

Covid-19 in-store signage printing guide

Keep helping your community with HP Designjet and HP Pagewide XL signage applications

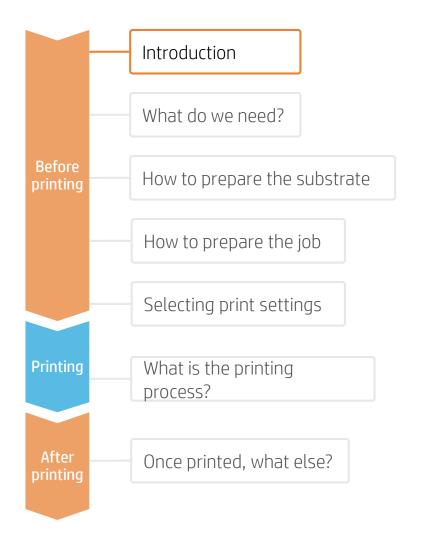


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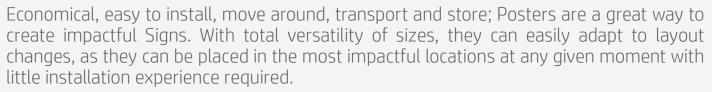
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Introduction





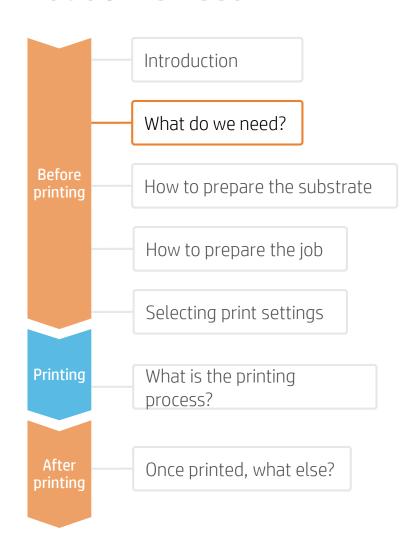


HP DesignJet and PageWideXL Technology offer the possibility to create Posters with an array of different paper and adhesive large format materials to meet all your price and durability needs, including bond and coated papers, photographic papers and self-adhesive materials.

HP Applications Center is a free web based design and print soltion that offers ready to print poster designs as well as a vast collection of illustrations and photos to design your own. It even allows you to add your own web2Print service to your website.



What do we need?



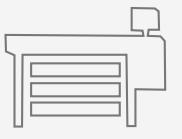


Substrate

Bond & Coated paper,
Photographic paper &
Self-adhesive Materials



Poster hanger



HP PageWide XL Printer



HP DesignJet Printer



Automatic Cutter or Manual Cutting tools

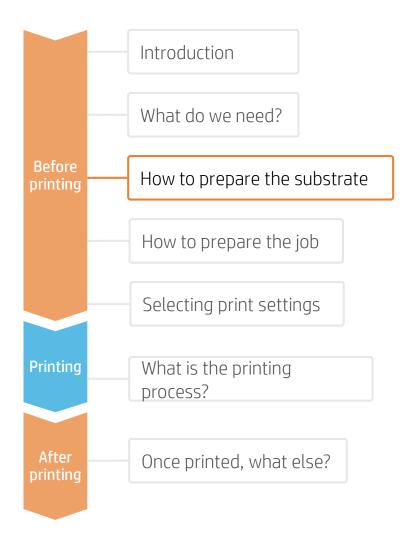


Software tools
(HP Click, HP SmartStream, RIP, image editor, etc.)



Liquid or Film
Laminate
(Optional)

How to prepare the substrate





1. Select Substrate Type

The most common types are:

- Bond paper
- Coated paper
- Photographic paper
- Self-adhesive Materials

Considerations: Durability



For long term applications and/or if the prints will be cleaned or sterilized regularly:

- Consider laminating the prints for the highest resistance to chemicals such as: alcohol, ethanol and Windex.
- PVC Banners offer the best durability on un-protected prints.
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Considerations: Roll Size

Choose the media width that best fits your Roll-up mechanism. Consider using a slightly wider roll than the desired sign to apply a safety margin.

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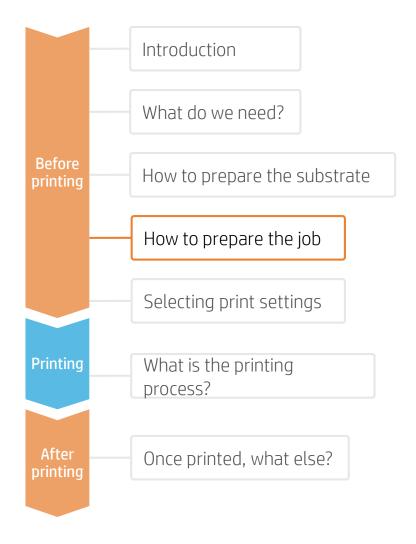
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To get the image quality and durability that meets your clients'/customers' needs and expectations, HP substrates and HP inks are designed together as a matched component system to provide uncompromising image quality, consistency, durability, performance, and value – every time.

The list of compatible HP substrates for roll-up applications are listed on the last page of this document.

