

## Open Archive Providing Production Scanning Connector for eCopy

One of the major gripes that production scanning aficionados continue to have as regards using MFPs for distributed document capture is the lack of support for traditional production scanning image enhancement and batch processing capabilities on many such systems.

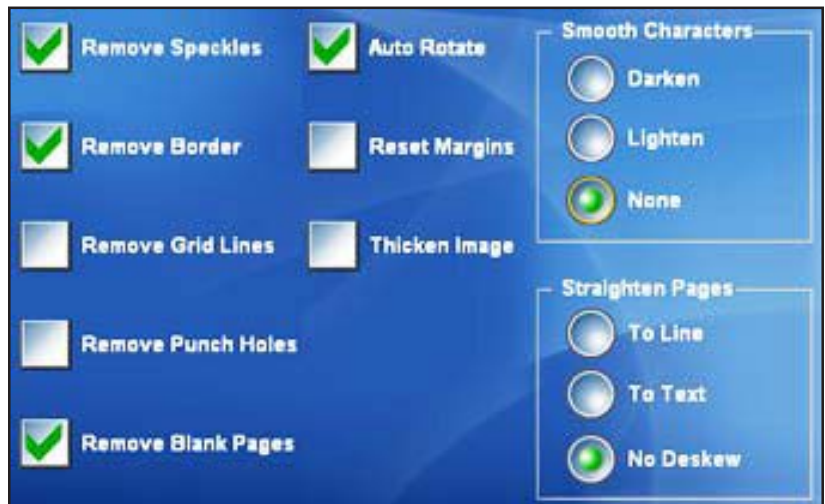
Now, a company by the name of Open Archive is working to address that issue with a software Connector called Batch REnew that

it sells for eCopy's ShareScan OP software. Batch REnew provides many of the image enhancement and document batching capabilities common in production-oriented document scanning environments.

Open Archive showed Batch REnew at eCopy's Paper Connection Forum back in April. The company is now actively marketing the Connector specifically as a way for eCopy resellers to compete more effectively with Notable Solutions' AutoStore and Kofax's Ascent applications. Ascent, in particular, is the most widely used production scanning software subsystem in the imaging market.

Batch REnew is also interesting in that it is the first Connector designed to complement and enhance MFP scanning capabilities for use in conjunction with other Connectors that link eCopy's ShareScan OP to various document management applications. Most ShareScan Connectors are designed to deliver images scanned on an MFP with the eCopy software directly to a target application from companies like EMC Documentum, Microsoft or FileNet.

Privately-held and based in New Hampshire, Open



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Archive was founded in 1994. For most of its existence, Open Archive was involved in the CAD and large-format document scanning market, but more recently the company has expanded into the office document capture market.

To facilitate batch scanning, Batch REnew can automatically separate a long, multi-page image file into multiple files based either on a fixed number of pages for a document or by detecting blank pages or separators between documents. Users can select a target directory for the separated files and rename the files as part of the process. As an adjunct, Batch REnew can read a barcode on the scanned image and use the information in the barcode to rename the file and determine a destination for the file.

To enhance the quality of scanned images, Batch REnew provides a long list of automated image enhancement capabilities. These include: straightening pages where either the original document or the scanning process introduces skew (*i.e., deskewing*); automatically rotating images that are scanned sideways

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or upside down; despeckling with a user-specified pixel size; removing dark borders around small images and dark circles created when scanning hole-punched pages; removing lines and grids on a page in order to improve OCR accuracy; and enhancing scanned text by removing or adding pixels in order to enhance legibility and improve OCR quality.

The basic Batch REnew is available from Open Archive for \$895. A version that includes barcode recognition is \$1,995. The company also sells a \$1,995

ShareScan OP Connector for its eCive document management application, which is called eCive. This is actually a family of document management software modules designed for information organization and distribution, ranging from simple application office files to complex CAD drawings and scanned images. There is an eCive Indexer module for scanning and indexing; an Organizer module for integration with Microsoft SQL or Access databases; and an Explorer client for viewing and manipulating files. 

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