includes PaperStream Capture Pro Software with one-year maintenance
- Color LCD panel for easy operation from the front of the scanner
- Supports both USB 3.2 and ethernet wired network connections
- TWAIN and ISIS compatible Works with hundreds of scanning software solutions
- \$1495 (\$1320 street)

Fujitsu Image Scanner fi-7300NX





Built on the #1 Selling Scanner Platform fi-7160

PaperStream NX Manager

PC-Less
Secure

Multiple Authentications
Job Buttons

PaperStream IP Net

TWAIN & ISIS

2.4 or 5GHz Wi-Fi

Hardware Specifications

Color Touch Screen

Letter / Legal / Long Page

Intelligent Multi-Feed

FUJITSU EXCLUSIVE!

60 ppm / 120 ipm

80 Sheet ADF

Ethernet

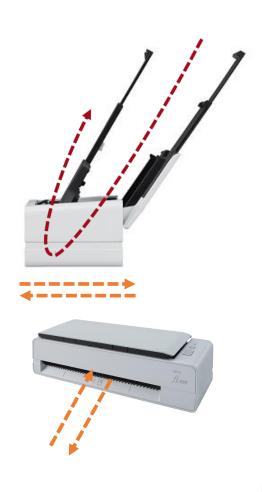
Manual Feed Mode

fi-800R



An award-winning ultra-compact and versatile document scanner





- Small Footprint
- Dual-Feed System
- Unique Performance



PaperStream Image Quality



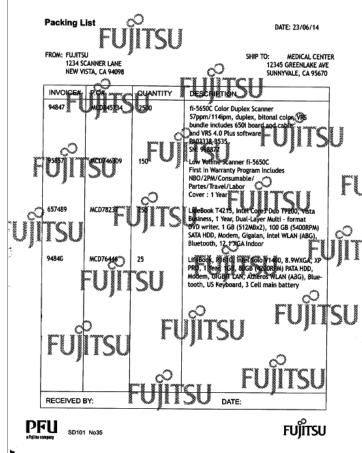
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Competition

Major Topics Original Document







PERSONAL TAX WORKPAPER AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS

Personal Tax Workpapers



- A form of tax workflow automation
- Processes must change to be successful
- Technology must be setup correctly
- Scan and Organize OR
- Scan, Organize, and Populate

Scan And Organize



- Sorts and bookmarks a PDF with supporting tax documents
- Leading players include <u>SurePrep</u>, <u>ProSystem fx Scan</u>, <u>GruntWorx</u>
 <u>Populate</u> and <u>UltraTax Source Document Processing</u>
- Others include
 - Doc.lt
 - ProSeries Tax Import
 - Lacerte Tax Import

Scan, Organize, And Populate



- Available now and working moderately well
- Eliminates tedious task of keying W-2s, 1099s, 1098s, etc.
 - CCH Scan with Autoflow
 - GruntWorx Populate
 - SurePrep 1040Scan
 - Thomson Reuters Source Document Processing
- Articles
 - <u>Do You Have a Clear Vision for Tax Document Automation?</u>
 - Do You Have a Clear Tax Vision?





TAX RETURN REVIEW OPTIONS

How Do You Want To Review Work?



- Tax preparer does initial review use workpaper automation
- Secondary reviewer/quality review for more complex returns
- Outsourced review
 - Offshore your staff, commonly in Philippines or India
 - Offshore contracted staff, commonly Xpitax, SurePrep
 - Onshore contracted staff, commonly Taxfyle
 - Technology assisted SurePrep 1040SCANverify
- Review from check calculations
- Partner high level review





COLLABORATION WITH CLIENTS

Think End To End – Portal/PBC



Core – Must Have

- Security
- Ease of use
- Client experience
- eSignature including KBA

Secondary – Better to Have

- Gather all engagement documents automatically
- Integration to PM/DMS/Tax
- Suite OR
 - Liscio
 - Suralink
 - TaxCaddy

Rethinking CPA To Client Data Flows



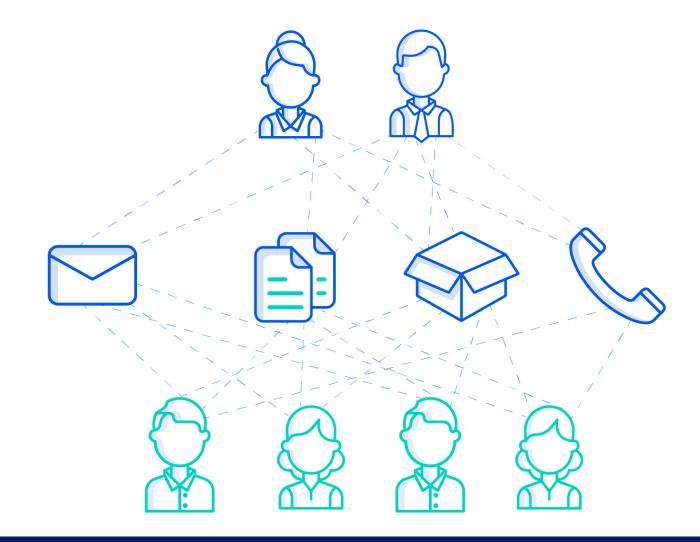
- Significant products should be reviewed for your tax workflow
 - Liscio
 - Suralink
 - cPaperless SafeSend Returns
 - SurePrep TaxCaddy
 - ShareFile PBC list tools
 - CCH My1040Data for Axcess
 - Pascal Workflow "Payment Protection"
 - Karbon Practice Management/CRM/Workflow
 - Canopy Tax

Skip Collaboration Tools

The Common Tax Process



Overwhelming Communications And Document Exchange Issues



Problems and Frustrations





Inefficiency



Lack Of Visibility



Miscommunication

For Clients

- Email documents individually or in small batches
- No way to track provided documents
- Can't easily delegate or track requests
- Unsure if they provided the right document
- No visibility into overall engagement progress
- No visibility into individual request timelines

- Provide the same document multiple times
- No easy way to communicate about individual requests
- No way to organize documents

For Firms

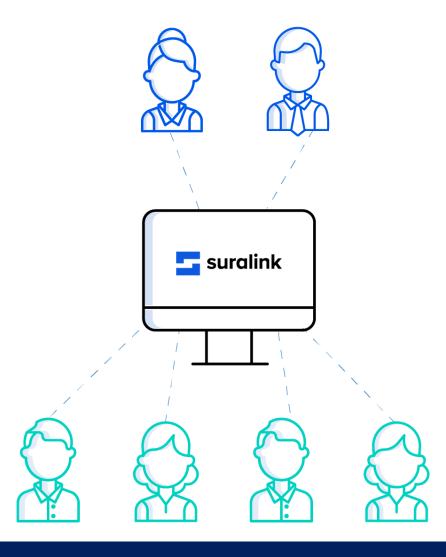
- Spreadsheets have to be manually updated
- Team & client status updates take forever
- Too much time spent organizing & chasing documents
- Request lists are constantly out of date
- Partners, managers, & CFOs have limited visibility into the process
- Unclear timeliness
- Clients say everything is in the portal
- Clients say they gave it to someone else
- Firm makes duplicate document requests

The New Way



Request and Receive Files with





Solutions and Benefits





Improved Efficiency

- Increased efficiency and realization
- Streamlined experience for clients
- Each request has a due date and audit trail



Increased Visibility

- Firm members and clients are looking at the same list, in real time
- Partners & managers have full visibility into the process



Improved Communication

- No confusion on what documents have been requested, provided, or are still outstanding
- Ability to communicate on per request basis

Security and Compliance



Security



Multi-factor authentication



SSL AES 256-bit encryption



Inactivity time-out



SSAE16 Type II SOC1, SOC2 compliant data centers



Encrypted third-party access



Recovery, backup, audit logs



Access restriction by role or engagement





SOC2



GDPR



CCPA







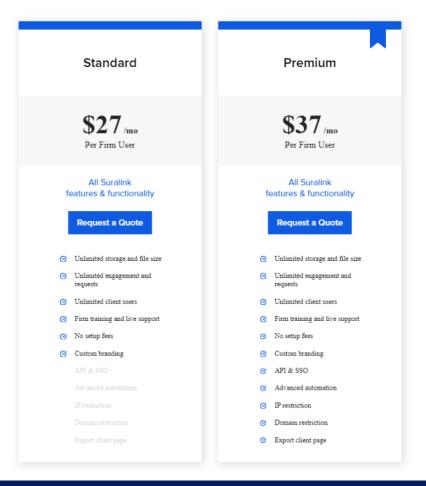


Premium Plan Pricing

Multi-year and bulk-user discounts available









Client Experience



What Has It Been?