How to prepare the job



1. Open HP Applications Center Poster App

Go to: www.hpapplicationscenter.com

Select: HP Applications Center Lite if you just wish to quickly select a template or design and print a poster in-house



HP Applications Center Pro if you wish to offer a web to Print Service for your customers



Use of HP Applications Center is FREE but an HP large format printer serial # is required for registration authentication



HP Applications Center Lite



2. Instant start

Start designing straight away. Sign in or create a free account to save or print your designs

3. Select poster size and orientation

The default poster size in the app is A2, but some template designs may vary. Re-size and change orientation of your designs if required in **Settings** in the bottom left of the designer



HP Applications Center Pro



2. Sign in or create your account

Sign in or create your free account using your HP large format printer serial #

3. Launch the Poster Designer and select the poster size

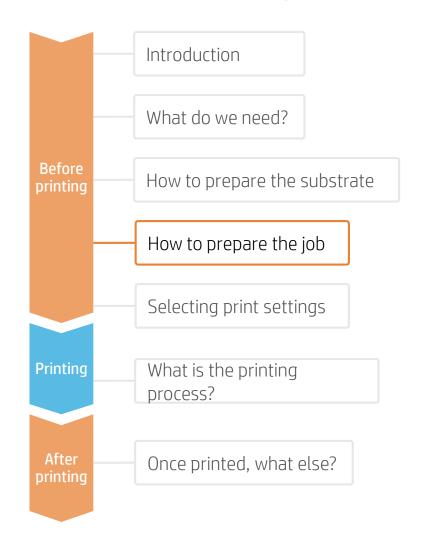
From the right hand side of the **Dashboard**, select **Create Posters** to launch the designer app.

When open, select desired poster size.





How to prepare the job



4. Select, edit or design your poster

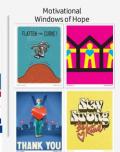
Select a free design

Select from one of dozens of free poster designs in **Templates** in the left hand navigation bar. Many can also be easily edited in the web app.

COVID-19 related templates, can be found by selecting the icon in **Templates** navigation bar and using the market filter menu.







Edit or create your own design

Change backgrounds, add text or select from millions of free and premium photos and illustrations **objects** to create your own design.

COVID-19 related illustrations can be found by selecting the COVID-19 icon Objects

To customize a design object, simply right click on the item and choose the desired function:

Recolor, transparency, duplicate, rotate, align, resize, order, flip or scale.



HP Applications Center Lite



5. Download to print When finished designing, click **Next** and **Login/create an Account** if prompted to save your design.

Select Next, then Send to Print to download your Ready2Print pdf

See Printing steps for approved printing software and Automated Workflow options

HP Applications Center Pro

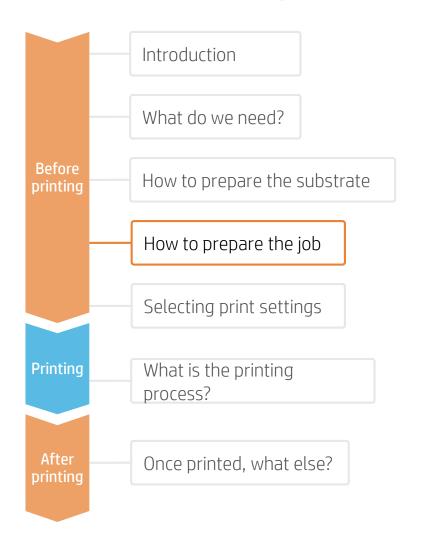


5. Download to print

Select the order from the **Dashboard** and **click the pdf link** below the job thumbnail **in** the Order ticket to download your Ready2Print pdf



How to prepare the job



Considerations: Custom settings

To customize the print file by adding trim lines, mechanism area, size options as well as Designer user interface customizations, media options and pricing, select **Applications** and **Roll Up Settings**

Considerations: For more design creativity and customization options

1. Create the Image

Create the graphic using standard design tools (Photoshop, Illustrator...)

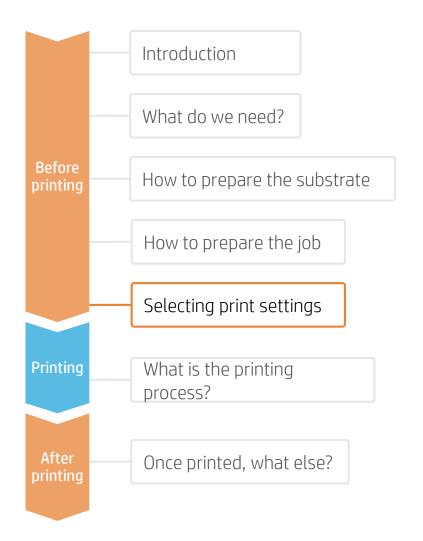
Make sure the job size fits the characteristics of your poster hanger.

2. Add Cutting Marks (optional)

If you plan to use an automatic cutter, create the cutting job for your image through your RIP.

Check if your poster hanger requires any special shapes or perforations (e.g. holes for grommets).

Selecting print settings



Once the job is selected and the substrate is ready, we're almost ready to print.

First we need to select the right printing settings. These settings are found within the **substrate presets**.



