

# Activity 20: Apply Preps Variable Text Marks

## Who should complete this activity

- Prepress operators

## Why you should complete this activity

When you send pages or sheets to an output device, you may want to include information about that output, such as the name of the color separation, job name, and output date. Variable marks, also known as marks or slug lines, allow this information to be gathered at the time of output.

You can include variable marks in an imposition plan and submit the imposition file to the system. When you apply a process template to a signature or layout that is based on the imposition file, the system executes the process template and populates the variable marks in the signature or layout.

## Recommended reading

[Prinerger Evo Workflow Client user guide](#) for your version of Prinerger Evo Workflow software.  
Search for:

- Variable Marks and Preps Job Tickets
- Tell Me More About Variable Marks

[Preps User Guide](#) for your version of Preps Imposition Software.

## Time required to complete this activity

20-40 minutes

## What you'll learn

- How variable text marks work in Preps and Prinerger Evo
- How to find more information about working with Preps and Prinerger Evo

## What you'll need

For this practice activity, you must:

- Have Preps 6.3 or later installed
- Make sure the required Preps templates has been copied to the **Preps\Templates** folder on your client computer. For this activity, check that the following template is installed:  
**ITP Files\Impositions\Preps Templates\ITP-Templates**
- Make sure your Prinerger Evo system has an output from imposition process template configured to create Prinerger Virtual Proofing System software preview files
- In the location to which you extracted the activity files, find the **Activity 20** folder and these files:
  - Annual.p0001.pdf
  - Annual.p0002.pdf

- Annual.p0003.pdf
- Annual.p0004.pdf
- Annual.p0005.pdf
- Annual.p0006.pdf
- Annual.p0007.pdf
- Annual.p0008.pdf

### **What you'll do**

- Use Preps variable text marks in a PDF workflow.
- Locate more information about working with Preps and Prinergy Evo.