

What's New in Metrix 1.7

JDF Imposition with Content

Metrix 1.7 introduces fully imposed JDF with **PDF content!** This groundbreaking achievement means that your Metrix JDF includes all the information required to output completely imposed plates from your JDF-enabled prepress system or RIP, bypassing the need for desktop imposition.

Metrix 1.7 has been successfully tested with these prepress systems and RIPs:

- Agfa – :ApogeeX 2.5
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- Artwork Systems – Odystar 2.0.3
- DALiM – MiSTRAL
- EskoGraphics – Backstage 3.0
- FujiFilm – Celebrant 6.03
- Global Graphics – Harlequin Genesis RIP (with JDF Enabler)
- Heidelberg – Printready 2.1 SP3
- Kodak (Creo) – Prinerger 3.0
- Kodak (Creo) – Evo 3.1
- Screen – TrueFlow 3.10 TF020
- Xitron – Xenith 4PDF
- Xitron – Xenith Extreme 6.03

Support for Acrobat 7 JDF

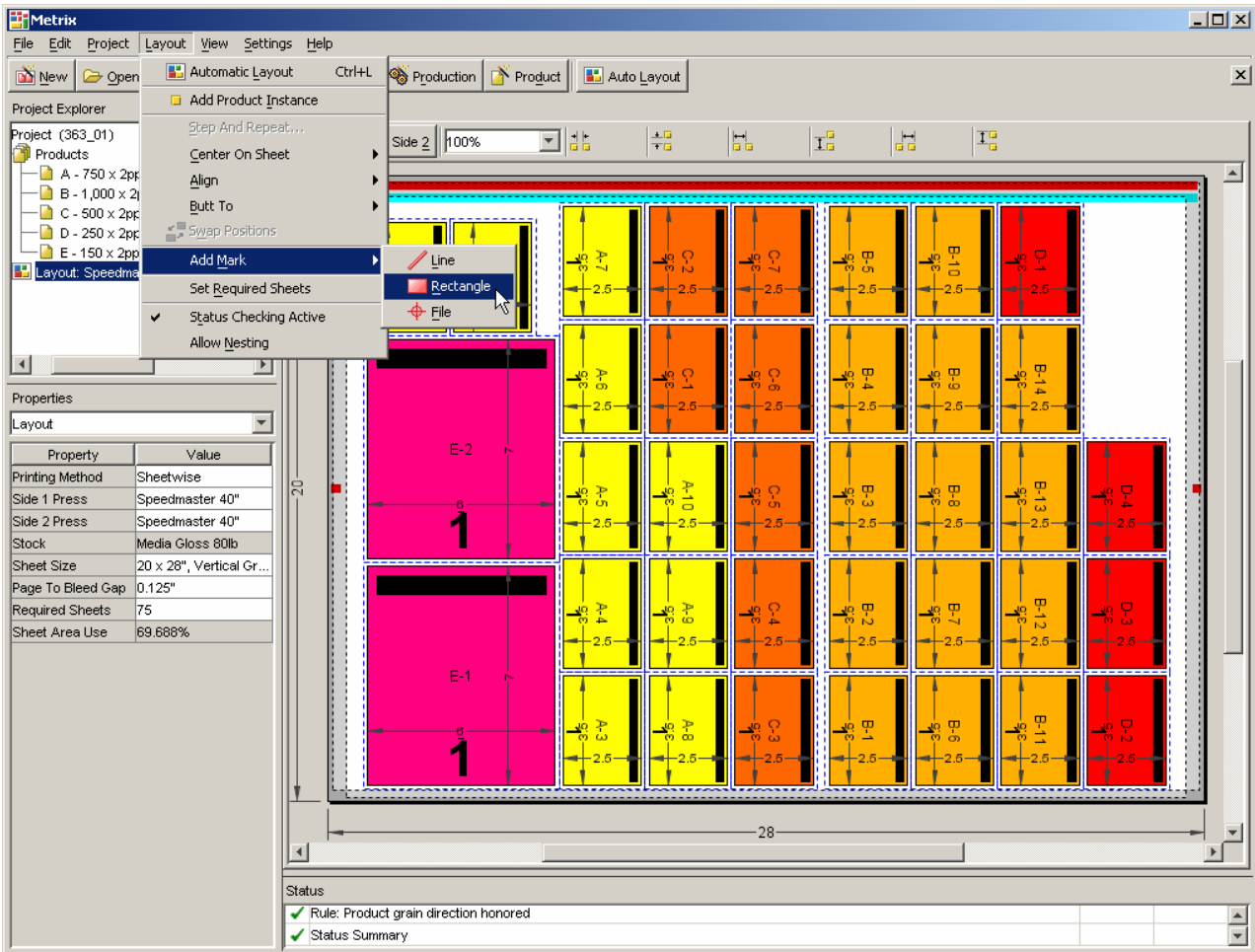
Metrix 1.7 allows you to import JDF/PDF files from Adobe® Acrobat® 7 Professional. This feature broadens Metrix JDF compatibility to jobs created by anyone with a copy of Adobe® Creative Suite 2 software.

