



# Fully Integrated Electronic Plan Review for Accela

## KEY BENEFITS

- Remove expensive and costly desktop applications
- Efficient electronic plan review & approval processes
- Simplified IT real estate as no database or desktop applications are required
- Supports green Initiatives
- Improve plan check turnaround times
- Compliance with Federal legislative policies
- Collaboration with developers, contractors & architects
- Accelerate permit request and processing time
- Simultaneous permit reviews
- Improve service delivery to citizens and commercial organisations
- Improve traceability and audit trails
- Maximize existing Accela investments
- Process plan applications from Accela workflows and screens

Lifecycle Technology's DigEplan for Accela provides an efficient, flexible, and secure method for states, counties and cities to streamline electronic plan review and accelerate planning applications.

DigEplan removes the need for paper with deep integration to your Accela processes and screens.

## Further exploit your Accela investment

Cities and other public sector organizations can further exploit their investment in Accela when using DigEplan. DigEplan enables Accela users to efficiently work with electronic plans that need to be viewed, commented upon, stamped and rejected or approved. The solution also supports, citizen taxes, civil engineering and other departments. The integration to Accela allow users to instantly access plans for viewing, annotation, stamping and archiving, removing the need for paper, end-to-end.



Users can review plans from familiar Accela workflows and screens

## Reduce and simplify your IT real estate

DigEplan for Accela does not require a database, client installs or file upload / download as it is integrated into your Accela screens, workflows and tasking, reducing complexity and providing an easy-to-use application.



DigEplan for Accela enables users to work with electronic plan review cycles from within Accela

## Remove inefficient, non-integrated desktop applications

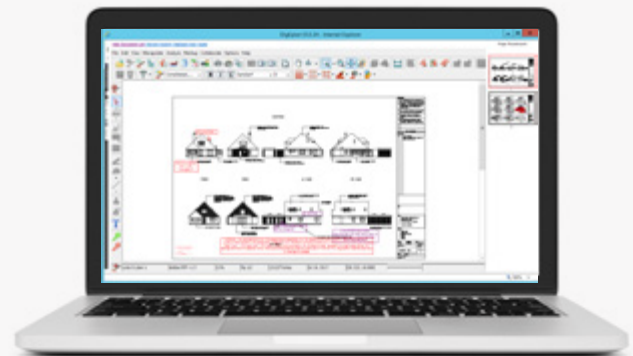
Planning applications are typically reviewed by multiple departments within a city or external organisations, such as utilities and fire. Traditional paper-based processes or non-integrated desktop applications, mean reviews are completed in a consecutive manner with the application being passed around to each set of reviewers, a slow and inefficient process.

With an electronic plan review solution for Accela, stakeholders can simultaneously review plans and add their digital comments and instructions at the same time. This serves to standardize, streamline and accelerate workflows for the electronic planning process.

DigEplan for Accela provides a rich set of annotation entities that allow reviewers to communicate, comment and add in-context observations and instructions, directly within plans and other document types. All annotations are created as distinct overlays on top of the original file, never altering the original, and are saved directly into Accela for audit purposes. Plan reviewers and departments can turn annotation layers on and off to make viewing easier, and consolidate comments as needed to make decisions and provide correction comment feedback, supporting review cycles.



Quickly & easily spot hard to see differences in subsequent review cycles



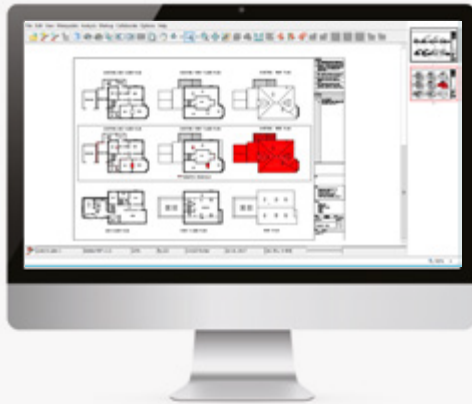
DigEplan Intellistamps use Accela meta-data that supports electronic sign-off

## Instantly analyze resubmitted plans with the comparison function

The compare capability allows users to instantly determine what has been added, removed, or changed in documents. This is particularly useful during the review of resubmitted plans or documents. Hard to spot differences between the original file and subsequent cycles can be easily identified, saving time and indentifying accidental or intentional changes beyond what was requested.

## Intelligent & batch stamping processes

Reviewers can apply Intellistamps to electronically sign and stamp document sets with attributes from Accela. Intelligent stamps retrieve and insert information from Accela, enabling quick approvals and digital sign-off. The sign-off stamp contains information about the annotation author, case ID, as well as date and time of creation, providing a reliable audit trail of changes and approvals. Users can accelerate the approval process further with the en masse, batch stamping and conversion capability.



Open second window to review side by side



Automatic generation of DWG & BIM

### Automatically extract correction comments from plan review cycles, combined with the plan markups, supporting clearer feedback

Once a document has been reviewed in DigEplan for Accela, the details of any correction comments can be extracted from the plans and used to populate the Accela comment tracking module and report. This allows comments to be tracked through multiple review cycles until closed out.

### Creating an audit trail at every step of the plan review process

Creating an audit trail for compliance is a legal requirement. Using the automation within DigEplan for Accela, users no longer have to worry about ensuring a record is created at the correct stage in the plan review cycles. Records are generated automatically, alongside the storage and classification in your Accela system. This ensures there is a clear auditable path on how, who, and why the decision to accept or reject was made.

### Future-proofing with Accela

DigEplan for Accela delivers secure, web-based viewing for virtually any document type, including PDF, 2D CAD, Graphics, Office and BIM documents and enables users to view, annotate, digitally stamp, convert, print and simultaneously collaborate. Costly authoring and standalone desktop applications are no longer required. DigEplan's intuitive user interface can easily be used by all employees regardless of their technical skills. Accela stakeholders involved in electronic plan review are always connected to Accela without the need to download files to the desktop, enabling efficient processing to be completed. Based on reliable, in-context information and leveraging the existing Accela integrated solution eliminates the costs involved in purchasing, managing, and training employees to use multiple viewing and authoring applications.



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