

VersaIMAGE™ for Minolta Book and Microfilm scanners

VersaIMAGE is a hybrid PC Microsoft Windows based imaging system that offers full [paper and microfilm image management](#). VersaIMAGE interfaces with ISIS and TWAIN compatible scanners such as the popular Minolta PS-3000 and PS-7000 book scanners and the versatile Minolta MS-2000 and MS-3000 microfilm scanners.

The Minolta Book scanner may be used together with the MS-2000 and/or MS-3000 microfilm scanner allowing scanned images from paper and microfilm to be compiled into a single VersaIMAGE “file folder”. These “hybrid” digital file folders may then be indexed for retrieval in VersaIMAGE’s Microsoft Access or optional Sequel Server database. Besides database folders VersaIMAGE offers [distribution](#) folders for image distribution to print, fax, e-mail, file export or CD-R creation.

VersaIMAGE with the Minolta PS-3000 and PS-7000 book scanner offers:

- Manually selected “left”, “right” and “both” page-scanning modes.
- Automatic left / right scanning or “split” mode.
- Automatic finger cropping.
- Microsoft Access or Sequel Server CAR database.
- Database and distribution folder scanning and indexing.
- Bar Code and / or OCR recognition from scanned images.
- Computer data download and automatic Bar Code matching capability.
- Microfilm scanning into the same digital folder using other film scanners.
- CD pre-mastering for any CD-R system.
- DAR 2800 + DAR 1600 interfaces with or without bar code scanners.

VersaIMAGE with the Minolta MS-2000 and MS-3000 microfilm scanner offers:

- Microfiche, 16 mm and 35 mm film scanning and image management.
- Automatic MARS multi level film CAR retrieval and scanning.
- 2/3 level roll film scanning mode with automatic file blip to folder conversion.
- Optional “File blip only” scanning mode with subsequent automatic bar code (or OCR) recognition of index information on these File blip images.
- Automatic “look-up append” feature matches imported data to key (i.e. bar coded) data field automatically. (Eliminates indexing labor)
- Automatic, unblipped film scanning with UC film carriers and BlipChip™
- Standard Microsoft Access database or optional Client Server solutions.
- Other paper scanners and the PS-3000 book scanner on the same network.
- Check splitting software for bank film applications.

VersaIMAGE provides unmatched “open connectivity” because it contains paper and microfilm scanner interfaces [and](#) drivers for most popular microfilm readers and cameras. VersaIMAGE

combines the management of digital and microfilm images in its database and allows users to utilize the substantial investment made in their current micrographics equipment!

Hybrid Imaging with VersaIMAGE Software:

Hybrid Imaging:

Bi3.net Corporation pioneered the development of hybrid imaging software. VersaIMAGE combines the image management capability of CAR microfilm with most digital devices such as ISIS and TWAIN compatible paper and microfilm scanners. VersaIMAGE allows scanning and retrieval of film images or digital (TIFF) images interchangeably. If a digital image is found in the VersaIMAGE database upon a “search” command, it will be displayed immediately. If no digital image is found, VersaIMAGE will prompt the operator to request or locate the correct microfilm image and “drive it up” using its universal automated microfilm interface drivers.

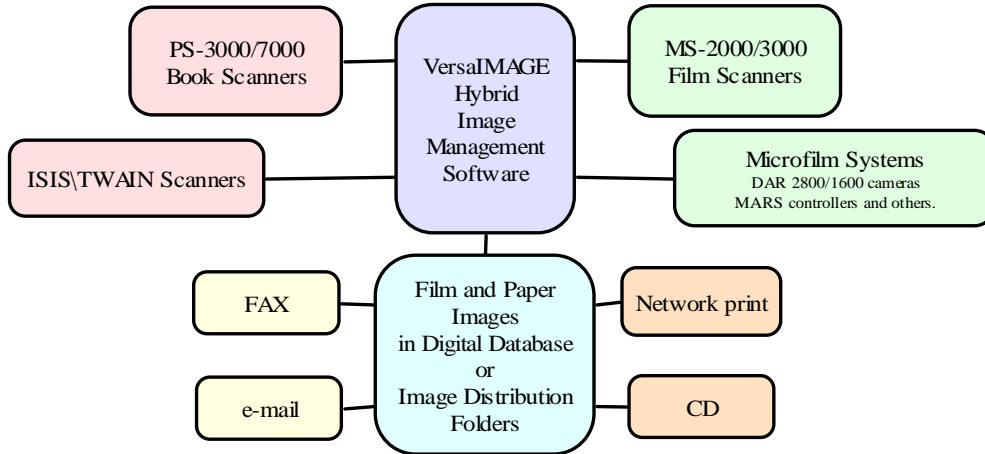
The ease and speed of digital image retrieval, especially when using “jukeboxes”, with its immediate image distribution often beats conventional microfilm retrieval methods. However with the use of new “ad-hoc” film scanners used with VersaIMAGE, microfilm has become a viable archival image backup media.

The hybrid process allows users to keep images in magnetic or erasable optical form during the initial or high retrieval life cycle and to shift later to lower volume retrievals off archival microfilm. Because of its (currently) required human interaction, microfilm often will take a little longer to retrieve but it does provide an excellent archival and back-up alternative to digital storage. Microfilm does not become obsolete and in computer terms it is the ultimate “analog WORM” technology!

Summary:

By correlating digital images with their respective microfilm images VersaIMAGE allows users to switch instantly to analog microfilm “backup” retrieval at any time. This may be done to verify scanned image quality or to preserve dynamic disk space. Hybrid systems with VersaIMAGE not only provide peace of mind for disaster recovery planning but it offers a valid way to gain “growth control” over digital media.

MINOLTA HYBRID CONFIGURATION USING VersaIMAGE



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