

Ascertia Docs v5.2.0 Release Notes



This document provides a high-level description of the new features offered in each version of Ascertia Docs. Only the main features in each release are identified.

Ascertia Docs v5.2.0

April 2012

- Added support for initials fields, allowing users to add their initials on every page or against specific paragraphs of the document. The system will ensure that users complete their initials fields before being allowed to apply their digital signatures.
- Document owners can now add attachments of any file type to their document before starting the approval workflow. Each user's digital signature then covers all the attachments also thereby protecting the whole document package.
- Added another user type called "reviewers". These reviewer users can approve a document without having to digitally sign it. The reviewers may not even open the document and can approve a document directly from the My Desk area.
- Improved the signing dialog allowing easy use of dynamic signatures as well as text signatures (aka font signatures) and uploaded signature images directly at the time of signing.
- Allowed ability to enable/disable the use of the company logo within the digital signature appearance.
- Provided support for SSL Client authentication to authenticate users and enable access to their accounts, rather than use of username and passwords.

Ascertia Docs v5.1.0

March 2012

- The document server-side viewing technology has been enhanced and optimised.
- Document upload processing has been optimized.
- Device screen resolution is detected and image generation optimised.

Ascertia Docs v5.0.0

January 2012

- A major release providing a completely new user interface that is easier to use, requires fewer mouse clicks and is several times faster than previously.
- Server-side imaging is used to speed to display of a PDF and where server-side signatures are used there is no requirement for the user system to have a local Java runtime.
- Provides the option to create dynamic hand signatures using mouse or tablet.
- The product installer has been enhanced to provide a simple and fast deployment.

Ascertia Docs v4.2.0

July 2011

- Users can now communicate with Ascertia Docs web services to process their documents.
- OTP authentication for user registration and signature creation has been added using SMS.

Ascertia Docs v4.1.0

April 2011

- Added support for iPad, iPhone and Android phones for both document viewing and sign-off (when used with server-held signing keys).
- The document viewer applet now supports PDF form filling.
- Provided a facility for the document owner to recall shared documents.
- Document sharing emails are now sent out to collaborators using the document owner's email address rather than the Ascertia Docs server email address.
- Administrator can now add one or more welcome document(s) to newly registered users' Inboxes.
- Users can add a note at the time of declining to sign a document, e.g. reason for declining the signature.
- Company logo or hand signature images now support PNG format.
- The Inbox screen is enhanced to remember the user adjusted columns widths.

Ascertia Docs v4.0.1, v4.0.2

February, March 2011

- Various usability and integration enhancements to address initial feedback

Ascertia Docs v4.0

January 2011

- A major new release of Ascertia Docs with new and improved look and feel for all web-pages.
- A Group option has been added to allow documents to be shared with a Group, e.g. Finance.
- A delegated signing option has been added to allow a user to ask someone else to sign for them whilst they are out of office for a configurable time period.
- A new option exists to post-process documents once the signature workflow has completed using defined plug-in, standard options include "send to ADocs user" or "send via email".
- A collaborator can now decline the request to sign - the owner can define what happens when this event occurs.
- Certified PDF signing is supported and the document modification permissions can be set.
- Enterprise administrators can now create the user accounts they are responsible for.
- Account holders can now import their contacts in bulk using a CSV file, e.g. from Outlook
- Multiple documents can now be uploaded in one request.
- Share profiles can be defined and shared to other users by either the Ascertia Docs admin user or the Enterprise admin users.
- Document owners can configure automatic reminders for each collaborator in the workflow.
- Document viewing has been enhanced with all actions shown in a unified viewer.
- Dynamic hand signature images can be drawn and captured using either mouse movements or tablet stylus.
- The Ascertia Docs administrator can now create users and manually approve new user accounts. Inactive users can be identified and notified about their impending account deletion if they remain inactive for a certain period of time.
- The Enterprise administrator can configure an acceptable signing certificate profile filter for their end-users. This profile filter included options for CA Issuer Distinguish Name, Policy OID, Key Usage and Signature Algorithm. This makes it easy to specify that high trust Certificates must be used.
- Security has been enhanced: (a) CAPTCHA technology is deployed after 3 attempts to enter a password to prevent automated attacks. (b) A user password policy can be defined to ensure that strong passwords are used.
- The Ascertia Docs admin GUI has been enhanced to provide better searching, navigation and sorting and viewing.
- Custom service plans can be created with different certification, signing and verification profiles. This allows individual enterprises to use their own defined trust anchors and signature/verification policies.

Ascertia Docs v3.4

November 2010

- Support for IIS 7 and 7.5 is now provided.
- docs.ascertia.com is now updated and is live.
- The Ascertia Docs user interface has been improved.

Ascertia Docs v3.3

August 2010

- A central documents folder has been added to enable access to standard document templates
- Functionality has been added to support offline-payment methods.
- The Ascertia Docs user interface has been improved.

Ascertia Docs v3.2

May 2010

- The Ascertia Docs Admin can now (a) manually activate a user (b) manually update the billing information of a user, (c) reset the signature quota of trial users, and (d) configure whether old document versions are saved or not.
 - Certify signed PDF documents are now supported
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Ascertia Docs v3.1**March 2010**

- Support has been added for a local language to be set based on end-user browser language settings. Additional languages can be added by Ascertia's local partners.
- All user documents are now protected whilst in the database using AES 256 encryption.
- The end-user experience has been enhanced by using the latest ADSS GoSign Applet.
- A document search facility and other navigation improvements have been added to the inbox.
- Allows administrators to configure "legal text" to be shown to end-users at the time of signing.
- A web based installer is now included for easier installation and configuration.

Ascertia Docs v3.0.6 (Patch Release)**January 2010**

- A number of code changes have been made to enhance the user perceived performance.

Ascertia Docs v3.0**October 2009**

- Local signing keys/certificates for a user are now supported using Windows CAPI to access smartcards, secure USB tokens, or software files. Access to tokens via a PKCS#11 interface and the use of roaming credentials are available as project options.
- Uses the ADSS GoSign Applet to provide zoom-in/out and print functionality.
- The concept of Share Profiles has been added. These profiles define who the collaborators are, in which order they must sign and where on the document their signature appearance will be added. The re-use of saved profiles makes it much easier to prepare a document for signing.

Ascertia Docs v2.0**August 2009**

- Other document types other than PDFs can now be uploaded included .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .ppt, .pptx and others – these are now automatically converted into PDF documents.
- Enhanced the Inbox document preview feature to show more pages.
- Added the ability to re-set a completed document back to draft mode, so that it can be shared again to gather further signatures.
- Provided the option to view old versions of a document.
- Introduced the concept of an Enterprise license that allows an administrator to define and control end-user accounts.
- Additional document access rights are now supported, such as only being able to view documents within particular date ranges.
- Enhanced reporting such as statistics related to disk utilisation and number of signatures applied, an alerts area to show important system messages e.g. on Billing, Account size quota etc.
- A User Activity area shows their activity including what actions were performed on which documents at which time, etc.
- A separate Ascertia Docs admin module has been provided for managing and controlling the Ascertia Docs service and its end-users as well as system logging and security. This is also used to control service packages, to define the default settings of users and to edit and delete user accounts.
- Localized time is shown according to the time zone selected at the time of registration.

Ascertia Docs v1.0**April 2008**

- An internal release

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