Use different media presets based on the substrate being used



Substrate presets

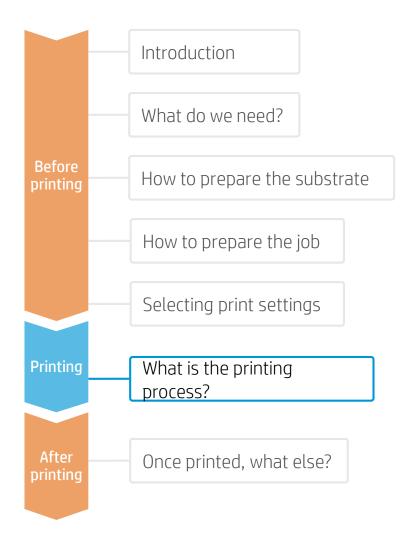
If the substrate you need to print on has a substrate preset available, we recommend downloading, installing, and using it on your printer. If there is no substrate preset for the specific substrate being used, using the "Generic" preset for your substrate's type (Bond Paper, Coated Paper, ...) may be a good starting point option.

For HP-branded substrates

You can use the original HP preset available on the printer front panel ("HP Universal Bond", "HP Coated Paper", ...) or you may need to download it on www.HPLFMedia.com before installing, and using it on your printer.

How to COVID-19 Posters

The printing process





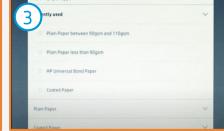


Ready2Print pdf orders from HP Applications Center are encrypted and can only be processed by approved print software. These include, HP Click and HP SmartStream as well as certified 3rd Party RIP software



- Follow the loading process for your printer.
- 3. Change the media type to the specific preset previously selected.
- 4. Use the optional take-up reel if available (PageWide XL 5000 and 8000, DesignJet Z6dr, Z9dr Z6800, Z6600, Z6810, Z6610); we recommend using it for large jobs.
- If available, activate the Vertical Trimmer to trim media while printing. (HP DesignJet Z6dr & Z9dr 44-in PostScript® Printer with V-Trimmer).
- Select the job file and drag it into the printer's print software





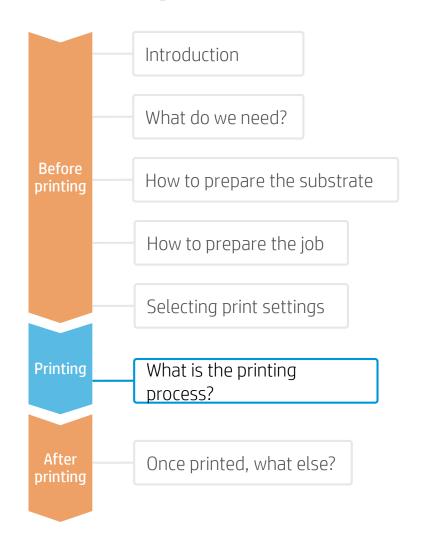








The printing process





HP Click printing software

Radically simple printing

With just one Click¹ you can print the encrypted ready2print PDF from HP Applications Center.

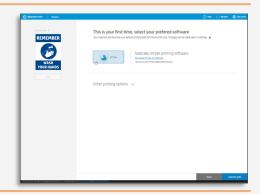
Click to play video



HP Click is the recommended workflow for HP Applications Center Lite.

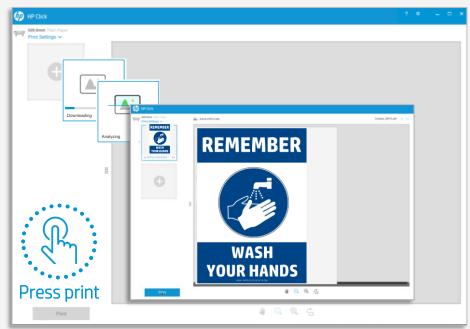
For the best experience we recommend installation prior to designing your poster

Select **HP Click** from the print workflow options after previewing your design and **Send to print**

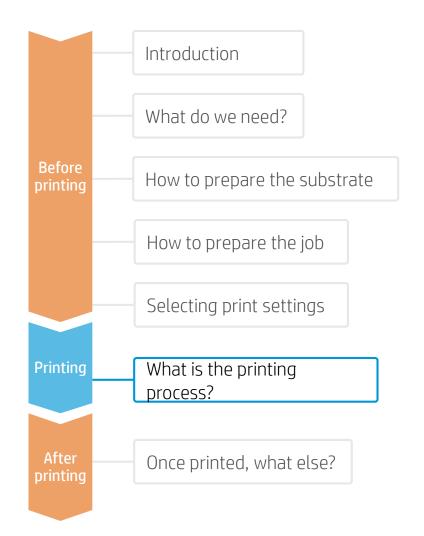


If pre-installed - HP Click will automatically launch and load the file when a print job is triggered in HP **Applications Center** Lite.

Once downloaded



The printing process

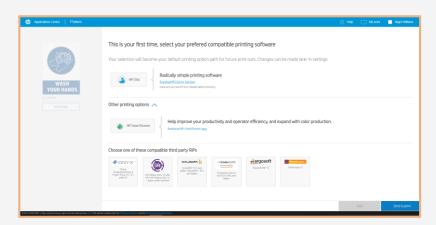


Other printing options



Options include:

- **HP SmartStream**
- Compatible third party RIPs: (Onyx, Sai, Caldera, ColorGATE, ergosoft, & PrintFactory)



HP SmartStream

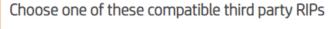
Your large-format production workflow—two times more efficient¹



Suitable for use with HP Applications Center Lite but we recommend using HP Applications Center Pro together with a jdf connected hotfolder set up to automate your print workflow.

