

Calculation Manager

Planning & production processes made more accurate

To achieve reliable and cost-efficient procedures at your Editorial and Production departments, employ our cloud-based STREAM app Calculation Manager for pre- and profit & loss as well as production costs and technical calculations.

Think and start planning in 'works'

Managing 'works' (intellectual property) and creating products based on these works helps you to be more efficient. You, of course, have the option of working on the edition and publication level, but this app also enables you to run all calculations based on a work across all 'manifestations', so calculations to compare and, more importantly, to summarize (in an overall view) the costs for the products you consider creating can easily be done.

Reliable figures for both Editorial and Production

So, for a work, there are options such as a preliminary estimate, a production estimate,

or a final calculation. But it is also possible to create several calculations of the same type for a work, or to run a calculation across an entire life cycle. All cost estimates – however detailed they should be – that are relevant for discussions at the Editorial Meeting or for the Head of Production to make decisions, can be output using this app.

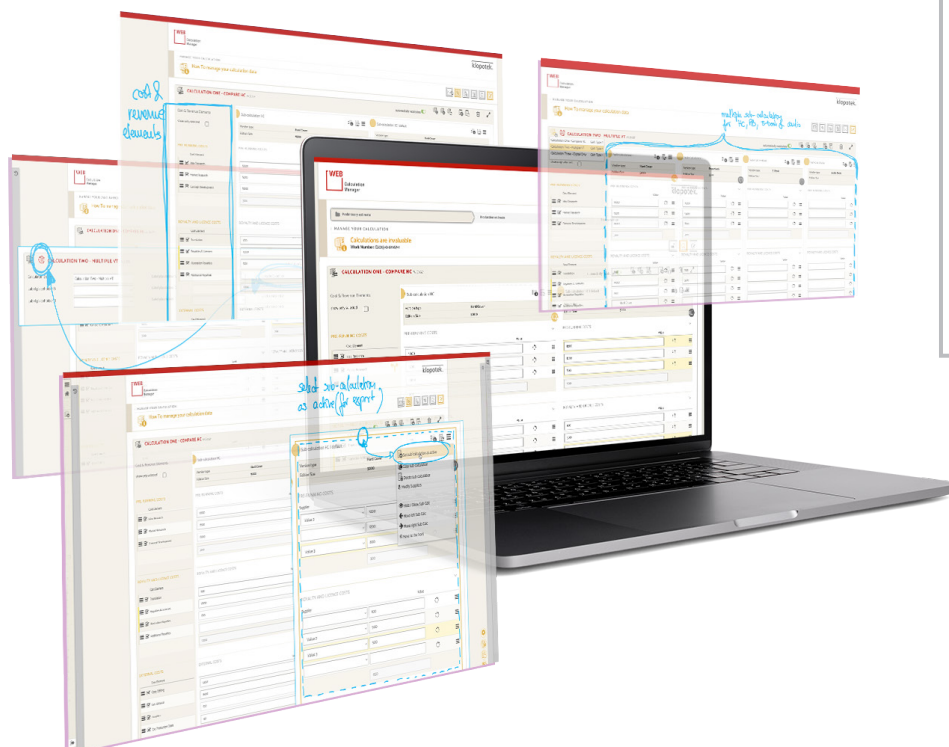
In Editorial, you'll be able to support the 'from planning to approval' process with preliminary and P&L calculations that are as detailed and precise as you need them to be.

At your Production department, you'll benefit from a complete overview of all production costs and information on when the break-even point will be reached. From this general overview, you can go into the details of the production costs, for example to understand how much one single page will cost.

Calculation Manager provides an export & flyer creation functionality, so PDFs with key data for meetings and decision-making processes can be created.

KEY FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Supports Editorial and Production with preliminary, profit & loss, production costs, and technical calculations based on edition/publication level or on the 'work' (intellectual property) – preliminary estimate, production estimate, final calculation
- Products are 'manifestations' of a work (calculations to compare & summarize [in a general overview] the costs for the products you consider creating can easily be done)
- Preliminary costs for Editorial Meeting; complete overview of all production costs and information on when the break-even point will be reached; drill-down into detail option
- Export functionality (create PDFs to be shared for decision-making)
- Create & work with templates for specifications to save time; create templates for complete calculations
- Cost & revenue elements are configurable
- Sub calculations for comparing costs; as many of them as you like can be displayed next to each other
- Option to split costs; values created by the system and/or entered manually
- Full integration into the STREAM world



To help meeting deadlines that are part of the production workflow, the app supports task management, so processes that have to be completed can be delegated to other users in the company in case of problems.

Save time by using various templates

To assist you in becoming faster when entering the specification data required for doing calculations, such as edition size, format specifications, page thickness, page quality, in case of digital books: image resolution, etc., Calculation Manager allows you to create as many variations of specifications as you like and save them as templates.

If you work on a specific, reoccurring manifestation (version type), you simply choose the correct template you created earlier, so you can easily focus on what's relevant and don't have to bother with specifications that are not relevant for this type of manifestation. You can also save complete calculations across several manifestations as templates.

Configurable cost & revenue elements

Both elements of calculations, (fixed and variable) costs as well as earnings, can be tailored to your individual needs.

Sub calculations for comparing costs

For specifying your product manifestations, there can be sub calculations for each calculation. To make comparing easy, the app displays as many sub calculations as you like next to each other in columns. The specifications for those are taken from your templates, but you can make changes, for example to see the effect on your costs of changing the paper quality of your hard cover manifestation to thinner or thicker paper.

The app enables you to combine several manifestations in a single calculation, or to compare several forms of a single manifestation (with different specifications).

Costs can be split across several manifestations you're considering producing; for example, in the case of producing a hard cover edition, a paperback, an audio and an e-book, the costs for getting a translation for the content can be allocated to all elements (but it is also possible to exclude some of being part of sharing the costs, depending on the rules established at your organization – for example, because of a too small edition size).

The figures and values will be calculated by the system, but they can also be entered

manually. You can work with different currencies and pull in data from other suppliers to compare the costs of the services of various companies.

Calculations can be copied/duplicated, switched off or turned on to be 'live', i.e., to be taken into account.

Smart user interface helping to stay focused

Our intuitive STREAM UI enables you to highlight as well as to hide/unhide rows and costs to make comparing easy.

Fully integrated into the STREAM world

The calculations created using this app can be linked to a product, so you can jump out to the Title Life Cycle Manager app to work with related data. For getting information in a quick and easy way, there is Product 360° (high-level data of Calculation Manager can be displayed in a widget).

Also, the preliminary high-level specification data and technical dimensions that are handled in Title Life Cycle Manager can be accessed from Calculation Manager and can also be made available for this app. Information on the costs of royalties and licenses is fetched from Contract Manager.

You can establish a connection to the Klopotek DAM (Digital Asset Management system), as well as to the Scheduling (for detailed project planning) and Notification Dashboard apps.



From a general overview, you can go into the details of the production costs