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New features in PrintShop Mail 6.1 WE

Printing

- The Print Dialog has been further improved, for example:
 - It is possible to print a selected range of records and pages.
 - It is possible to create a PDF file by selecting the SoftProof PDF option.
- Through PrintShop Mail Preferences panel it is possible to add archiving, emailing and faxing options for the PlanetPress Suite, allowing you to send PrintShop Mail output to a queue being watched by PlanetPress Watch.
- Duplex printing in n-up documents has been further optimized.

Variables

- PDF files are now supported as variable image. For PDF files with multiple pages, you can select a page within a PDF.

Documents

- Color Management support has been added.
- The Expression Editor has been further improved, allowing advanced users to enter expressions themselves and new users to start the Expression Assistant to compose their expressions.
- It is possible to use Barcode plugin.
- Layouts can be Centered on the page or you can create a Custom Offset.
- It is possible to add bleed margin at Page Level, which is especially useful for n-up documents.
- It is possible to open a database without first closing the current database. When you open a new database, the currently opened database will be closed automatically.
- Relative object position (anchoring) is now supported.

User Interface

- In the Edit menu a new Spot Colors submenu has been added. Spot Colors are special premixed inks used instead of, or in addition to CMYK inks.
- In the Database menu a new Recent Files.. -submenu has been added.

Bug fixes & Improvements

- New release; multiple minor and major issues found in previous releases have been fixed.
- The new KIX RiskTable has been added and the optional 'landcode' has been omitted from the expression. The KIX Risktable is located in the equally named directory (PrintShop Mail installation folder). Please check the TPG website regularly for updates.

Recommendations

- Multi-user version: for PrintShop Mail 6.x-net, License Manager 2.0.7 (or later) is required. This version of PrintShop Mail License Manager can be freely downloaded from our website (download page). Please consult the on-line Help of PrintShop Mail License Manager for more info about it
- Opening documents made in PrintShop Mail 4: as 'Regional Settings' can be set per variable object in PrintShop Mail 5 and higher, it is advised to verify and adjust f.i. the DATE format settings for the variable objects in that document.
- Batch files (.bat) for Automated Printing must be saved in ANSI encoding (also on double-byte systems).

Known Issues

- Expression Editor: Dragging & dropping text using the mouse-pointer in the Expression Editor (and Expression Assistant) is not recommended as this will remove text or does not copy text.
- Editing Expressions between copy and paste actions (of a text object): after pasting the object all editing of the expression will be undone and the object will be pasted containing the original expression (as to be expected), but the original object will also be reverted to the original expression.
- When multiple objects are selected, there is no 'Edit Expression' -option in the context menu: the expression of multiple objects can only simultaneously be edited by selecting the multiple objects in the Variables panel.
- When selecting an image object and a text object simultaneously, content alignment is not available.
- TEXT_FILE expression: automatic conversion from TEXT_FILE to string-value, within an expression, may render unexpected results. What will work are variations of this: TEXT_FILE("%path%\textfile.txt"), or this: IF(%condition%, TEXT_FILE(x), TEXT_FILE(y)) .
- Custom leading for text objects will not be applied to all selected text objects when multiple text objects are selected; the setting will only be applied to the first selected object.
- Page numbers per page is not supported when using repetition.
- On Windows 2000 the 'Vertical-Layout' feature is not supported; when opening documents, on this platform, containing objects with Vertical Layout set to 'Yes', this setting will be changed to 'No' without warning.
- *Concerning linked text objects:*
 - In linked text objects, if a paragraph spans multiple text boxes, its First Line Indent setting will be applied to the first line of each of those objects.
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- 'Number-of-Copies' in combination with print technology PPML may render undesired output (blank pages).
- Languages: online Help is not yet available in Russian, Portuguese and Turkish.
- Languages: new features are not translated in the Japanese user interface, these will be displayed in English.
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Addendum User Guide:

- Japanese/Chinese user interface: some descriptive texts might be displayed with characters that are hard-to-read due to their size; at some places you can zoom in to the text by selecting the text, holding down the CTRL-key and using the scroll-wheel of the mouse; please consult the on-line Help (press F1 on your keyboard) for full descriptions of PrintShop Mail's features.
- Contrary to a statement in the online Help, there is no 'Reverted sheets' checkbox in the Repetition panel (Preferences). Instead, you can select either 'Front-to-Back' or 'Back-to-Front'.

Reporting issues

- Your reports of any unexpected behavior are highly appreciated; please refer the online Help (press F1) for your Contact Info.

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- The CMM engine of LittleCMS is used to transfer one ICC profile into another. The source code of LittleCMS can be found at <http://www.littlecms.com>.



New features in PrintShop Mail 6.1.2 WE

- [Maintenance: this release is accompanied by the latest maintenance release of the DirectSmile plugin (vs. 2.0.1)]

Bug fixes & Improvements (since vs. 6.1)

- PrintShop Mail could crash when the computer was not used for a certain period of time; this has been fixed.
- The behavior of Alternate Color when using Spot Color has been improved.
- An anchored object could nudge downward pixel by pixel when browsing records; this has been fixed
- PrintShop Mail could 'hang' during softproof when the selected printer driver was not a proper PostScript driver. PrintShop Mail now verifies the selected printer driver and returns an error message in case something is wrong.

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