- Disconnected
- Multiple channels
 - Email
 - Text
 - Portal
- Scan and email files

What Should It Be?

- Collaborative
- Single method to handle
 - Email
 - Text
 - Client Interactions
- Attach files in mobile app or browser

Client Collaboration Is Chaotic

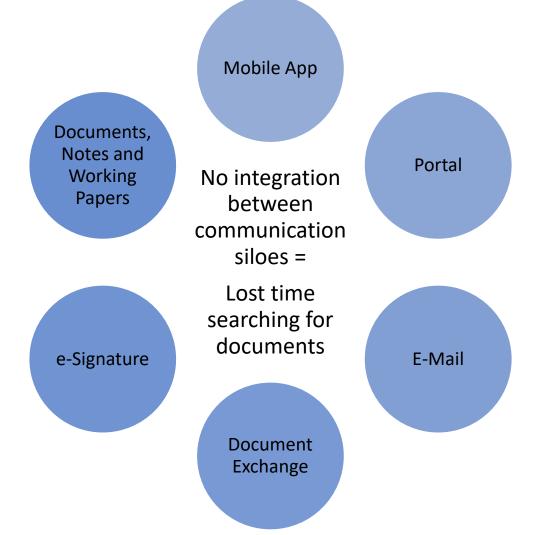




The Communication Octopus



Multiple Siloed
Client-Facing
Communication
Channels



Client Experience



Old Way

- Scan and email files
- Documents scattered
- Structured by folder
- Located by search
- Names somewhat random
- Disjoint
- Difficult

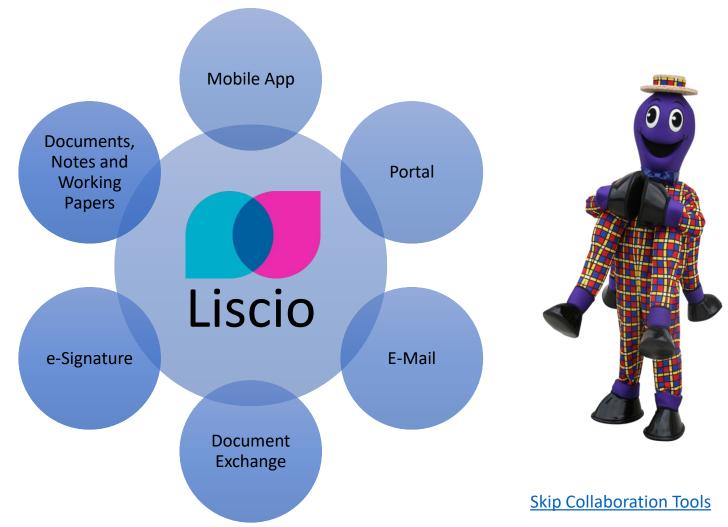
New Way

- Take picture and convert to PDF
- Documents gathered
- Structured by client
- Located by classification or name
- Tags used to classify documents
- Integrated
- Easy

Tame The Communications Octopus



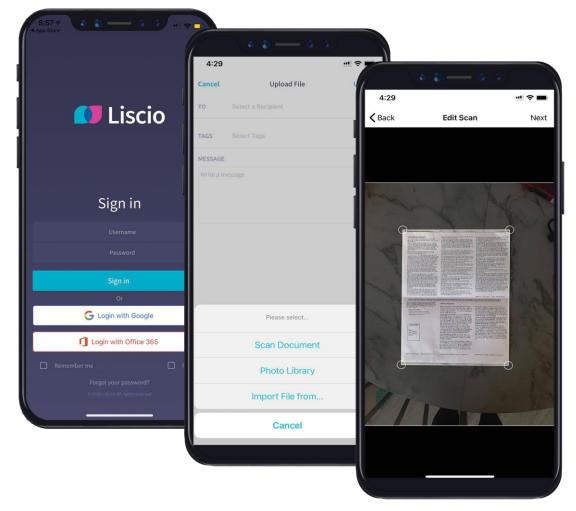
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Down Barriers For
Each Silo With
Liscio



Liscio Scanning Capability

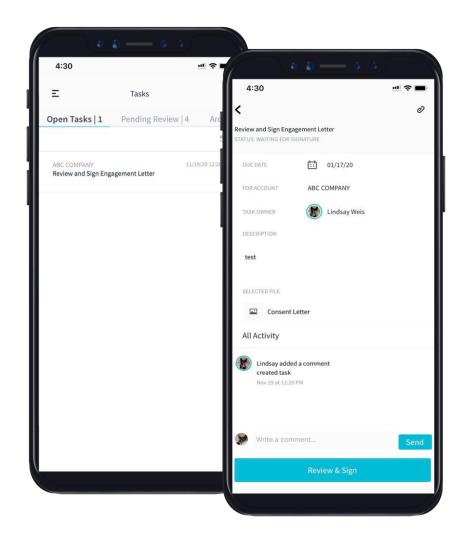


- Converts pictures from cell phones to PDF
- One Step for clients
- Ready to use PDF for team members



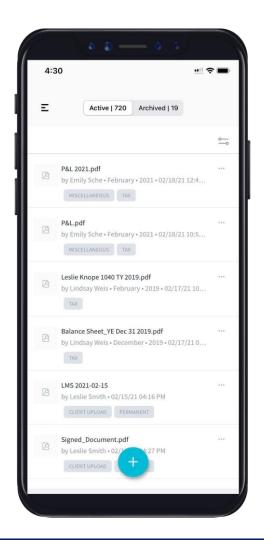
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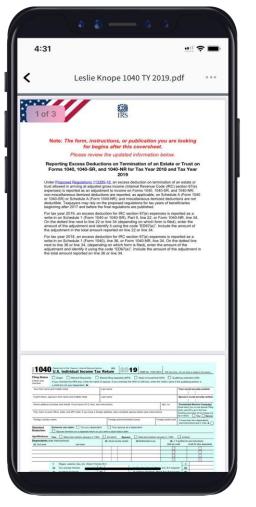
- Shows open items to client
- Visibility by all team members
- Notifications to client and team



Liscio Files

- Completed engagements
- No charge for storage
- No charge by client



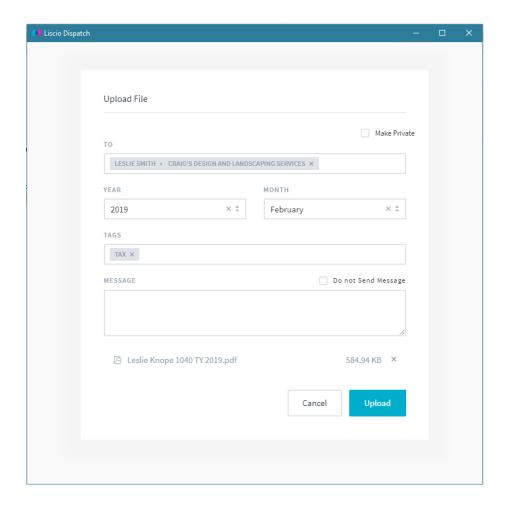


Liscio Dispatch



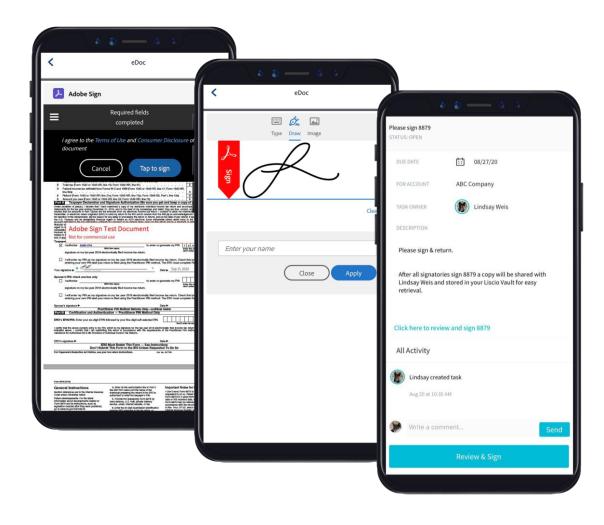
- Integrated
- If you can print, you can use Dispatch





