



Streamlining Construction Documentation: A Global Consultancy's Journey to Enhanced PDF Management



ANONYMOUS CASE STUDY

A renowned global consulting firm specializing in complex construction projects across diverse sectors sought a powerful solution to improve document management efficiency. Focusing on precision and productivity, they turned to Foxit PDF Editor—a natural choice to streamline and simplify their digital document workflow, keeping their projects on track and their teams aligned.

Recently, the firm developed the need to streamline its editing process further. They were experiencing a cumbersome workflow when dealing with document annotation. Since Foxit is known for its user-centric approach and was already used for existing editing needs, collaborating between the two companies was a natural solution to bring this new functionality to life.

I A PDF Solution for modern construction needs

Consultancy teams at the firm use Foxit PDF Editor to support creating and modifying complex building plans. Because this task is central to the firm's operations, the Foxit tool is deeply integrated into team workflows. When the need for custom features for annotation orientation arose, Foxit's ability and willingness to bring bespoke solutions to meet customer needs ensured that the client didn't need to look elsewhere for a solution.

Navigating Annotation Complexities in Construction Documentation

The firm has handled hundreds of large-scale construction projects, which resulted in a vast collection of plans and reports. Foxit PDF Editor has been a trusted part of the company's software stack, allowing them to recreate and distribute the plans with the extreme level of detail required.

A prominent feature of Foxit Editor that made these technical drawings possible is the ability to annotate important information that needs to be easily conveyed to anyone reading the plans. This made the editor an invaluable tool for the process.

I Challenge: Orientation issues in annotations

Although the annotation capabilities of Foxit PDF Editor served many of the vital needs of the consultancy, it didn't solve them all. Formatting discrepancies between source and target documents often left the annotation upside down or at any number of incorrect angles. This made it harder to read and slower to review potentially critical notes.

The company's multi-layered approval process means that many eyes often need to see these documents before projects can move forward. In addition to the frustration of these delays, the awkwardly printed annotations increased the chances of misinterpretation and even more delays.



Transforming Construction Documentation Standards

Quality in construction depends heavily on document precision. To handle these exacting document standards, advanced tools are needed to simplify document management and review. These annotations contain information such as design adjustments and approval notes.



A slight misalignment can result in misunderstandings that lower accuracy and delay timelines. The digital workflows that the industry is embracing aid significantly in this task. With the right tools, annotations can be adjusted quickly and placed precisely. The client's need for extra precision in placement allowed Foxit to make its PDF Editor an even more robust solution for the construction industry.

Crafting a Tailored Solution with Foxit

The firm evaluated every available option to solve its annotation issue, including the potential costs of switching to different PDF software. However, no other software provided a better solution than Foxit PDF Editor.

In the end, it chose to collaborate with Foxit to create a more robust solution using its existing tools. In doing so, employees could leverage existing software, and the company could save on costly licensing fees. Foxit was happy to help. The development team worked closely with the consultancy to design a new comment rotation feature, aligning with the company's needs and offering a more efficient solution.

Implementing the Annotation Rotation Feature

The first step for Foxit's team was to analyze the specific use cases for annotation in construction documents. This allowed them to understand the type of annotations that frequently need rotating. To speed up workflows, Foxit developed functionality that allows users to adjust the orientation of several annotations simultaneously. This reduced user fatigue and increased accuracy.

Annotations can be adjusted in common orientations, speeding up workflows. Whether it's textboxes, callouts, or freehand drawings, users can now ensure annotations are aligned across sections without tedious manual adjustments.

Enhanced Interface for a Superior User Experience

Simply adding in features isn't enough. They need to integrate seamlessly with the existing interface. Foxit's team refined the user interface so annotation adjustments could be made as intuitively as every other function in the software. This allows users to find the feature alongside the existing rotation tools quickly. This extra step demonstrates Foxit's commitment to creating intuitive software.

Quantifiable and Qualitative Results of the Foxit Partnership

The introduction of annotation rotation brought significant financial and operational benefits to the consultancy.

Cost Savings and Ease of Transition

The firm saved approximately €4,500 annually in software licensing costs by staying with Foxit PDF Editor instead of switching to an alternative. This cost-effective decision underscored Foxit's value proposition of going the extra mile to address user needs without adding to the company's expenses.

Because the company didn't need to switch software, its users didn't need to learn an entirely new interface. Instead, they only needed to learn a new, intuitively placed feature in the software they'd used for years.

Enhanced Workflow and User Satisfaction

Cost savings weren't the primary goal of staying with Foxit. The main benefit was that the new feature streamlined the documentation process. Accurate, flexible orientations of comments and annotations eliminated the need for time-consuming manual adjustments. Feedback from the firm's team was overwhelmingly positive. They appreciated Foxit's responsiveness to their request and the quality of the final result.

