Docmosis
and
Windward Studios

Buyer's Guide and Reviews

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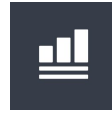| SOLUTION	Docmosis	Windward Studios
OVERVIEW	Developing software applications that generate documents and reports can be frustrating and expensive... Docmosis helps Software Developers and Non-Developers build better looking: Letters, Contracts, Statements, Invoices, Reports and more - FAST! Document templates can be created using Microsoft Word, OpenOffice or LibreOffice – with NO need for special plug-ins. These rich and well-known editors are the natural choice to quickly and easily layout great looking documents....	Embed Windward in your application to give it beautiful, stunning reporting & document automation. Data-Driven Document Generation Generate visually appealing documents that are data-driven just the way you like. Visually Striking Designs Our software presents innovative tools and features to build beautiful designs and stunning layouts. Your imagination is the only exception. Agile Document Logic We put forward the best document automation software for the new millennium. With the aid...
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TOP COMPARISONS	Windward Studios vs. Docmosis Compared 50% of the time Pentaho vs. Docmosis Compared 9% of the time TIBCO Jaspersoft vs. Docmosis Compared 7% of the time	Docmosis vs. Windward Studios Compared 35% of the time SAP Crystal Reports vs. Windward Studios Compared 21% of the time TIBCO Jaspersoft vs. Windward Studios Compared 7% of the time
TOP INDUSTRIES, BASED ON REVIEWERS*		Recruiting/Hr Firm ... 10% Pharma/Biotech Company ... 10% Healthcare Company ... 30% Financial Services Firm ... 40%
TOP INDUSTRIES, BASED ON COMPANIES READING REVIEWS*		Retailer ... 7% Media Company ... 8% Software R&D Company ... 11% Marketing Services Firm ... 28%
COMPANY SIZE, BASED ON REVIEWERS*	201-1000 Employees ... 13% 1001+ Employees ... 13% 1-200 Employees ... 75%	201-1000 Employees ... 17% 1001+ Employees ... 17% 1-200 Employees ... 67%
COMPANY SIZE, BASED ON COMPANIES READING REVIEWS*		

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* Data is based on the aggregate profiles of IT Central Station Users researching this solution.

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SOLUTION

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VALUABLE FEATURES

Jonathan Crawford

Auditability is a huge part of what we do. Part of that is generating an auditable track record that documents any decisions made along the way. All of the audit documents, all of the competitive sourcing documents, such as RFP, lease versus buy, proposals, and in some cases contract documents are generated out of LeaseAccelerator using Docmosis. The number one thing for us is that the service has to be reliable and fast. When the user clicks a button, they don't see Docmosis, they see LeaseAcce... [Full Review]

Juriaan Kloek

The most valuable feature is that it provides good, dynamic document-generation performance and the documents are being generated reliably. These are very important features to us. In the report-designing area, we are using quite a bit of functionality to adapt all the documents. We're using Import Tags and Out Tags, we're using For-Each loops, we're using headers, footers, custom font types, watermarks & barcodes. We're using a whole bunch of functionality and it all works reliably. For the des... [Full Review]

SrSoftwareEng436

The main benefit is exactly what it provides -- the ability to use word documents as templates, and therefore they can be edited by non-technical people. Also, the placeholders with content work out really well with PDFs. The way we were doing this was cumbersome and this solution made all that easier. This was the motivation; it was difficult to update our PDF files. This looked like a much easier process in order make changes to our PDF documents. [Full Review]

Solutionef0b

One of the features that we have found most important is that the report builder is in Word, so it was very easy to get into it. The learning curve wasn't too steep. We could also use some of our existing Word templates. We could just leverage them, whereas competing products use a proprietary report builder where you have to rebuild everything from scratch. The other major feature is having a RESTful API that we can call to create these documents. [Full Review]

Simi Talkar

Compared to the original report-generating software, creation of templates in Docmosis - which can be as simple as a Word document - is the biggest plus for Docmosis. There is flexibility in laying out tables that is akin to UI front-end design. The PDF output option offered by Docmosis is attractive to our clients since data cannot then readily be changed and manipulated. [Full Review]

Mike Horrocks

It's pretty easy to utilize from an end-user point of view. They're able to make adjustments and it doesn't require massive services-engagement or anything like that to make adjustments and to invoke those across the entire enterprise. In terms of layout and design, our clients can be easily trained on it. Within just a matter of hours, our training department can make it so that it's something that our users can actually be quite successful in invoking and utilizing. In that sense, it's spot on... [Full Review]

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IMPROVEMENTS TO MY ORGANIZATION

Jonathan Crawford

After years of fighting with Actuate, Brio, and Crystal Reports to produce nicely formatted reports, we finally bailed and built our own reporting engine using Apache POI. Unfortunately, POI did not lend itself well to complex, formatted PDF documents, much less allowing for WYSIWYG editing of report templates using familiar tools like Word. Docmosis gave us the missing component for our document generation solution. [Full Review]

SrSoftwareEng436

It is a straight forward, cost effective, solution for rendering PDF documents. It saved us time and money due to its ease of use, Java api, and clear documentation. [Full Review]

CEO151

From an organizational standpoint, it's reduced our need for a developer to be involved in delivering customer reports for customers, so we don't need our development team, engineers, and software developers to customize reports for customers. It lowers cost and allows us to deliver customized reports faster than we could before. [Full Review]