Liscio eSignature

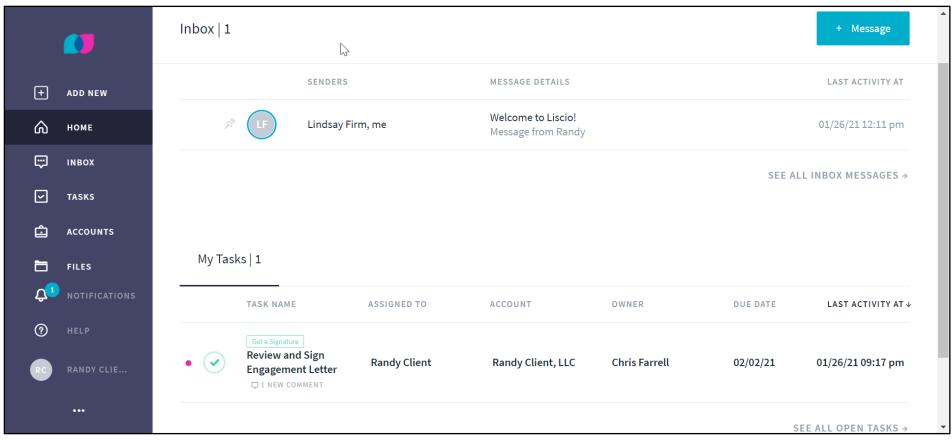
- Works on any device
- Knowledge-based authentication



Liscio Client Experience 2.0







Skip Collaboration Tools

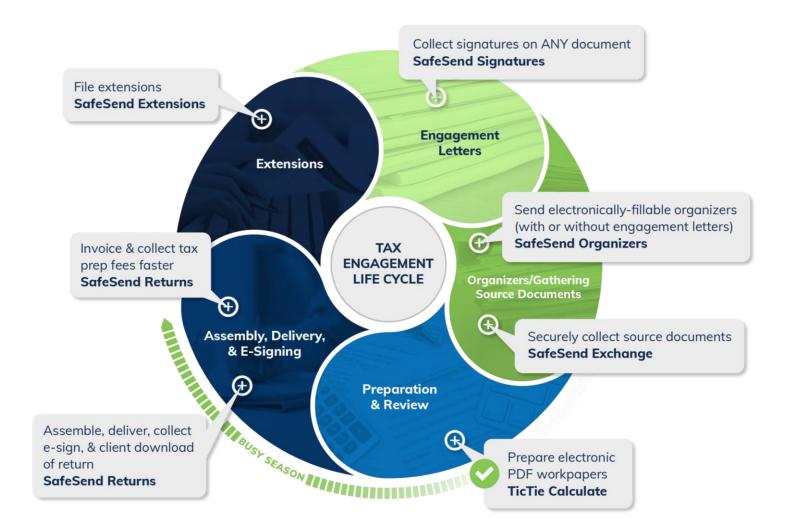
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- Designed specifically for the tax and accounting profession, SafeSend automates manual tasks across the entire tax engagement
- Makes every tedious, manual task during the tax engagement easy and fast
- Firms and clients love the intuitive, guided interface
- Secure, yet easy to access no username or password for clients to remember
- Web-based so there's nothing to install or maintain
- Only 3-4 hours to implement and train staff
- SafeSend Returns is a multi-year Technology Innovation Award winner

SafeSend Fits Your Tax Workflow





Address client needs all year long!

SafeSend Returns

- Enjoy 7 years of tax return storage
- Fill client copy requests in one click (no password needed)
- Distribute K-1s securely
- Send voucher & estimate payment reminders
- Recieve e-signed 8879 quickly from clients

SafeSend Exchange

- Send encrypted tax documents to banks and more via email
- Share large files through a client portal
- Eliminate the chore of remembering user names and passwords



SafeSend Signatures

- Send one-off and batches of documents that require e-signatures (engagement letters, POAs, 990s, etc.)
- Know where the client is in the process with live tracking and reporting
- Automate reminders to follow up with clients





SafeSend Organizers

- Automatically reads and converts your static client organizer PDF from your tax software (CCH Axcess, ProSystem fx, GoSystem Tax RS, Lacerte, UltraTax CS) to a digital fillable form with custom questions
- Gather source documents
- Request e-signatures on engagement letters or POAs







- Automate the assembly and delivery of tax returns for individual, business, and trust returns
- Standardizes your firm's internal process regardless of return type and streamlines your clients' experiences
- Know where clients are in the process using live tracking and reporting with automated signing and payment reminders
- Simplify secure electronic K-1 distribution to partners and shareholders
- Send multiple returns to one client in one communication using the Grouped Returns feature
- Invoicing and online payment services are part of the process



SafeSend Extensions

- Automate the signature block placement on forms
- Easily manage voucher and estimate payments
- Automate reminders to follow-up with clients



Technical Support and Training



- Industry Expertise SafeSend brings only the most talented professionals to their team with expertise in tax and accounting, and software engineering and development
- Live support team is US-based, located just outside Boise, ID

Simple and Transparent Pricing

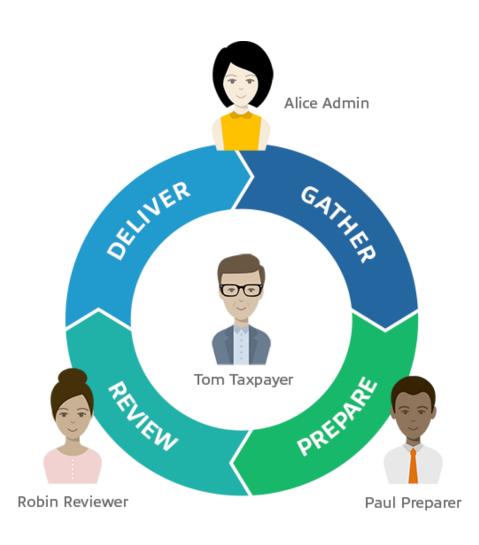


- Purchase a package of returns within one of the pricing tiers and receive unlimited use of other products in that tier
- Receive volume discounts the more returns you purchase, the more you save
- Unused returns roll over from year to year
- Unlimited support and free on-going training sessions
- Simple pricing makes it easy for firms to budget

Challenges Facing The Profession



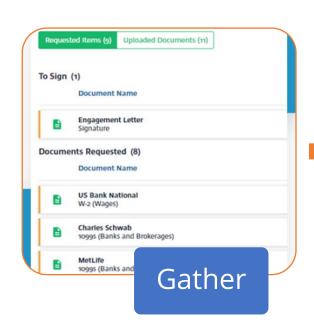
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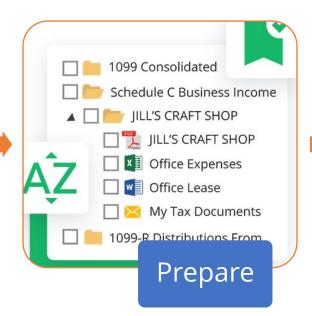