Click here for jdf connection set-up instructions







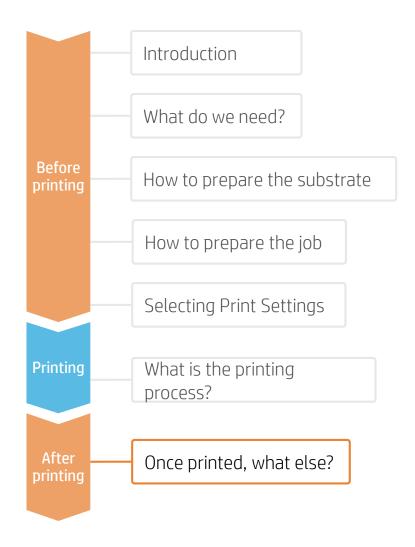








How to prepare the substrate





1. Protect the Prints (Optional)

Apply film or liquid lamination to the prints for extra durability against chemicals and long term use.

Choose the protection that best fits the media used. For example, use a PVC-based transparent film to laminate PVC substrates or a PET-based transparent film to laminate PET substrates.

NOTE: Lamination can be performed right after printing. You do not need to wait.

NOTE: We recommend storing laminated rolls with the laminate facing out.



2. Cut the Prints

Use manual tools or an automatic cutter to bring the print to the desired size and shape.

If available, use the inline Vertical Trimmer during printing (DesignJet Z6dr & Z9dr with Vertical Trimmer)

Drill holes and apply grommets (if needed on the support mechanism).

3. Assemble the poster hanger

Follow your hanger's instructions to fit the printed poster on it.

Most commonly, the steps involve:

- 1. Releasing the top and bottom clips.
- 2. Positioning the media between the clips
- 3. Ensure all design messaging is visible
- 4. Close both clips to clasp the psoter
- 5. Hang in place, adjusting length of hanger fixings to ensure straight



Learn more at:

Product documentation:

http://www.hp.com/go/pagewidexl

User manuals:

https://support.hp.com/us-en/document/c04870705

Video library:

HP PageWide XL Resource Center

www.hppagewidexltoolkit.com/HPPageWideXLresource_center/

Partnerships



SDD Roll Wind Modules (Take Up Reels) for PageWide XL

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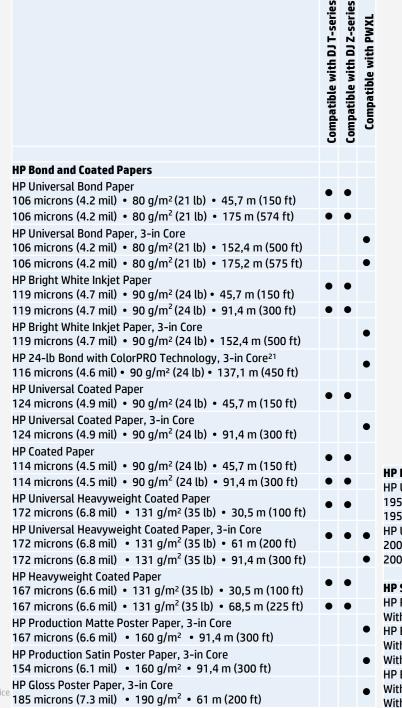


Fotoba XY-Cutter for PageWide XL

• Brochure https://www.fotoba.com/fotoba-product/fhs-42-pw-st42/

HP substrates recommended for COVID-19 Posters

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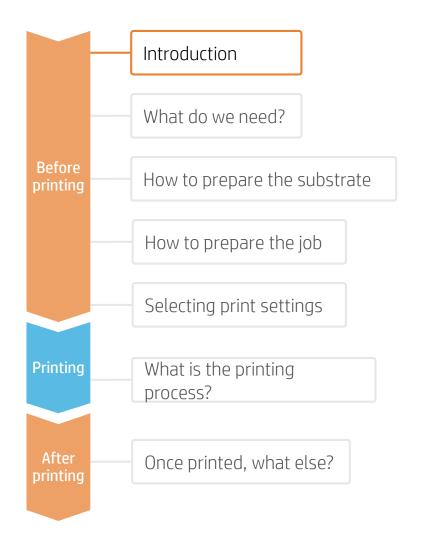




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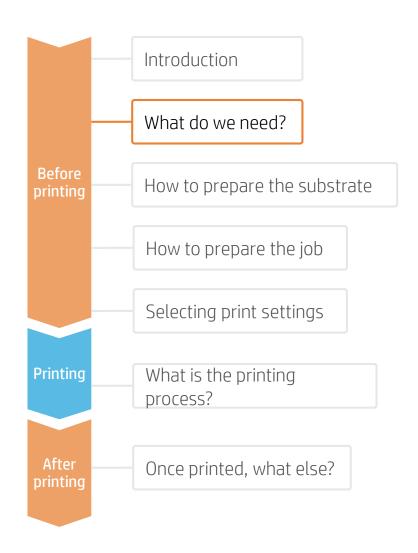


Easy to install, move around, transport and store, Roll-up Banners are a great way to create impactful Signs. While having a considerable size when installed, they can easily adapt to changes, as they can be placed in the most strategic locations at any given moment.

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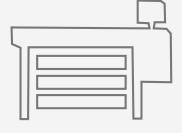
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What do we need?





Substrate
PVC Banner
PP / PET Film
Textile



HP PageWide XL Printer



HP DesignJet Printer



Software tools
(HP Click, HP SmartStream, RIP, image editor, etc.)