Juriaan Kloek

Before using Windward, we were using another document creation tool and this old tool required some very specific, technical, XSLT knowledge, which was scarce. We didn't have a lot of people with this knowledge and it's also scarce in the market. By changing to Windward, the whole technical challenge of creating a document has been eliminated. Our business users who are like business consultants in our company are now able to design documents together with our customers. Before, the business con... [Full Review]

Solutionef0b

The product has improved our organization in allowing us to dynamically generate our customer documents - all of our contracts, application documents, and any other documents that are always dynamically dependent on the customer's details. We're able to now generate them dynamically, using a single template and a single API core, by just passing that data through. That has allowed us to streamline our document generation capability within the organization, removing work that was potentially requ... [Full Review]

Mike Horrocks

We decided to integrate Windward so closely with our next-gen product, in part, because we've had years of success with it in the field. It's been proven to deliver exactly what we want and exactly what we'd expect out of a solution. That was the biggest driver for us. It just flat out delivers. I wouldn't say it necessarily improves our organization; it does so for the clients that we work with. Some of the facts I've heard include that we've been able to save our clients between 20 and 40 perc... [Full Review]

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ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Jonathan Crawford

We've already briefly spoken with Docmosis, and we'll be pursuing this more - we are looking to take our intra-application monitoring to the next level. Really, we've embraced the DevOps philosophy and are trying to improve the monitoring, so it's not just your traditional up/down type monitoring but it's a more holistic system load, degeneration — where it may be performing uncharacteristically, not necessarily degraded or down, it's just the usage profile is atypical. Having that greater insig... [Full Review]

Juriaan Kloek

Regarding AutoTag, we do notice that when you want to refactor a little bit of your template design or when you want to implement changes, sometimes you need a lot of clicks to get the change done. For instance, if only one identifier's name is changed and you need to change that identifier throughout your documents, it would be helpful to be able to do a find-and-replace, find all the identifiers with the old name and replace them with the new name. We haven't found a way to do that with a find... [Full Review]

SrSoftwareEng436

Just one thing, and there is a way to get this done outside of the solution as currently I go to a third-party solution. I render multiple PDFs and then put them together into one document outside of Docmosis. Docmosis then provides the ability to include them, and that would almost work out for us except that we use some static content and, therefore, we would have no need to render them every time. [Full Review]

Solutionef0b

One thing that frustrated us a little bit is that we have to use the Office PDF generation, because the native PDF generation is always slightly different compared to the one in Office. The formatting is just a little bit off here and there. Sometimes a page-break will not appear. There are always some little differences between the native PDF and the Office PDF. This means that we need to have Office installed on the server to be able to generate these documents via API. That's been a bit of a ... [Full Review]

CEO151

It's still a bit complex to develop reports and because of that complexity, there are often mistakes that get made. If we get better debugging tools and better diagnostic tools, developing reports would be faster. That process is a bit slow right now. [Full Review]

Mike Horrocks

Any time that we have wanted something, Dave and his team have been right there to build it. I would have a hard time saying what they need to improve on. What I would say is that the industry is going to be looking for continued flexibility in terms of filtering, nesting, and building more complex, almost business-intelligence-type rules and reports. What we're going to need to see is that narrowing of the gap between the analytics and management in terms of what they're going to want to see an... [Full Review]

Vendor Directory

Docmosis	Docmosis		**Nintex**	Nintex Document Generation
Epicor	DocStar PackageWorks		**Smart Communications**	SmartDX
Ecrion	Ecrion EOS		**Docusign**	SpringCM
Exari Systems	Exari DocGen		**Windward Studios**	Windward Studios
Foxit Software	Foxit PDF SDK		**Xait**	XaitPorter
HelpSystems	HelpSystems iForms			

Top Document Generation Tools Vendors, Weighted

Over professionals have used IT Central Station research. Here are the top vendors based on product reviews, ratings, and comparisons. All reviews and ratings are from real users, validated by our triple authentication process.

Chart Key

● **Views**

Number of views

● **Comparisons**

Number of times compared to another product

● **Reviews**

Total number of reviews on IT Central Station

● **Words/Review**

Average words per review on IT Central Station

● **Average Rating**

Average rating based on reviews

Bar length

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1 Windward Studios

5,646 views   **856** comparisons   **20** reviews   **1,173** words/review   **8.9** average rating

2 Docmosis

1,391 views   **586** comparisons   **5** reviews   **525** words/review   **8.8** average rating

3 SpringCM

840 views   **373** comparisons   **1** reviews   **192** words/review   **9.0** average rating

4 Ecrion EOS

957 views   **544** comparisons   **0** reviews   **0** words/review

5 Foxit PDF SDK

713 views   **464** comparisons   **0** reviews   **0** words/review

6 Exari DocGen

332 views   **190** comparisons   **0** reviews   **0** words/review

7 SmartDX

185 views   **112** comparisons   **0** reviews   **0** words/review

8 Nintex Document Generation

102 views   **54** comparisons   **0** reviews   **0** words/review

9 XaitPorter

30 views   **12** comparisons   **0** reviews   **0** words/review

10 HelpSystems iForms

14 views   **4** comparisons   **0** reviews   **0** words/review

Top 5 Solutions by Ranking Factor

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This report is comprised of a list of enterprise level vendors. We have also included several real user reviews posted on ITCentralStation.com. The reviewers of these products have been validated as real users based on their LinkedIn profiles to ensure that they provide reliable opinions and not those of product vendors.

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