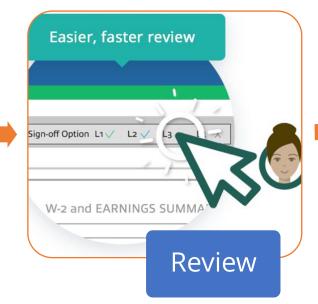
- Finding and retaining qualified staff
- Workload compression
- Standardized workflow
- Increased productivity and profitability

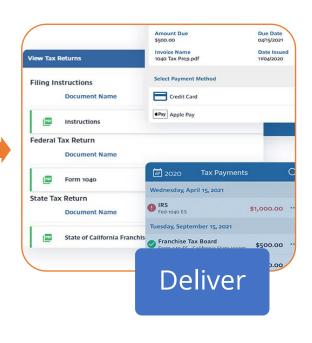
1040 Workflow Process











- Proforma Document Checklist
- Custom Questionnaires

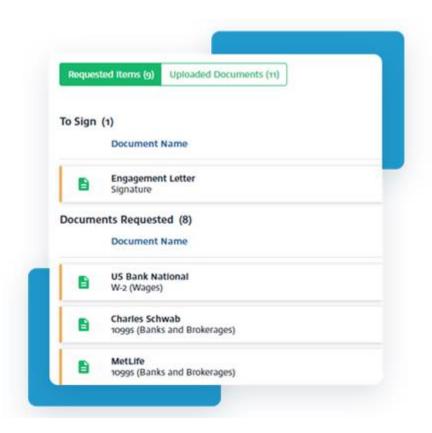
- Standardized Workpapers
- 4-7x More Documents Automated
- Bespoke Tax Workpapers
- Up to 4 Levels of Sign-Off

- Quick 8879 E-signature
- Automatic Split of Deliverables



GATHER





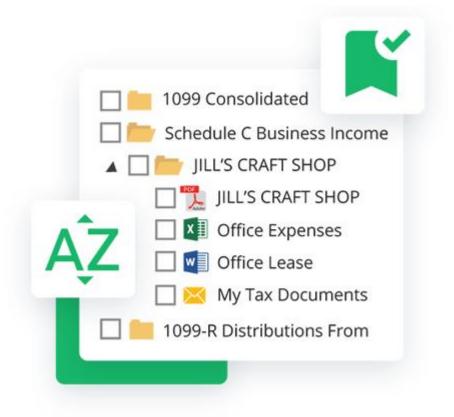
Eliminate chasing documents, signatures, and other to-dos from your clients by fully automating the gathering process.

This reduces both cost and tax season compression!



PREPARE





- Automate the painstaking assembly of tax workpapers and reduce or eliminate data entry
- Minimize OCR verification with patented auto-verify technology or let trained SurePrep



PREPARE





1040SCAN PRO

- Recruit staff
- Recurring training
- Larger learning curve

1040SCANverify

- Consistent Turn Time
- Improved Quality
- Simple Workflow



Max Doc Coverage



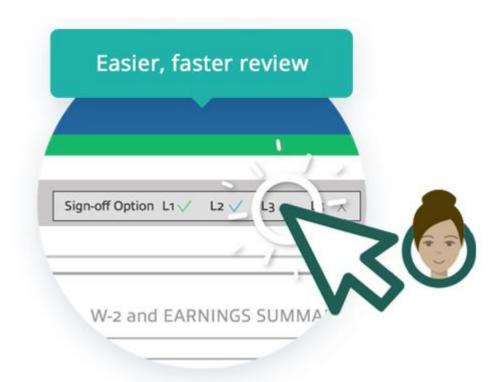
Auto-Verification of Native PDFs



Optional Verification Service

REVIEW



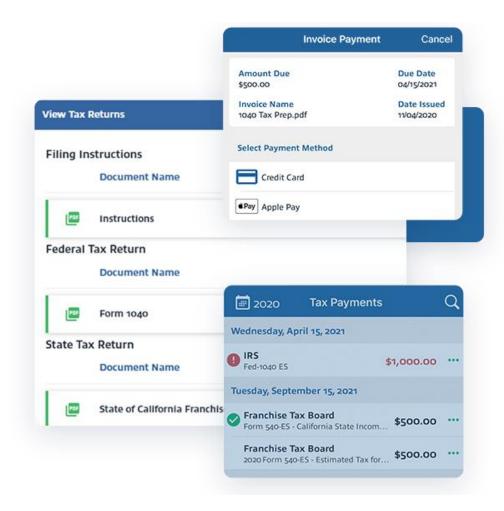


Save cost and review time by increasing staff leverage with the most productive tax workpaper system available.



DELIVER





Simplify delivery with an award-winning client collaboration platform, available on desktop, tablet, and mobile with iOS and Android apps.



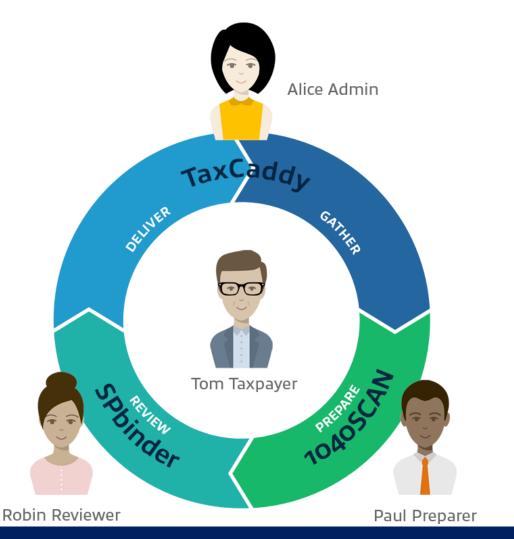
SurePrep TaxCaddy



- Rethinking and digitization of many routine CPA-client ministerial interactions for seamless data transfer
- Creates a digital organizer that uploads data directly into tax software after it is filled out on a mobile device or PC
- Answers are imported into several supported tax applications, including solutions from CCH, Thomson Reuters, and Intuit
- Documents can be automatically retrieved as PDF or CSV files from the client's brokerage account and placed in TaxCaddy with no client or staff intervention required
- E-Signature integrated for engagement letters and Form 8879, etc.
- Final "as filed" returns are delivered to client or stored permanently using TaxCaddy
- Data feeds into SurePrep 1040 Scan automatically, and can also be used with SurePrep outsourcing services

Introducing The SurePrep Tax Process



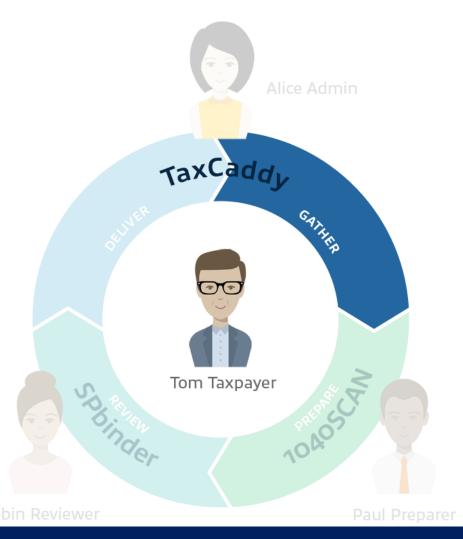


SurePrep makes your tax practice more productive and profitable

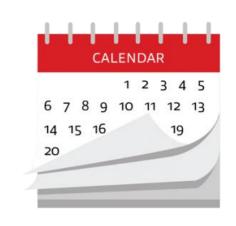
As the leader in tax automation for CPA firms, automation is the primary focus of SurePrep solutions

That's why SurePrep automates the processing of three times as many documents as competitors and streamlines the collection of those documents with software your clients will use and love