Roll-up mechanism

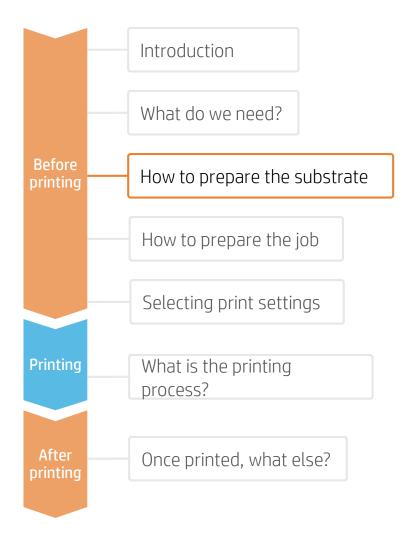


Automatic Cutter or Manual Cutting tools



Liquid or Film
Laminate
(Optional)

How to prepare the substrate





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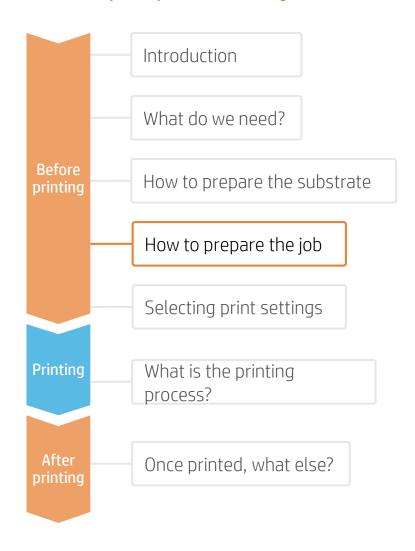
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How to prepare the job





1. Sign in or create your account in **HP Applications Center**



Go to: www.hpapplicationscenter.com

Select: **HP Applications Center Pro**



Sign in or create your free account using your HP large format printer serial #

2. Select your application designer and dimensions

From the Dashboard, select Create Roll **ups** to launch the designer app.

Select desired type and size of banner







3. Choose a design or create your own

Navigate the left hand menu bar to choose from a selection of **free** designs in Backgrounds or add text, and browse the millions of free and premium Photos and illustration Objects to create your own design.

Nb: COVID-19 related content can be identified by the symbol



To customize a design object, simply right click on the item and choose the desired function:

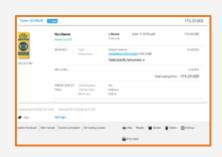
Recolor, transparency, duplicate, rotate, align, resize, order, flip or scale.

Preview, then **submit** your order.

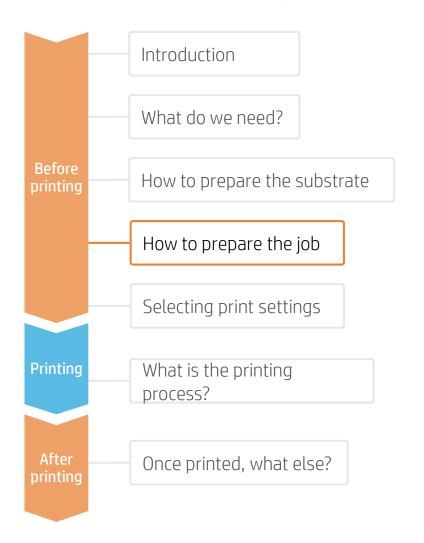
4. Download to print

Select the order from the **Dashboard** and **click the pdf link** below the job thumbnail in the Order ticket to download your Ready2Print pdf

Note: Optional jdf hotfolder set up available with HP SmartStream or approved 3rd party RIP software



How to prepare the job



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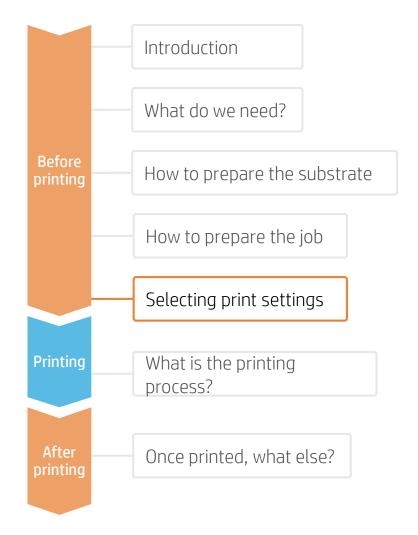
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Selecting print settings





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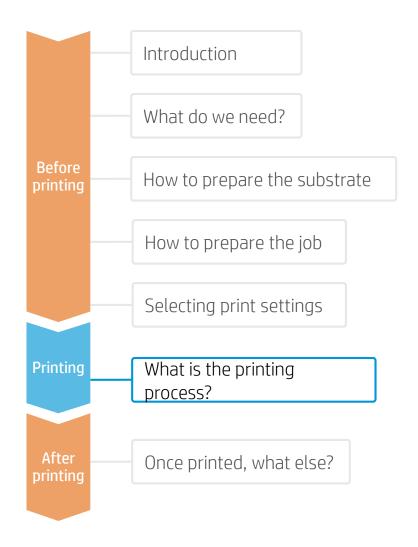
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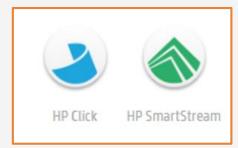
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The printing process







