

An Image is Worth a Thousand Words

Picture this: you're reading a description and although the words are all stringing together in the right order and the specific details are included, you still can't figure out what the thing or process looks like. Then, you turn a page and there's a picture. Suddenly, that group of words makes perfect sense! You have that ability in NDS Applications with the Show Image Function.



On the NDS Toolbar, press the [Show Image] button and you can link images to database values in the current record, or view them if you've linked them previously. Images can be linked to display from anywhere in the form, from a specific block, or from a specific field. Stored images have the following features:

- These images can be multi-page, up to 999 pages.
- Up to one trillion images can be stored in the database, provided there is enough disk space for that many images.
- Images can be stored either internally or externally.
- Internally stored images are:
 - Stored in the database in the NDS_IMAGES table.
 - Loaded initially from the NDS_IMAGE_DIR Oracle named directory.
 - Imported into the database when the External Image flag is set to **off** and the record is saved.
 - Backed up and exported as part of the database.
- Externally stored images are:
 - Stored in the NDS_IMAGE_DIR Oracle named directory, which points to a folder on the database server.
 - Read from the NDS_IMAGE_DIR Oracle named directory when the file is needed.
 - Swapped out on the database server without database access.
 - Image files cannot be imported from client machines or modified within NDS Applications.

Including images with your data can assist with:

- Part identification
- Process documentation
- Quality feedback and inspection criteria
- And more!

For more information about the NDS Show Image Function, see the NDS Online Help at http://www.ndsapps.com/webhelp/nds_show_image_function.htm or contact your NDS Project Manager to get started.