

Laserfiche Toolkit for ISVs™

Rapidly Develop Solutions to Clients' Business Problems

- Integrate Digital Document Management with Your Own Applications
- Tailor Solutions to Clients' Individual Needs
- Control Development Costs and Get to Market Quickly
- Realize a Rapid Return on Investment

Organizations in all industries require business applications that include a comprehensive document and records management component. Rather than ignoring this need or offering a scaled-down solution, independent software vendors (ISVs) increasingly choose Laserfiche® as the document and records management back-end for a variety of primary business applications.

To promote rapid integration, we've built the Laserfiche platform with a flexible, COM-based API. We've also created the Laserfiche Toolkit for ISVs™, which includes commands and documentation to help you use the Laserfiche API most effectively.

In the Toolkit, you'll find instructions that help you integrate Laserfiche with your own applications, customize system functionality and automate Laserfiche-related tasks. You'll also find a wealth of sample code, written in both C# and Visual Basic® .NET, designed to help you tailor solutions to clients' specific business needs.

To promote fast distribution, the Toolkit includes pre-built merge modules. You can use these modules to create custom installation packages for your clients that contain both your own code and the relevant Toolkit components. However, you also have the option of simply installing the Toolkit libraries at client sites, without installing the merge modules.

Automate Clients' Business Processes

Laserfiche Server Objects (LFSO) is the component of the API that enables third-party applications to communicate with the Laserfiche Server. Because each type of data in the Laserfiche repository corresponds to a particular server object, you can use LFSO to automate a variety of functions, such as creating folders and populating template fields.

For example, many municipal attorneys' offices use specialized legal software to manage their case docket, and store the documents, e-mail messages and other items associated with each case in Laserfiche. Using the Toolkit, ISVs can integrate the two systems so that, when staff create a case in the legal application, a corresponding folder is created in the Laserfiche repository. Such automation benefits clients in a number of ways, from saving staff time to minimizing data entry errors to reducing administrative costs.

Create Custom Applications

The API's DocumentProcessor library complements LFSO by providing third-party applications with access to functionality associated with the Laserfiche Client. You can use DocumentProcessor objects to perform a variety of import and export actions, process documents using OCR, and extract text from electronic documents.

For example, you might use DocumentProcessor (in combination with LFSO) to create an application that automatically evaluates each document in a client's repository and performs OCR on any document that needs it. By running this application on a regular basis, clients can ensure that their repository's index file remains up to date. This helps users quickly find the information they need, without having to perform multiple searches or sift through a large number of search results.

Add Value to Your Own Solutions

The Toolkit's Image-Enable component allows third-party applications to manipulate the Laserfiche Client. Using this component, you can bring digital document and records management functionality—including search and retrieval, versioning, check-in/check-out, metadata and security—into other line-of-business applications.

Many organizations, for example, rely on a geographic information system (GIS) to store and manage spatial data. Using the Toolkit and the GIS application's API, you can image-enable the GIS software so that clients can access Laserfiche documents simply by clicking a location on a map. By providing clients with instant access to information from within their primary business applications, you help them work more productively and maximize the value of their IT investments—giving you a definite edge over your competitors.

Control Development Costs and Get to Market Quickly

On the Laserfiche Support Site, you'll have 24/7 access to two key resources that help you complete integrations quickly and cost-effectively: the Toolkit Forum, where you can engage in discussions with other ISVs and with Laserfiche staff; and the Laserfiche Code Library™, where you'll find a variety of scripts and custom applications you can download and incorporate into your own solutions.

To get the most from their Toolkit investment, many ISVs also join the Laserfiche Professional Developer Partnership™ (PDP) program. You'll receive a number of benefits as a PDP member, including an expanded demo version of the Laserfiche software, professional services and sales support, and a presence on the Laserfiche Marketplace™, which receives hundreds of visitors every week. You'll also have the opportunity to showcase your solutions to both the Laserfiche sales team and our extensive network of value-added resellers, who can help you generate leads and attract new business.

The Next Step: Please call (800) 985-8533 or e-mail info@laserfiche.com for more information.

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