Up to 160 Products per Project

Metrix 1.7 supports up to 160 products on a single press run, supporting all the types of jobs gang printers routinely print. For example, it is common to print 124 separate business cards on a 28 x 40" sheet.

Press Sheet Marks

Metrix 1.7 includes the ability to define and place press sheet marks, including user-definable custom marks. These marks are then passed along to your JDF-enabled prepress system or RIP, or to your desktop imposition program such as Preps® or DynaStrip®.



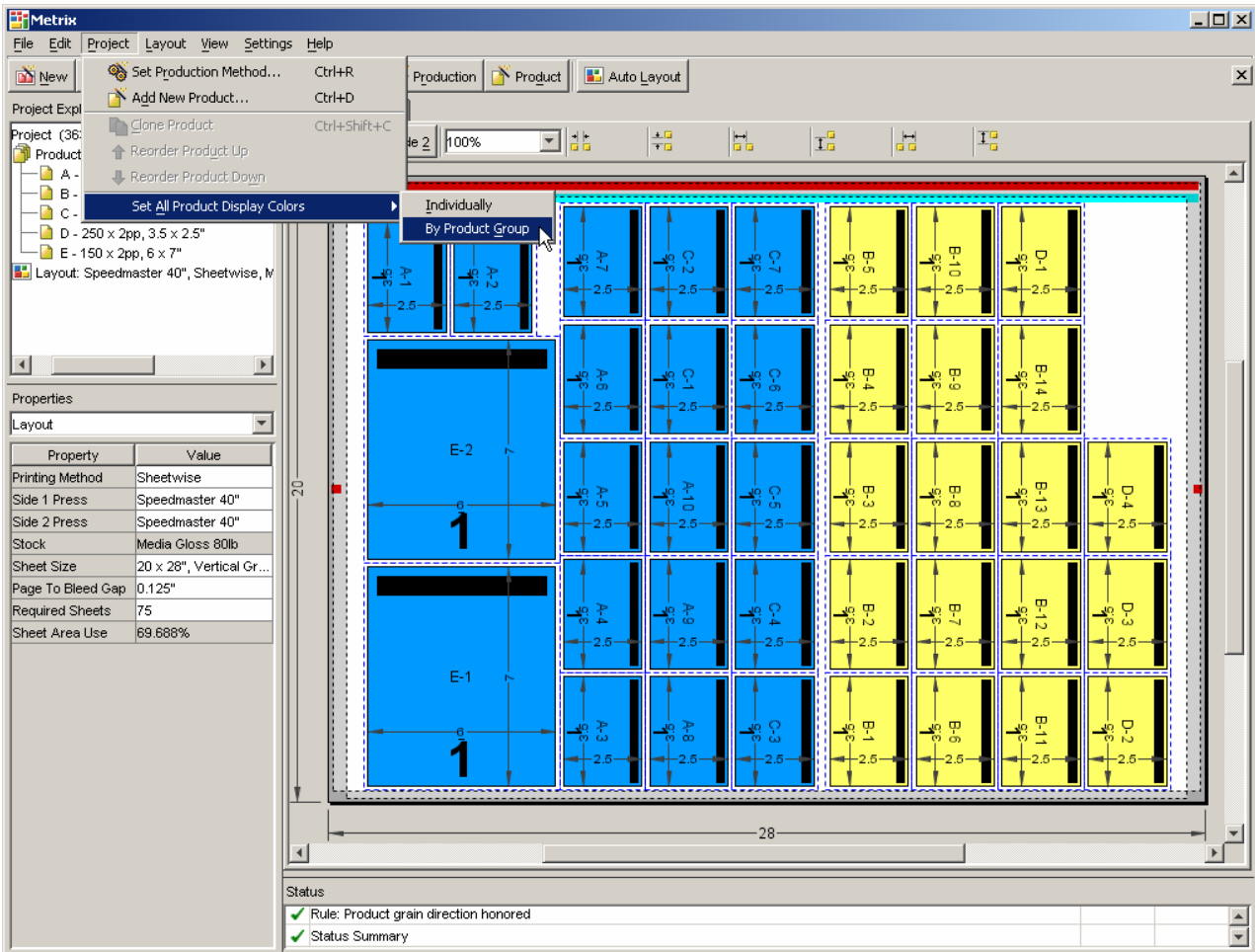
Product Instance Flipping

Metrix 1.7 can "flip" selected product instances to address inking similarities between the front of one product and the back of another. For example, PMS 286 may be printed on the front side of product A, but the back side of product B. For a sheetwise layout we could flip the instances of one product to require the printing of PMS 286 on only one side of the sheet.

