Your role

Your primary task is to install and configure the software to effectively support the workflow features that are used both by the prepress system and the MIS software or other source of job information. After you install and activate the software, Business Link is aware only of any new jobs that are created, and it immediately starts to collect and manage data about the jobs. The software requires very little ongoing maintenance, and you typically support the system through basic monitoring, reporting, and updating.

Assumptions and prerequisites

This documentation assumes that all the hardware, software, and network components of your Prinergy system are installed and licensed, and that you:

- Have a working knowledge of Prinergy prepress operations
- Are familiar with the Microsoft Windows operating system
- Have a basic understanding of Job Definition Format (JDF) concepts

Your ongoing responsibilities

After the software is installed and configured, you can help to ensure uninterrupted service by monitoring system activity and providing support as needed. For example, you might perform any of the following tasks:

- Keep the software up to date by installing updates as they become available.
- Monitor the communication between the connectors.
- Set up and monitor e-mail notifications of system and job events.
- Schedule automatic backups, and perform manual backups if needed.
- Troubleshoot problems, which can include reviewing system log files. Troubleshooting
 information is available for the installation, the connectors, unavailable work types, and for
 automated imposition.
- Run the installer again to select a different connectivity option.
- Set up new features, such as:
 - Workflow processing (if an MIS can send JDF/JMF messages to initiate job processing, you can also use automation for archiving, purging, retrieving, exporting, or importing jobs)
 - Automated imposition (the ICS JDF connectivity option can be used to generate signatures that meet MIS-specified imposition requirements and to import any successfully completed impositions into the Prinergy jobs, complete with exact page positions and marks)
 - Press previews support (a Prinergy system can use Kodak PrintLink digital inkprofiling software to generate the preview data that is used by a press controller for setting up a print job)

To find information about these or other tasks, use this system administration guide.