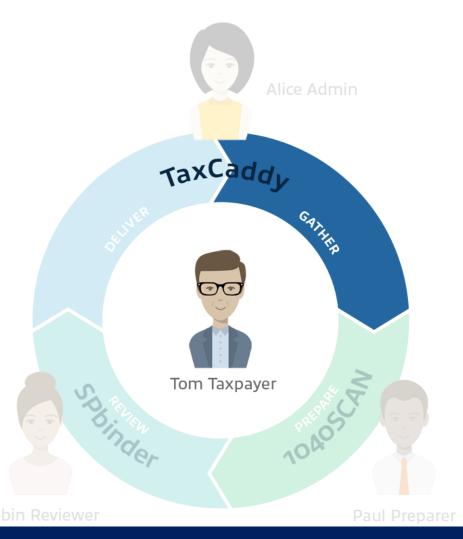


TaxCaddy helps Tom Taxpayer gather tax documents year-round

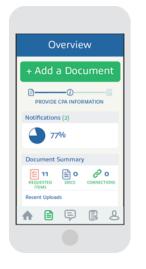






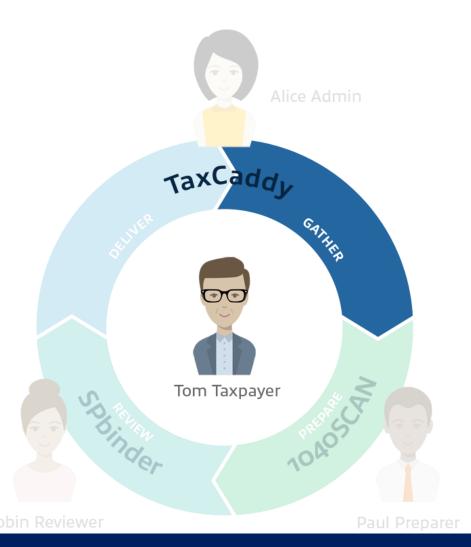


When tax time comes, Tom and his CPA are freed from the hassles of an old-fashioned organizer. Everything Tom's CPA needs is conveniently listed in TaxCaddy

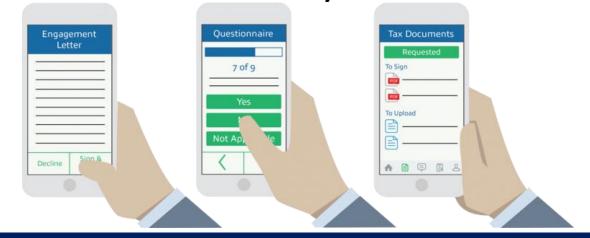




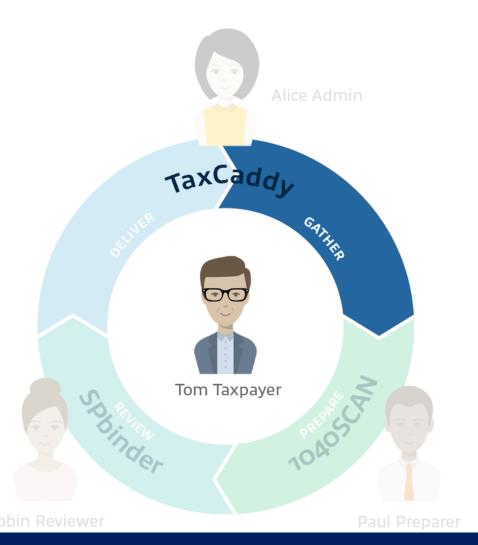




Engagement letters can be signed with a few taps, questionnaires can be completed on the go, and requested documents can be provided in several convenient and automated ways







Tom can photo-scan documents with the TaxCaddy mobile app. Tom can upload documents from his PC or Mac. Tom can even set TaxCaddy to automatically retrieve his W-2s, 1099s and 1098s from over 300 banks, brokerages and payroll service providers







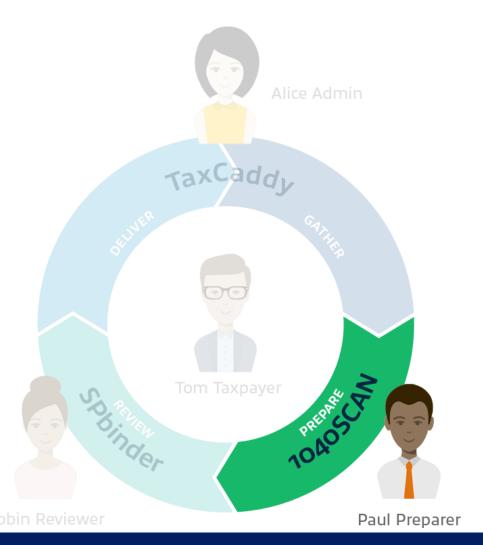


TaxCaddy saves Alice Admin time, too. She no longer needs to print and mail organizers or receive and scan source documents. Everything is requested and delivered through TaxCaddy

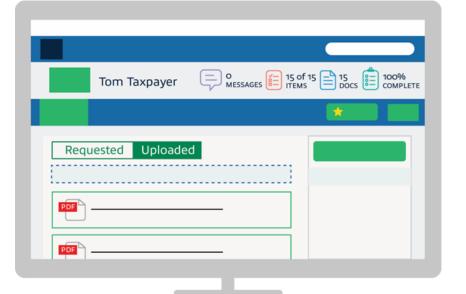


Automate Prep With 1040SCAN



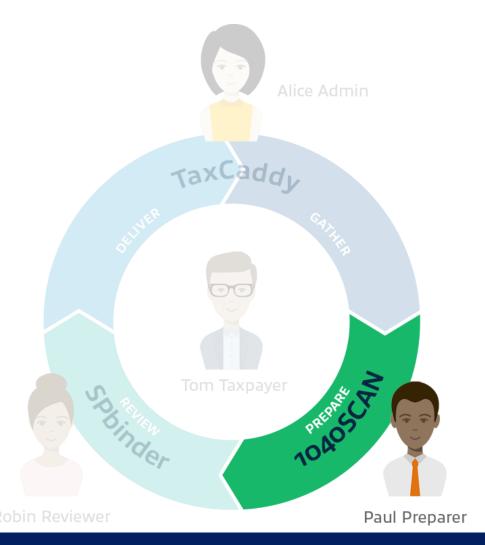


Paul Preparer gets access to Tom's documents as soon as they're uploaded or retrieved so he can start the return sooner, reducing his tax season workload compression

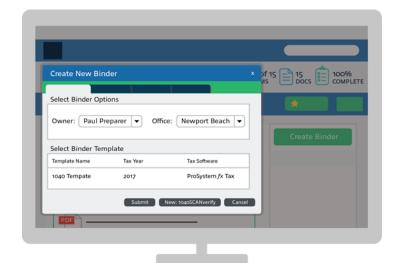


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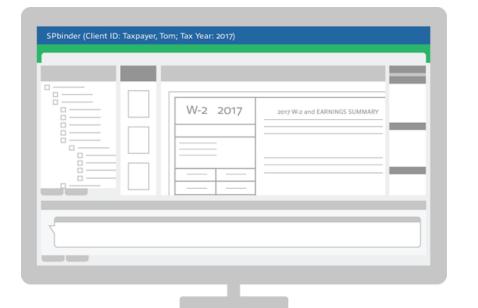
Since Paul uses 1040SCAN, he finishes the return faster as well. 1040SCAN automates three times as many tax documents as its competitors







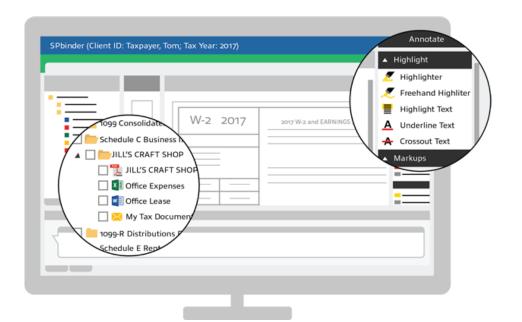
Robin Reviewer loves the time saved by SPbinder's easy-to-review workpapers