Enhanced Layout Calculator and Product Groups

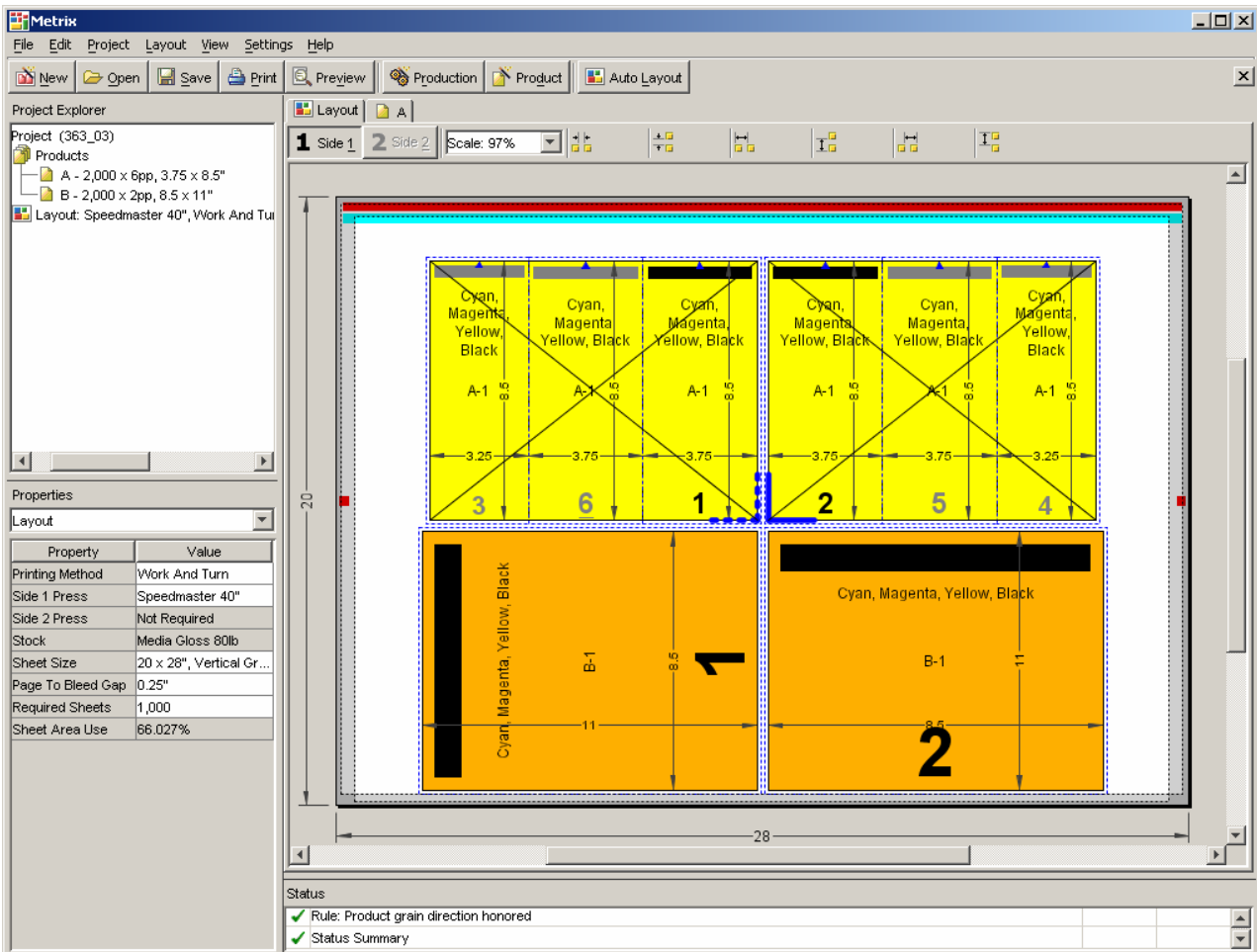
The automatic layout calculator in Metrix 1.7 has been greatly enhanced with added intelligence. Metrix can now keep gloss coated products separate on the sheet from matte coated ones, or keep heavily inked products separate from lightly inked ones. Users control this functionality by simply setting the Product Group property of any product, specifying for example, that the product belongs to the "Heavy Ink" group.

Product groups are user-definable and also include a display color so the group can easily be identified. The screen shot below demonstrates a layout with five products, three of which have been defined as "Heavy Ink" (blue), the others "Light Ink" (yellow). Metrix can also automatically insert a user-definable alley between each group. Users can easily toggle the product display colors between individual colors and coloring by product group.



Individual Page Rotation

Metrix 1.7 gives users complete control over the individual pages of a product. Individual pages can be rotated for products such as calendars, or to accommodate complex products which combine portrait and landscape-oriented pages. In addition, you can use the "combine pages" functionality, introduced in Metrix 1.6, to accommodate incoming content for a folded product designed as a "flat" rather than individual panels. At the same time, this sophisticated feature exports JDF folding instructions based on the individual panels for a completely automated solution in both prepress and finishing.



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