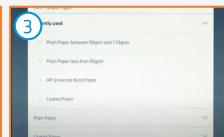
- Follow the loading process for your printer.
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- If available, activate the Vertical Trimmer to trim media while printing. (HP DesignJet Z6dr & Z9dr 44-in PostScript® Printer with V-Trimmer).
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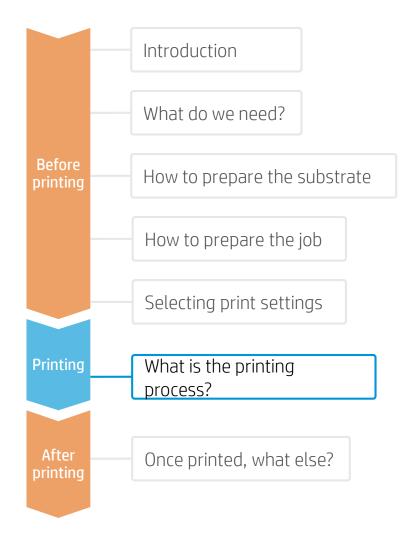








The printing process



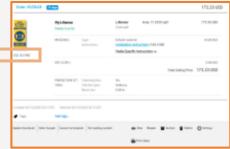


Download your ready2print pdf

From the HP Applications Center Pro Administration site, select **Dashboard** and then select your print job from the orders list.



When your print ticket is open, select the **pdf link** below the job thumbnail to download your ready2print pdf.



HP Click printing software

Radically simple printing

With just one Click¹ you can print the encrypted ready2print PDF from HP Applications Center.

HP Click is the recommended workflow for HP Applications Center Lite but can also be used to print downloaded Ready2Print files from HP Applications Center Pro.

Simply drag and drop your print file into the application, and press print

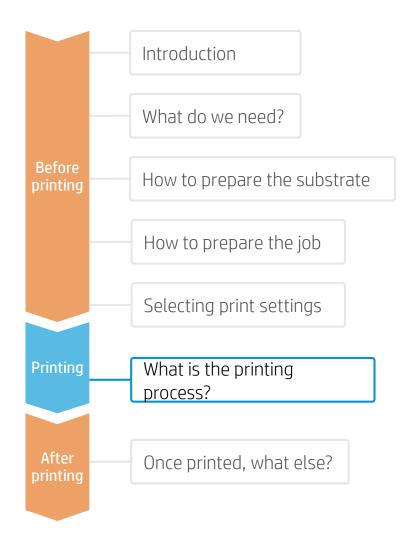
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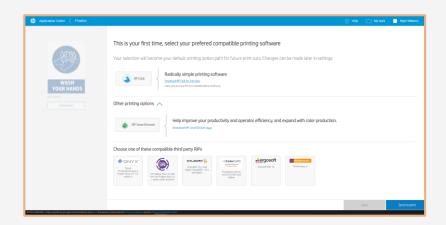
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HP SmartStream

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Choose one of these compatible third party RIPs







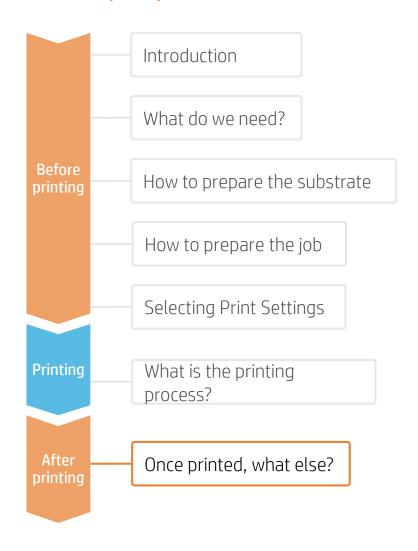








How to prepare the substrate





1. Protect the Prints (Optional)

Apply film or liquid lamination to the prints for extra durability against chemicals and long term use.

Choose the protection that best fits the media used. For example, use a PVC-based transparent film to laminate PVC substrates or a PET-based transparent film to laminate PET substrates.

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2. Cut the Prints

Use manual tools or an automatic cutter to bring the print to the desired size and shape.

If available, use the inline Vertical Trimmer during printing (DesignJet Z6dr & Z9dr with Vertical Trimmer)

Drill holes and apply grommets (if needed on the support mechanism).

3. Assemble the Roll-up Sign

Follow your mechanism's instructions to fit the printed sign on it.

Most commonly, the steps involve:

- 1. Releasing the lower clip.
- 2. Breaking the tension to manipulate it freely.
- 3. Attaching the lower end of the print into the lower clip (usually using tape).
- 4. Attaching the upper end of the print to the top clip.
- 5. Releasing the brake and rolling the print carefully into the mechanism.



