



## Using the easy-to-use Futureproofs proofreading tools to improve change tracking



Lion Hudson publishes quality literature for adults and children that is true to the Christian faith, and their imprints address both the general and Christian markets. Their books sell around the world and are translated into over 200 languages. International co-edition publishing is a particular strength.

### The situation

The team wanted to test Futureproofs against a range of objectives, bearing in mind the diverse content that they publish. For this initial case study, they chose two illustrated children's titles and laid out their key objectives.

- Improve their insight into project status.
- Improve change control.
- Gain insight into contributor changes.
- Improve team communication.

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“Great for pushing the project forward. All I needed was a web browser to check my proofs off, anywhere – everywhere! Brilliant!”

*S.E. (Designer)*

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### The challenges

- It took time to learn the software and it wasn't used for the whole proofreading process, which led to some duplication.
- Being able to view two pages at once as spreads would make checking designs easier.

### The benefits

- Futureproofs provides a clear process for proofreading, collation and inputting corrections.
- Mark-up was intuitive and quick to learn.
- Having a record of all proofreading marks from the proofreader, the designer and the author is invaluable.
- Having a specific mode to review changes while working in InDesign makes it unlikely that any corrections are missed.
- Viewing the marked-up master proof and the corrected document side by side is great.

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“Using Futureproofs to collate and input proof reading corrections from the team was very efficient.”

*S.M. (Editor)*

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The designer on the project said that Futureproofs “eliminates the time lag getting proofs out to be checked, and its instant email contacting of team members does the work for you. Being able to check off current and last proofs side by side, and go through any design queries was just great. As a designer, I found its use of recognised markup and the stepped movement through amendments, quickly taking you through each one, very helpful.”

### Conclusions

It would be useful to use Futureproofs for books with a lot of text, for:

- keeping track of all changes from contributors;
- ensuring all mark-up is made correctly; and
- reviewing final PDFs against the proof.