

DAVbridge 2.0

Integrating Adobe FrameMaker documents and books with Xerox DocuShare

Bringing collaborative document management to technical writers at an affordable price!

DAVbridge provides document assembly in the background while your technical writers work on other documents thereby saving hours of time over manually updating chapter files used among multiple books. DAVbridge leverages the publishing capabilities of FrameMaker to create a powerful, shared publishing system. FrameMaker authors don't need to convert all their documents into XML and create EDDs and various scripts to accomplish basic FrameMaker capabilities while adding controlled, shared access to resources. If you don't need your documents and books to be any more granular and the content isn't being dynamically repurposed for other online content, then you don't need to spend weeks to months converting everything to XML. DAVbridge works with native FrameMaker files.

DAVbridge provides a menu with functions for interacting with Xerox DocuShare which provides the necessary library functions at a very affordable price for small to large organizations:

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| ☒ Check-out (lock) / Check-in (unlock) | ☒ Multi-book document assembly |
| ☒ Version control | ☒ Re-use management |
| ☒ Routing for approval | ☒ Historical tracking |

Permissions for access, authoring, and management by users and/or groups is provided to ensure only authorized persons can view, revise, and control specific documents and books.

New to DAVbridge 2.0

DAVbridge Drones

Drones can be implemented on networked PCs or servers to process document assembly jobs while the author creates or updates content in other books or chapter files to be processed. Each Drone represents a small investment in significantly increasing the productivity of each writer by offloading the processing for which they would otherwise be constrained to do little or nothing on their own workstations. Some assembly processes affecting many documents take an hour or more to process.

DAVbridge Manager

We've implemented a central database for the administrator to specify and configure resources and for setup of users and drones. It further allows them to view and manage jobs in progress to see who the responsible parties are and check the status of each. Views can be filtered and sorted by Change Notice, Author, Drone, and Status. This removes the guesswork or manual tracking of your documentation team.

Documentation and QC Managers will appreciate the ability to easily view data relating to which documents are reused among multiple books. DocuShare metadata richly describes the documents and provides tracking of reviewers and approvers. Built-in document routing allows circulation to engineers and managers to review and reject or approve changes. Reviews are routed as PDFs for ease of access. Approved content is saved in final format as PDFs for print on demand and distribution. FrameMaker documents are tracked and managed by change control numbers and books are incremented by a revision level once approved. History pages are also updated to reflect the changes.

DAVbridge is primarily written in FrameScript that is based on Adobe's FrameMaker Development Kit, so there's tremendous integration with all that FrameMaker provides in the way of reference links, variables, templates, and more. The DAVbridge updates your books' table of contents, indexes, title page, and history pages. If necessary, we can customize DAVbridge to meet your specific needs. DAVbridge can be used with new and existing FrameScript applications to extend your capabilities and streamline your processes.

Move your authoring environment way beyond tedious manual updates to the next level of efficiency with the least amount of effort. For more information, call Criteria First.



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