Learn more at:

Product documentation:

http://www.hp.com/go/pagewidexl

User manuals:

https://support.hp.com/us-en/document/c04870705

Video library:

HP PageWide XL Resource Center

www.hppagewidexltoolkit.com/HPPageWideXLresource_center/

Partnerships



SDD Roll Wind Modules (Take Up Reels) for PageWide XL

• Brochure https://sddbv.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/HP-RWM8X40-USA.pdf

• Operational video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTHFMXu0qfl



Fotoba XY-Cutter for PageWide XL

• Brochure https://www.fotoba.com/fotoba-product/fhs-42-pw-st42/

HP substrates recommended for Roll-Up Banners

For information about HP large format printing materials like product number and availability in the regions, please visit www.HPLFMedia.com



	Compatible with DJ T-series	Compatible with DJ Z-series	Compatible with PWXL
HP Banner and Sign Materials			
HP Everyday Matte Polypropylene, 2 Pack 203 microns (8 mil) • 120 g/m² • 30,5 m (100 ft)	•	•	
203 microns (8 mil) • 120 g/m ² • 61 m (200 ft)	•	•	
HP Production Matte Polypropylene, 3-in Core 231 microns (9.1 mil) • 140 g/m² • 61 m (200 ft)			•
HP Everyday Matte Polypropylene , 3-in Core 203 microns (8 mil) • 120 g/m² • 61 m (200 ft)	•	•	
HP Everyday Blockout Display Film 248 microns (9.8 mil) • 220 g/m² • 30,5 m (100 ft)	•	•	
HP Durable Semi-gloss Display Film 198 microns (7.8 mil) • 265 g/m² • 15,2 m (50 ft)	•	•	



How to Connect your Printing software with HP Applications Center JDF workflow

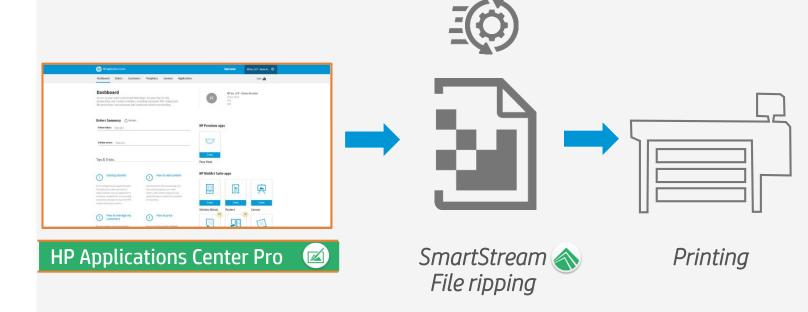
This document will explain how to configure HP SmartStream with your HP Applications Center Pro account using a JDF connection

HP PageWide XL printers
HP DesignJet printers

JDF/RIP's Automation

Introduction



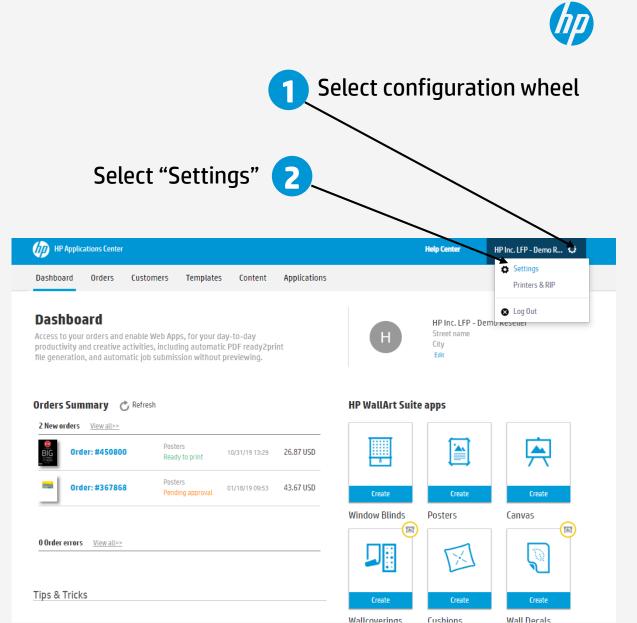


Benefit from more efficiency in your workflow with JDF connectivity

- Create print-ready files directly in your web2print service
- SmartStream automatically downloads your files, without manual interaction
- SmartStream preflights and RIPs your file ready to send to your desired printer

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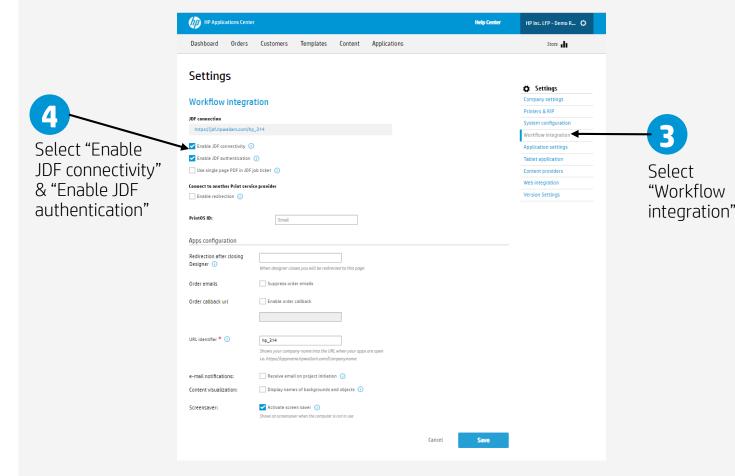
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Enabling JDF Hot Folder Functionality in HP SmartStream

HP Applications Center JDF settings



HP applications Center Pro login details for SmartStream configuration

Username: Workflow integration → "URL identifier"

