

Sample Business Scenario

Consider a large corporation with a human resources department. Data for potential and existing employees are tracked using a database application. However, a great deal of information about each employee is also stored in a Laserfiche repository, such as employee resumes, photos, signed contracts, tax forms, etc.

To find an employee's documents in Laserfiche without Affinity, a user must leave the HR application, open the Laserfiche client, and manually enter the employee's ID number or name in the search dialog. Or worse, the user must hunt through the repository folder structure to locate the documents. To add a new document for an employee, the user must open the Laserfiche client, locate a folder, name the document, and then manually fill in the template fields containing the employee's ID number, name, title, and department. This process is slow and error prone, often resulting in lost documents.

With Affinity, text fields on the HR application's screen can be mapped to fields in a Laserfiche template containing the employee's ID number, name, title, etc. To find an employee's documents, the user just clicks the Search button on the Affinity desktop toolbar. Affinity automatically executes the search in Laserfiche using the ID number (or any other fields) on the HR application's screen. To add a new document, the user just clicks the Affinity Import button and the template fields for the document are automatically populated, the document is named, and a folder designated for the employee is opened or created. Afterwards, the Laserfiche scan interface is started, or the user is prompted to import an electronic file. Simple.

Affinity also supports mapping search and scan operations to keyboard shortcuts (hot keys) to provide even quicker access to documents.

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The logo for Affinity v2 features the word "affinity" in a lowercase, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are filled with a 3D effect of interlocking blue, green, and yellow blocks. To the right of the word, "v2" is written in a smaller, plain font. The entire logo is set against a white background with a subtle hexagonal pattern.

Instant Laserfiche[®] Integration

*Now featuring support
for web applications*

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DataNOW® Affinity brings the power of Laserfiche® document management to the applications you use most. Document searches can be reduced to a single click of a button. New documents can be added to your Laserfiche repository without manually entering template field values, file names, or folder locations. Affinity truly makes Laserfiche feel like part of your business software.

The best part about Affinity is its simplicity. Laserfiche functionality can be added to most business applications within minutes - no programming required.

Affinity is a solution for both end users and developers.

Seeing the Big Picture

Business applications are designed to manage information related to a specific task like Human Resources, Customer Tracking, and GIS. These applications store a specific type of information in a single format.

Laserfiche, on the other hand, is designed to manage documents of any format, containing information of any kind. In effect, Laserfiche provides a repository for all of the “loose” information your business applications aren't designed to handle. The data in your business applications are related to your Laserfiche documents, but as of yet, they are not truly connected.

DataNOW Affinity brings your business applications and documents together. With Affinity, the boundary between Laserfiche and other applications is erased, and information of all types and formats are accessible where you need them most. This is how you envisioned the future of information technology.

Know Laserfiche, Know Affinity

Affinity is designed to provide a seamless user experience with Laserfiche. Affinity uses familiar terminology and interface elements to keep the learning curve to a minimum. Laserfiche standards for security and auditing are enforced and consistent; just as if the user were performing the same operations directly from the Laserfiche client.

Get Started Today

Getting started with Affinity is easy. Just install Affinity on your workstation, connect to a Laserfiche repository, and get to work. Affinity is designed for multi-user environments. Once you configure Affinity to work with an application, it will automatically work the same way for all other Affinity users on your network. Affinity API solutions have already been implemented for ESRI® GIS, Orion® OnPoint GIS, web applications, and even Microsoft® Office products. If you aren't sure how to make Affinity work for you, give us a call.

Trial versions of Affinity are available from United Micro Data or your Laserfiche VAR. Call Craig Smith at 1 (800) 375 - 0677, or visit <http://www.umdata.com>.



Integration Options

DataNOW Affinity features a unique multi-faceted approach to Laserfiche integration, providing solutions for a wide range of applications.

1. Image Enable (no programming required) - Affinity Image Enable adds automatic search, scan and import capabilities to most applications using a simple point-and-click configuration process. Use data from practically any web application, GUI screen, or XML file to perform Laserfiche searches and populate document fields.

New for Version 2 - Affinity now features direct support for web applications. Better search capabilities and data formatting options are also included.

2. Freestyle (no programming required) - Affinity Freestyle simplifies searching and scanning right out of the box, without any setup or programming. Freestyle lets you pick text right off of the screen to build searches or fill in template fields for new documents. Even if you plan to implement another Affinity integration method down the road, Freestyle lets you get started right away.

3. Application Programming Interface - Affinity includes a fully-documented application programming interface (API) that is accessible from practically any development environment, including scripting languages like JavaScript and VBScript. Methods can be invoked using ActiveX/COM or the command line. Examples from the API documentation can be pasted directly into your code.

New for Version 2 - Affinity provides powerful XML-based integration services. Your application simply generates the XML document, and Affinity does the rest. Tracking repository items, like template names and folders, is no longer required.