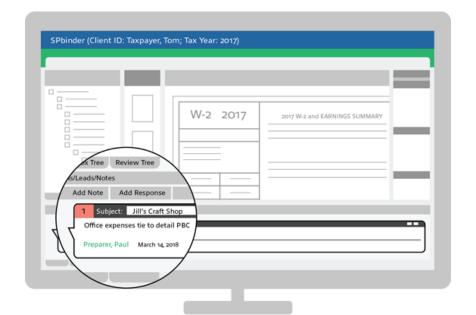
Standardized workpaper organization and tickmarking tools speeds up review



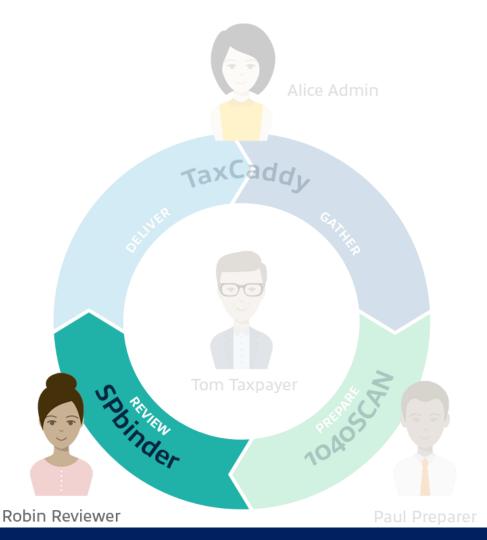




Open items and review notes facilitate collaboration between the engagement team





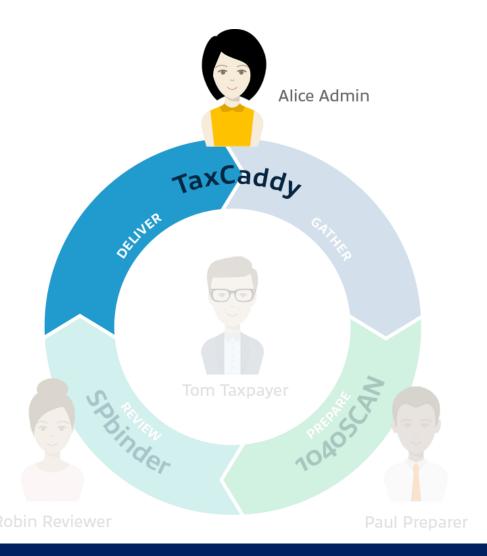


Up to four levels of workpaper signoffs across all file types (PDF, Excel, Word & Email workpapers) make it easy to know where you left off or what's changed since your last review

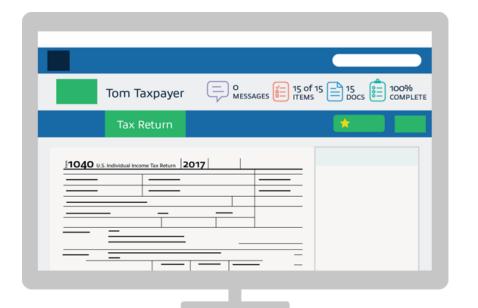


Deliver With TaxCaddy



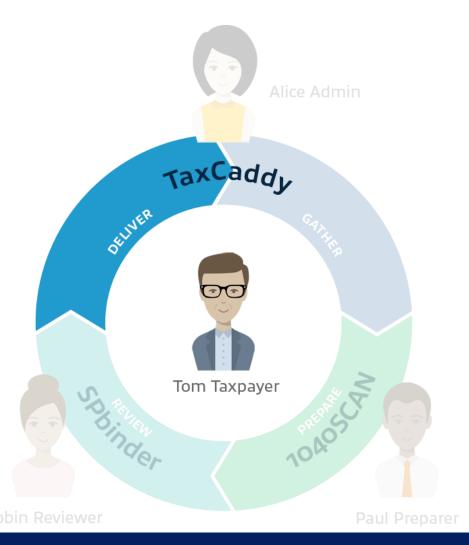


When the return is done, Alice simply uploads PDFs of the tax return and 8879 to TaxCaddy



Deliver With TaxCaddy



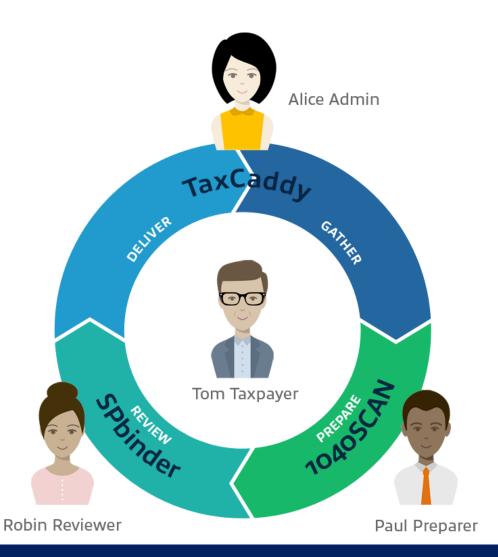


Tom reviews his return and signs the 8879 electronically with ease and convenience. Tom loves how TaxCaddy simplifies tax time



The SurePrep Tax Process





CPA firms that use a combination of TaxCaddy, 1040SCAN and SPbinder benefit at each phase of the tax return process.

- Administrative costs are reduced
- Workpaper preparation is automated
- Review efficiency is maximized
- Client service is improved

SurePrep delivers seamless integration with your existing tax software to automate and streamline the entire 1040 process for the taxpayer and the CPA

ShareFile PBC List Tool



- Available to all customers on request at no additional charge
- Can create a PBC list in Excel, upload into ShareFile
- Immediately track the status of requests; multi-file uploads are permitted
- ShareFile will track, organize by who is responsible, due date, and request category (investments, A/R, inventory)
- You can be alerted when documents arrive
- All docs in the list can be downloaded in a single zip file organized by category so staff can get started
- Reminder tools are embedded in the application





DOCUMENT DELIVERY AND COMPLETION

Ease Interaction With eSignature

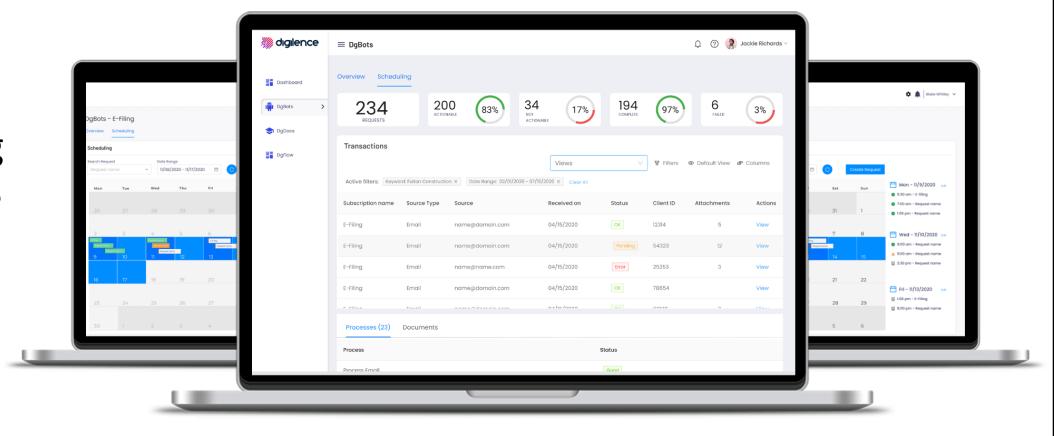


- Adobe Sign
- DocuSign
- CCH (OEM-Assure Sign)
- Doc.It (OEM DocuSign)
- cPaperless SafeSend Suite/Returns/Exchange/Signatures (OEM Adobe Sign)
- Liscio (OEM Adobe Sign)
- Right Signature (Citrix ShareFile)
- Thompson (OEM Adobe Sign)
- Zoho Sign (cannot use with 8879)
- Hello Sign (cannot use with 8879)

