NetApp, going further faster.

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SOLUTION
Adobe Document Cloud
• Adobe Sign
Apttus Contract Management

RESULTS

FASTER COMPLETION
NDAs processed using Adobe Sign are completed three times faster than those done on paper

RAPID TURNAROUND
Reduced turnaround time for sales contracts from 19 to 5 days

INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY
Increased productivity of contract support staff by reducing contract processing time from 15 hours to 1 hour per week

GREATER COMPLIANCE
Developed a consistent sourcing process that improves compliance
Dedication to innovation

NetApp has risen to the top of the computer storage market and become an international Fortune 500 company. A key to the company’s success is its dedication to innovation. NetApp develops new technologies and processes that not only keep its products ahead of the competition, but also enhance productivity and convenience in all areas of business.

Working with its General Counsel, NetApp's Legal Operations team identified Adobe Sign, an Adobe Document Cloud solution, as an e-signature solution that could dramatically improve the handling of nondisclosure agreements (NDAs), providing for near instant completion. "Adobe Sign works in line with our culture of innovation," says Connie Brenton, Director of Operations and Chief of Staff in the Legal Department at NetApp. "We didn't expect such a rapid rollout and adoption rate. The implementation was an immediate success, and it exposed the easy-to-use solution across the organization, leading to new ideas to further streamline other contracting processes."

Automated self-servicing

NDAs are a necessity whenever sales representatives want to share new technological developments or other confidential information with customers. Rather than waiting for the legal department to issue each NDA separately, sales representatives can now use Adobe Sign to instantly route the NDA and have it signed by the client from any tablet or laptop device. "Because people can sign documents anywhere with Adobe Sign, we can meet deadlines that would have been impossible with paper versions," says Brenton.

"By giving sales representatives self-service access to pre-approved NDAs through Adobe Sign, agreements are completed and processed significantly faster," continues Brenton. Sales representatives simply choose one of several customer NDA templates stored in the Adobe Sign library. The NDA templates are already pre-approved by NetApp's legal team and comply with legal requirements for different regions. The automated delivery saves the legal department time, and enables sales representatives to spend more time talking with customers about specific technologies or products.

The success of the NDA implementation triggered other groups to seek out ways that they could leverage Adobe Sign in their business unit. Legal Operations Manager Emily Teuben helps other groups review their processes and set up customized workflows. "Adobe Sign is so intuitive that groups can get started with minimal training and we don't need to invest in full-time support," explains Teuben. Due to the usability of the application, many groups have been able to implement new processes within weeks.
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**SOLUTION AT A GLANCE**

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**Accelerating the sales contract workflow by two weeks**

“Adobe Sign, integrated with the Apttus application that sits on top of Salesforce, significantly boosts performance and productivity,” says Brenton. “We can complete contracts in minutes and meet deadlines that would have been impossible without leveraging this type of technology.” NetApp has achieved improvements in its contracting process through an integrated, yet streamlined Adobe Document Cloud, Apttus, and Salesforce.com solution.

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