

transmitting an image corresponding to the reference from the image server computer to the client computer in response to the image data request;

combining, by the client computer, the document transmitted by the document server with the image transmitted by the image server;

proofing, by the client computer, the combined document;

recording changes and/or corrections to the combined document into a job ticket based on the proof processing in said proofing step; and

sending, by said client computer, the job ticket to the document server computer.

102. The method according to claim 101, wherein the image data request includes a size corresponding to a desired width and height of the image.

103. The method according to claim 101, wherein the image data request is based on a requested rectangular portion of an image.

104. The method according to claim 101, wherein the document transmitted by the document server is generated from an original document file by removing at least one image within the original document file and storing the at least one image in at least one file, the at least one file being distinct from the original document file.

105. A system for on-line proofing of a document containing an image, wherein an original document on which the document to be proofed is based also contains content other than an image, the system comprising:

a client computer, comprising:

document request means for sending a document request to a document server computer;

document receiving means for receiving a document corresponding to the document request from the document server computer, the document having a reference to an image;

image data request means for sending an image data request to an image server computer based on the reference to the image;

image data receiving means for receiving an image corresponding to the reference from the image server computer;

combining means for combining the received document with the received image;

proofing means for proofing the combined document;

job ticket generating means for recording changes and/or corrections to the combined document and generating a job ticket based on the proof processing by the proofing means; and

transmitting means for sending the job ticket to the document server computer;

a document server computer, comprising:

document request receiving means for receiving the document request from the client computer;

document transmitting means for transmitting the document corresponding to the document request to the client computer; and

job ticket receiving means for receiving the generated job ticket from the client computer; and

an image server computer, comprising:

image data request receiving means for receiving the image data request from the client computer; and

image transmitting means for transmitting the image corresponding to the image data request to the client computer.

106. The system according to claim 105, wherein the image data request includes a size corresponding to a desired width and height of the image.

107. The system according to claim 105, wherein the image data request is based on a requested rectangular portion of an image.

108. The system according to claim 105, wherein the document transmitted by the document server is generated from an original document file by removing at least one image within the original document file and storing the at least one image in at least one file, the at least one file being distinct from the original document file.

109. A computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer-readable program that executes a method for on-line proofing of a document containing an image, wherein an original document on which the document to be proofed is based also contains content other than an image, the method comprising the operations of:

sending, by a client computer, a document request to a document server computer;

transmitting a document corresponding to the document request from the document server computer to the client computer in response to the document request, the document having a reference to an image;

sending, by the client computer, an image data request to an image server computer based on the reference to the image;

transmitting an image corresponding to the reference from the image server computer to the client computer in response to the image data request;

combining, by the client computer, the document transmitted by the document server with the image transmitted by the image server;

proofing, by the client computer, the combined document;

recording changes and/or corrections to the combined document into a job ticket based on the proof processing in said proofing step; and

sending, by said client computer, the job ticket to the document server computer.

110. The computer-readable medium according to claim 109, wherein the image data request includes a size corresponding to a desired width and height of the image.

111. The computer-readable medium according to claim 109, wherein the image data request is based on a requested rectangular portion of an image.

112. The computer-readable medium according to claim 109, wherein the document transmitted by the document server is generated from an original document file by removing at least one image within the original document