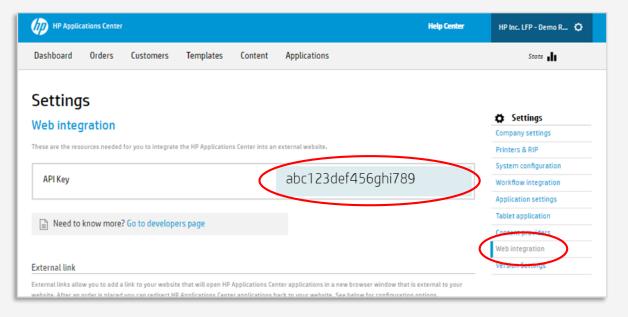
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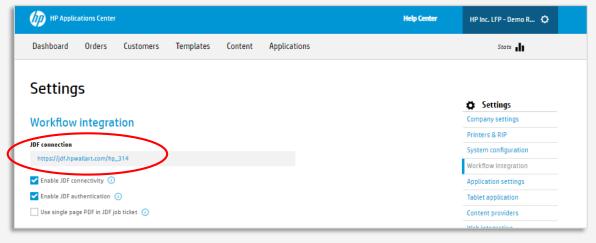
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Password: Web Integration → "API key"



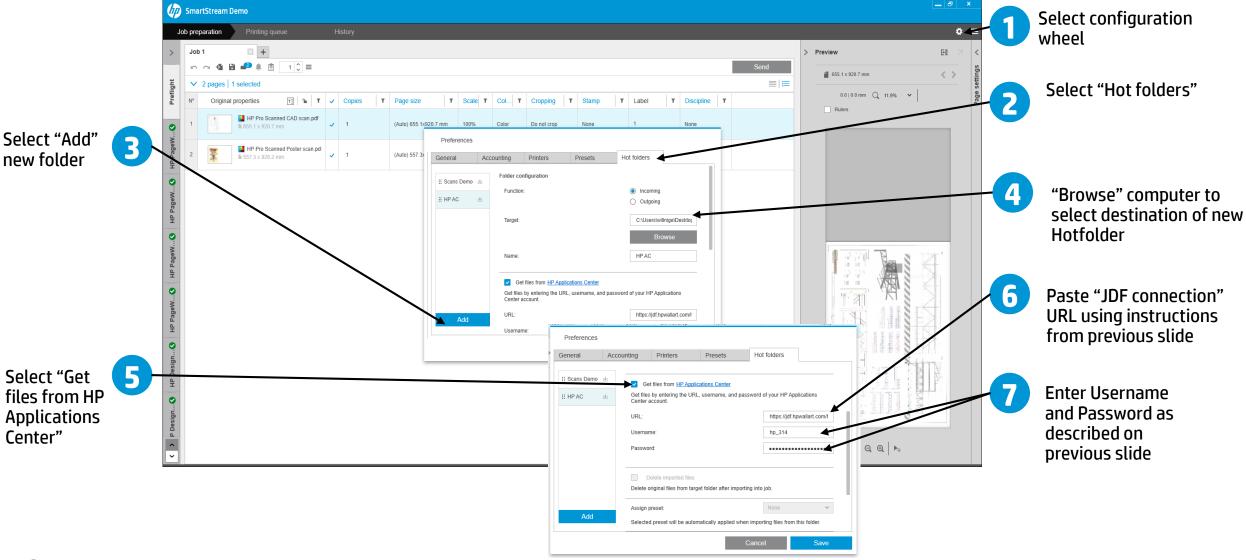


Hotfolder incoming URL: Workflow Integration → "JDF connection"



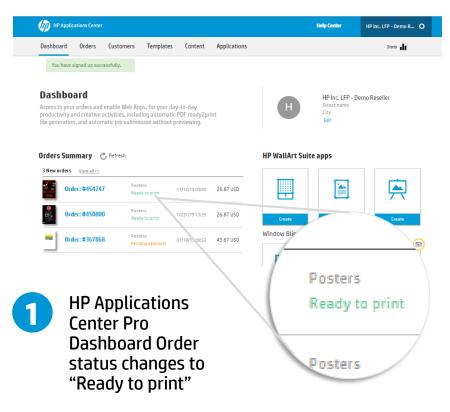
Configuring new HP Applications Center Prohot folder in HP Smartstream

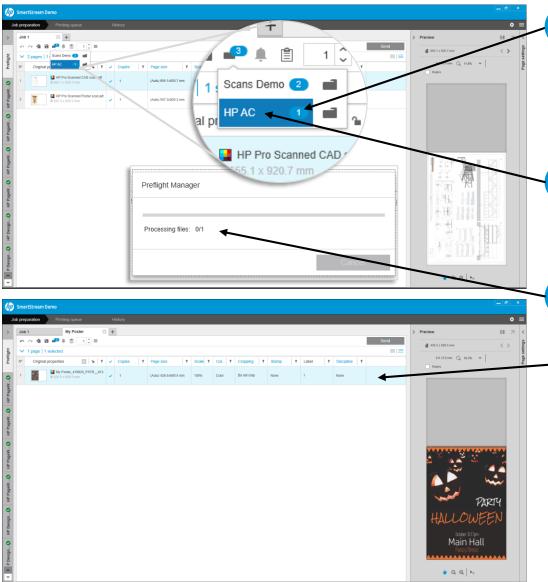




Receiving new files from HP Applications Center in HP SmartStream







When HP
Smartstream is open
it will automatically
"pull" pdf file from
HP Applications
Center and show as a
new file in HotFolder

Select "Preflight Tab then the HotFolder you designated for HP Applications Center files

File is processed by Preflight Manager

You may now send the print ready file to the printer of choice

