

Color iControl

Online Color Quality Control and Formulation Software

Many current color management systems need to operate within a network and with information that needs to be shared and distributed among a variety of users and locations. The challenge is to consistently meet these requirements while maintaining control of data and user rights. Color iControl provides a solution that allows any number of locations to easily communicate and share color data.



Color iControl Advantages

Centralized Control and Management

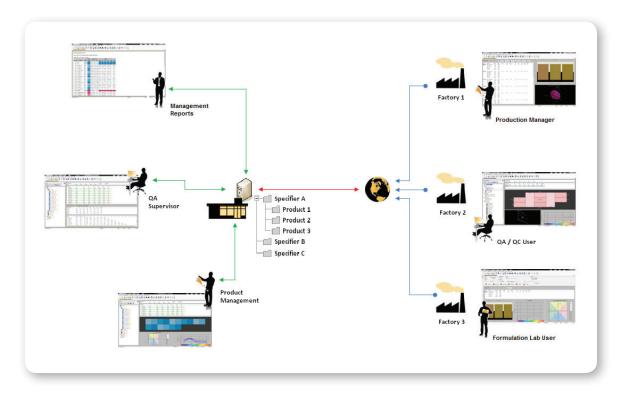
- Color iControl's account management system allows an administrator to create, modify, and mange groups of users, providing supervisory control over user rights and permissions.
- It enables supervisors to hide controls and manage functionality by user.
- Each User Group account can be assigned a default desktop.
- Desktops contain program settings, permissions, database and path settings, screen layouts, and toolbars and are an easy way to modify program appearance and behavior based on different user requirements.

An example would be desktops for Production, Lab, and Manager to easily tailor operation for each department, and each department may run 3 shifts with each shift operator using the same group account for their department.

Data Access Managed by User, Function, or Location

- Color iControl's account management systems also includes the ability of assigning read or write permissions to data stored in the database based on Security Groups.
- Security Groups are defined by regions and each region can contain user defined sub regions called locales.
- User Groups can be assigned to a specific Region and Locale so that when measurements are taken, or data entered, they are assigned to the Region and Locale of the creating User Group.
- When recalling or writing data to the database, user groups permissions can be set to allow access to local, regional, or all data, allowing administrators manage or restrict access to a centralized database by User Group.

For example, a user assigned to the "Asia, Hong Kong" region/locale would not be able to see or retrieve data that was stored by the "USA, New York" office unless they had the permission to retrieve data "from all regions".



Configurability

- Jobs are containers that contain all the items a user needs to perform a specific function.
- Sending a Job to another user sends all of its contents: settings, displays, screen layout, tolerances, colorants, and data.
- This functionality can be extended to the creation of desktops tailored for different workflows and for different types of users.

An example could be a project that requires several standards along with their acceptance criteria [document based architecture].

Traceability

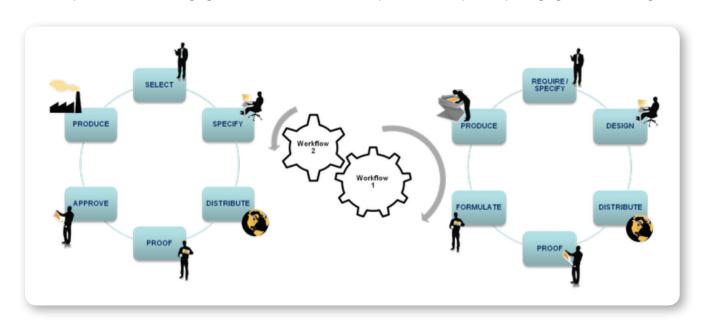
- Every measurement, colorant, and collection in Color iControl is created with a unique Digital Signature that identifies that specific object for its entire life.
- This allows color data to be recognized by the software as it circulates with a workflow or supply chain.
- Digital Signatures maintain relationships between colors and allows submissions to be linked to their associated standards automatically.