Diligence



Diligence
Accounting
Experience
Platform
(AXP)



Diligence AXP Automations



Core Automations		Automation Summary	
	Workflow Queue Management	 Digilence has bots that continually monitor sources and queues to trigger action This could be a (centralized) email inbox, SharePoint folder, or other requests Based on intelligent rules, Digilence can categorize and validate all inbound requests, and route the work / workflow to trigger downstream automations 	
1040	Al Document Scanning	 Digilence intelligent document processing engine automatically scans & scrapes data from any document source (PDF, Image / picture files, word, excel, etc.) Automation manual client data collection, categorization, and validation 	
	Workflow Automation	 For any supported use case, Digilence bots are trained to interact with your PM/Workstream system to make all status and workflow updates with 100% accuracy and consistency Updating workflow status across T&B, portal, document, client, etc. Works with CCH Workstream, Practice Engine, Star, XCM, FirmFlow, and others 	
	Document Management Automation	 Digilence bots automate the upload and management of any document into document systems Eliminate the pain of moving and managing documents in multiple locations Automatically receive, validate, upload, and save documents with intelligent rules 	
ĖTĖ	Communication	 Digilence has standard communications services to update all parties in real time Automation notifications via email, text, portals, etc. 	





Tax Planning And Advisory

HIGHER VALUE SERVICES

Corvee Customer and User Counts



50,000 Businesses & Individual **Users**

Taxpayers

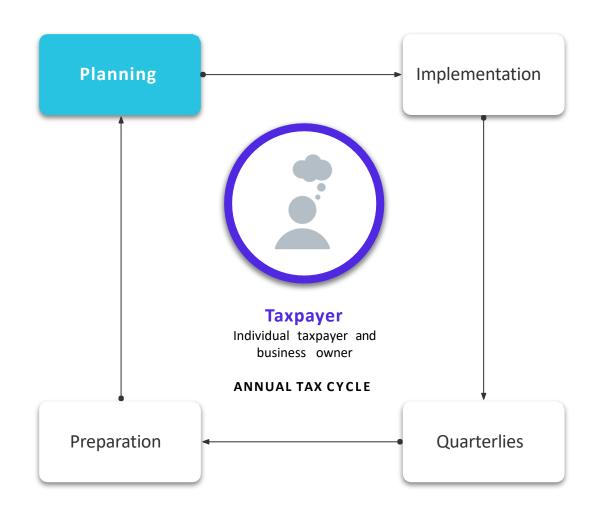
Large Business (100+)

Medium Business (10-100)

Small Business (1-10)

Self Employed (0)

Individuals



700+ Firms **Customers** 2,000+ Firm **Users**

Tax Advisors

(Tax & Accounting Firms, Financial Advisors, Tax Attorneys)

X-Large Firm (101+)

Large Firm (51-100)

Medium Firm (11-50)

Small Firm (2-10)

Sole Practitioner (1)

corvee

Common Taxpayer Journey

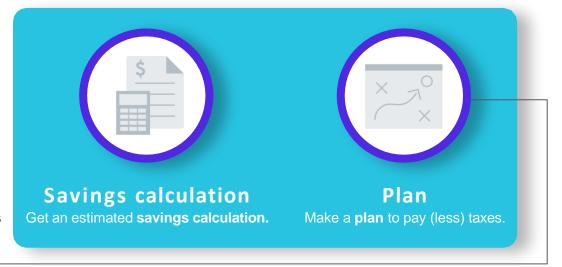




TriggerA life or business event **triggers** a tax question.



Search
Search for answers to tax questions
Investigate or call an accountant.





Decide

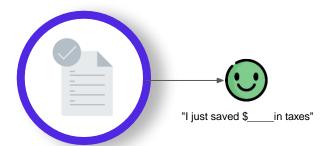
Decide which tax strategies to implement.



Implement
Implement tax strategies
and document.



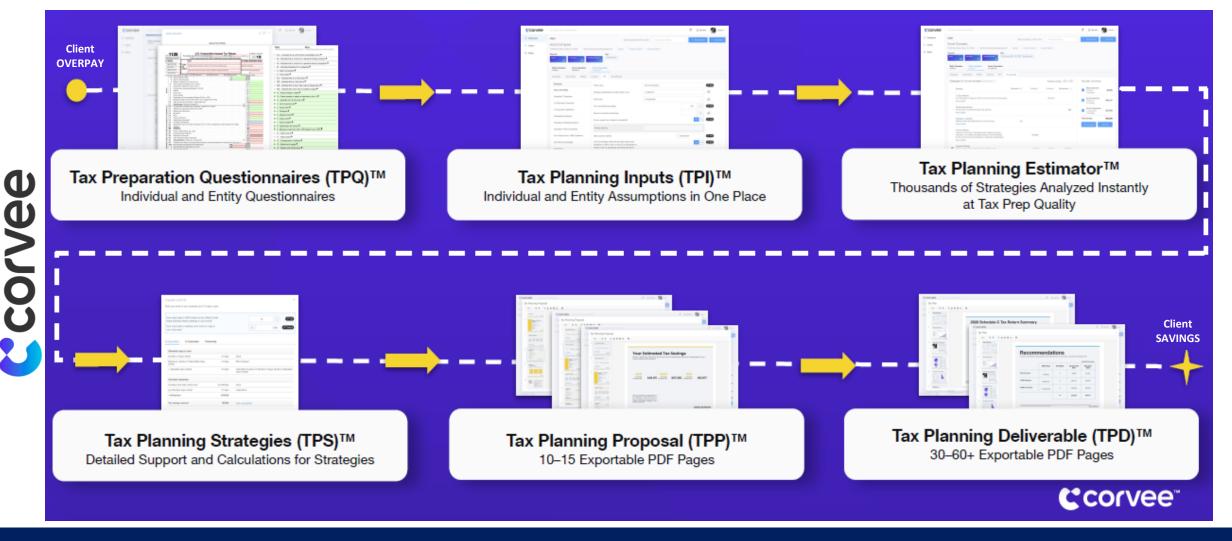
File quarterly
File quarterly tax return.



File tax return
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Tax Planning for 2022





State and Local Tax Planning

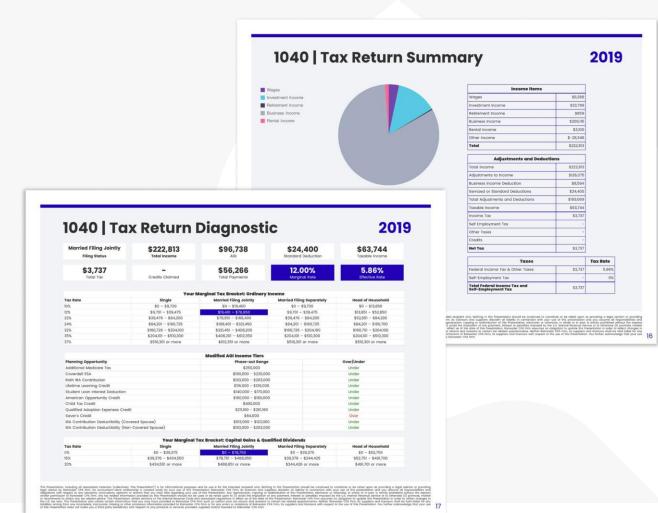




- Multi-entity tax savings by jurisdiction
- Entity tax savings by jurisdiction
- Strategy tax savings by jurisdiction
- Strategy supporting documentation to show the client
- Strategy calculation to show the client as your work

Tax Return Summaries





- Client historical tax returns in graphical format:
- 1120
- 1120S
- 1065
- 1040
- Schedule C
- Schedule E
- Schedule F
- Form 4835
- Form 8829
- Form 8995