The benefits extended to team morale and satisfaction as well. The consultancy's users felt their specific needs were valued, fostering a sense of collaboration with Foxit.

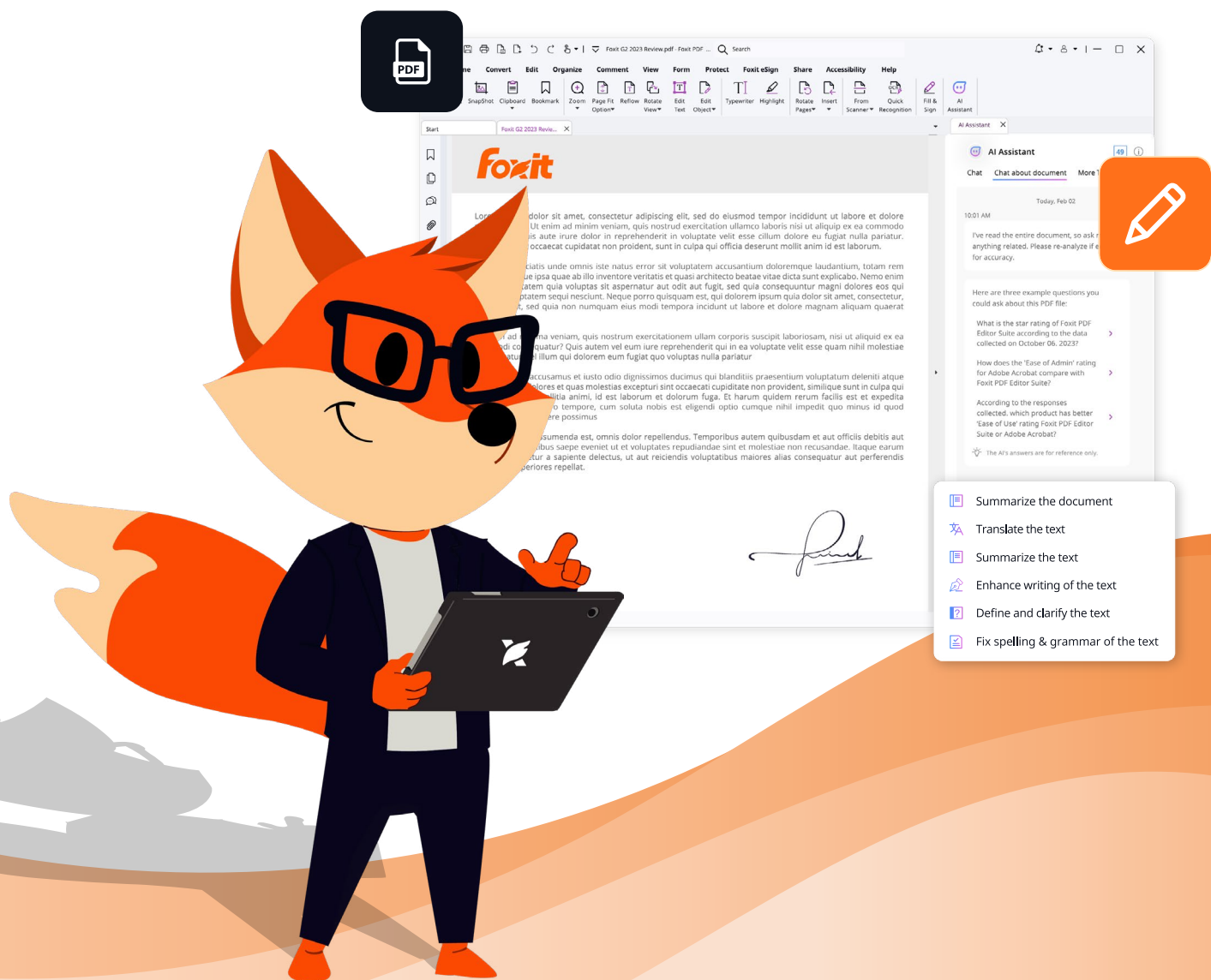


Achieving New Standards in Annotation Management

The annotation rotation problem was a critical pain point for the consulting firm. By resolving that problem, Foxit's tools helped the firm transform the approach to document management. It is now empowered with a level of efficiency previously unattainable. Going forward, staff will benefit from optimized document workflows and reduced administrative burden, increasing the time available for high-value tasks.

Ongoing plans for improvement with Foxit's tools

Foxit, having established itself as a valued partner for the consultancy, empowers the firm to explore other opportunities for collaboration. It plans to explore further ways in which improvements to Foxit PDF Editor may support the complex requirements of large-scale construction projects. In addition, consultancy management looks forward to working with Foxit in the future as new challenges arise.





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