Attempting to add a new item to the database which is actually a renamed copy of a original will flag the attempt and either update the item in the database or create a new object with a new Digital Signature.

Connectivity

- Communications between many types of color and business systems is becoming mandatory.
- This integration often involves IT Support and special software modifications.
- Color iControl contains multiple methods that allow users to select and format color data and direct it to a location or application of their choosing.
- This information can be sent automatically as samples are measured, making it ideal for automatic integration into manufacturing and process management systems.
- In addition, Color iControl can import and export in a wide range of Industry standard formats [CxF1, CxF2, CxF3, EXP, QTX, MIF, SMP, XML, PAL, TXT, DAT, MDB...], simplifying the exchange of data with partners using alternative or legacy color related systems.

An example would be exchanging branded color data between product development, packaging, and advertising.



Other benefits include

- No local software installation
- Connections using Remote Desktops
 [Microsoft Terminal ServicesTM or CitrixTM]
- Simplified updates
- Remote application support
- Easy to expand

Service offerings

X-Rite offers a complete suite of complimentary server products to insure customers obtain the maximum benefit from their iControl system.

- Color iControl Support and Maintenance Contract:
 Provides 1 year of premium phone and online support including software upgrades
- Color iControl "Start the Engine": 3 days of support for system setup and configuration [settings, templates, custom toolbars, style sheets, remote output, etc.]

Color iControl Server Requirements				
ltem	Recommended	Minimum		
Operating System				
Version	Windows 2008 Terminal Server or Citrix Server	Windows 2008 Terminal Server or Citrix Server		
Hardware				
Memory	4 GB	2 GB		
Processor	Dual - 3.06 GHz	2.80 GHz		
Cache	12MB	8 MB		
Disk Capacity	1 TB	500GB		
Database				
Supported Engines	MS SQL Server 2005/2008 Standard	MS SQL Server 2005/2008 Standard		

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General / Quality Control	Color iControl QC	Color iControl Match
Job Driven Workflows	•	•
Extended Tolerancing (Indices)	•	•
Dynamic Averaging	•	•
Filters by Tag or Date	•	•
Automatic Tag Prompts	•	•
Remote Job Support	•	•
Intelligent Customization	•	•
Connectivity: Import / Export Capabilities	•	•
Data Management	•	•
Online Training	•	•
NetProfiler Enabled	•	•
Traceability / Automatic Associations	•	•
Textured On-Screen Color	•	•
Image Capture / Association	•	•
Dynamic Image Viewer	•	•
Automatic [Intelligent] Tolerancing	•	•
Networkable Database	•	•
Design System Links using CxF	•	•
User Defined Procedures	•	•
Visual Representation of Tolerances	•	•
Interactive Plots and Graphs	•	•
Remote File Output	•	•
Integrated Submit and Tagging	•	•
Context Sensitive Help	•	•
Password Protect Key Functions	•	•
Dynamic Database Viewer / User Defined Hierarchy	•	•
Palette Programs, Color Programs, Vendor Management	•	•
eMail / FTP Support for Managing Submissions	•	•
Cross Trial Color Differences	•	•
Data Output to XML, Style Sheets, Direct-to-Database	•	•
Configurable HTML View using XML Style Sheets	•	•
Color Coded Tags and Labels	•	•
Snap to Color		

Formulation	Color iControl QC	Color iControl Match
Superior Color Matching: Multi-Flux, Single Constant		•
Colorant Tags and Rules		•
Measurement Modes		•
Tristimulus Matching		•
Formula Search		•
Search and Correct		•
Multiple Target Matching		•
Gloss Compensation		•
Lightness Adjustment		•
Manual Formulation and Correction		•
Thickness / Opacity Control		•
User Definable Formula Output		•
Palette Finder		•
Configurable Recipe Scoring and Formula Sorting		•
Quick Corrections		•
Integrated Quality Control		•
Colorant Calibration or Primary Evaluation		•
Alternate Colorants		•
Searchable Formula Codes		•