Corvee Tax Planning



What's Included in Corvee Tax Planning Software?	Starter	Experienced
Accurately Calculate How Much Tax Clients Will Owe		
Federal Tax Planning with 66 Supported Forms (headed to 1,000)	✓	✓
Multi-Entity, Multi-Year Planning, Updated in Real-Time	✓	✓
State Tax Calculation 50 U.S. States + D.C. with 169 Supported Forms (headed to 5,000)		✓
Save Money on Taxes with the Knowledge of Tax Planning Strategies		
Federal Tax Planning With 60+ Strategies, including CARES, Covid Relief, ARP	✓	✓
Entity and Compensation Optimization	✓	✓
1,350 State and Local Planning Strategies for More Savings		✓
Prepare Tax Plans in the Fewest Number of Clicks & Keystrokes		
Interactive Tax Planning Questionnaires Reducing Client Time to Fill by 80%	✓	✓
Easy Tax Planning Inputs Screen for Staff, Managers, Sales Representatives	✓	✓
Client Collaboration Makes Requests Easy (Agreements, Engagement Letters, Files, Client Portal, Payments, Reminders)	✓	✓
Beautiful Reports to Show Clients the Value of Tax Planning		
Professional Proposals and Deliverables To Show Clients Value	✓	✓
State Tax Summaries with State Level Strategy and Savings Deliverables		✓
Enhanced Tax Return Scanning Diagnostics for 2019, 2020		✓
Get the Support You Need to Feel Confident in Tax Planning		
User Licenses to Enable Your Entire Firm to Adopt Planning	Collaboration: Unlimited Planning:1 User	Collaboration: Unlimited Planning: 5 Users
Daily Q&A with Tax Experts to Answer Your Most Complex Questions	✓	✓
Client Success Manager, Knowledgebase, Live Chat, Email & Phone Support	✓	✓





Tax Advisory Services



- Means that you, as a Tax Advisor, do all or most of the tax tasks for your clients
- This service is performed throughout the year on an annual recurring (ARR), quarterly (QRR) or monthly basis (MRR)
 - Tax planning
 - Decisions on tax positions
 - Implementation of tax strategies
 - Estimating taxes owed
 - Making quarterly payments
 - Filing annual tax returns

Major Topics





VALUE PRICING

Average Fees For Tax Preparation



\$400

1040 with a Schedule C

\$755



\$302

Itemized 1040 and state return

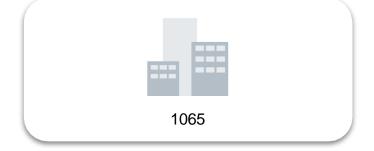
\$721



\$221

Non-itemized 1040 and state return

\$682



accountingtoday.com/news/big-jumps-seen-in-tax-prep-fees-survey

Tax Advisory Services





Planning \$2,500-\$9,800

Implementation \$1,000-\$10,000+

Preparation
\$2,000+ Biz, \$1,000 Indiv

\$25,000

Estimated tax savings

\$8,250

30% of estimated tax savings

\$2,000

Implement a few planning strategies

\$3,000

Business and individual preparation

We estimate we can save the client \$25,000 in taxes, and we just charged \$8,250 for Tax Planning, \$2,000 for Implementation, \$2,000 for the Business Return and \$1,000 for the Personal Return.

*This is an illustration and will not work on every client. Each client needs to be assessed based on their facts and circumstances.

Recommended Tax Billing Options



Option 1

Preparation Only

\$0 one-time \$650 recurring revenue



Option 2

Planning Only

\$8,250 one-time \$0 recurring revenue



Option 3

Planning + Prep

\$10,250 one-time \$3,000 recurring revenue



Option 4

TAS: Planning + Prep + Implementation + Quarterly

\$2,500/QTR TRR



Why Tax Pros Have No Time!



\$300

Stand-Alone 1040



\$15,000

Tax Planning, Implementation, Prep, Quarterlies





TAX TECHNOLOGY TOOL OPTIONS

Tax Preparation Software



Legacy System

Anticipated Future SaaS System

- GoSystem RS
- ProSystem fx Tax
- Lacerte Tax
- UltraTax CS
- ProSeries
- Drake Tax
- TaxAct

- ONVIO Tax
- Axcess Tax
- ProConnect Tax
- ONVIO Tax
- ProConnect Tax
- Drake Tax
- TaxAct

More Choices In Canada



Suite

- Wolters Kluwer CCH iFirm -Practice, Tax, Engagement, Document, Workstream, more
- Thomson Reuters Onvio –
 Firm Management, Tax,
 Workpapers, Accounting, more
- CaseWare International Working Papers, Cloud, and ReviewCompTax (RCT)

Best Of Breed

- Intuit Profile, Online Pro Tax T1, T2 Pro Tax FAQs (intuit.com)
- <u>TaxCycle</u> built in e-signature with DocuSign (Canada data centre)
- <u>Signatory</u> an all-Canadian esignature solution
- TPS Cloud Axis, Doc.It Suite

Tax Resolution Software



Key Features to Consider

- Handles a variety of cases collections, penalties, spousal
- Client Communications
 - Letter generator
 - Client requests
 - Client Financial questionnaire
- Collections outcomes analytics

Competitors

- Canopy Tax Resolution
- CommunityTax
- IRS Solutions
- PitBull Tax
- TaxAct Protection Plus

Tax Technology Changes

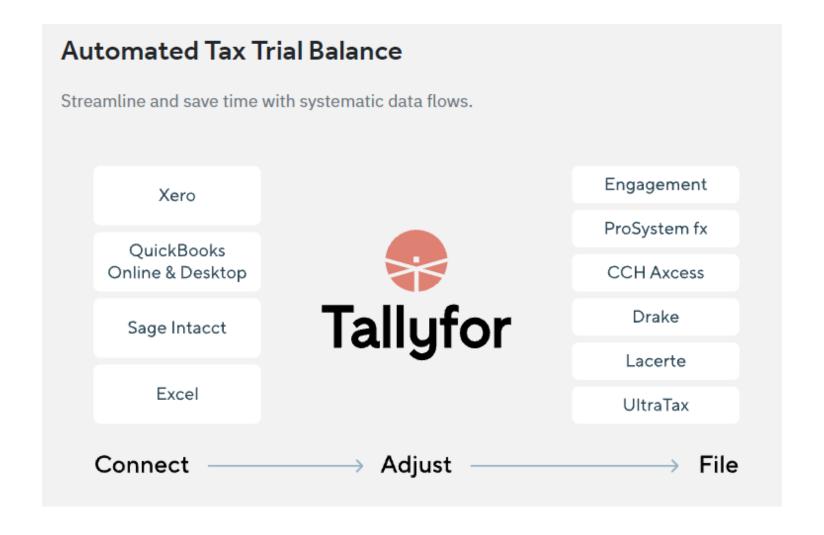


- Tax Planning Corvee
- Much better client experience
 - PBC (Suralink, Liscio)
 - Deliverables (SafeSend Returns)
 - eSignature
 - Trial Balance (Tallyfor)
- More SaaS (ignore the Sept 15 GoSystem RS outage)

- Robotic Process Automation for your firm (in general) and eFiling Diligence
- Variety of pre-accounting tools to drive CAS, business returns
- Digital plumbing to connect the systems
- Cryptocurrency

Tallyfor Tax Trial Balance





Products For Tax Practice



Corvee

Digilence

Ledgible

Liscio

Suralink

Tallyfor

- Main vendors are upgrading their products – WK, TR, Intuit
- Portals are changing
- 1040 Workpaper accuracy is improving
- More business trial balances are flowing through CAS practices

Take Aways



- Scanning is easier and faster than ever before
- Outsourcing options have more choice
- 1040 workpaper solutions have increased in accuracy
- Technology tools help in collaboration with clients
 - Liscio
 - Suralink
 - Axcess Workflow
 - eSignature
 - Digilence RPA for eFiling



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QUESTIONS?

