



FusionPro 5.1 - Release Notes

Products	FusionPro Desktop FusionPro Designer FusionPro Direct FusionPro Server
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Customer Support	For more information or support, please contact us at fusionProSupport@printable.com

Overview

This document contains the release notes for the FusionPro 5.1 suite of Variable Data Printing solutions. The following sections describe the release in detail and provide late-breaking or other information that supplements the main documentation.

FusionPro 5.1 is a minor update to the FusionPro 5.0 release and is available as a complimentary update to all FusionPro 5.0 customers. Installation of the FusionPro 5.1 release requires the use of a FusionPro 5.0 serial number.

At the time of the 5.1 release, Printable is offering upgrade pricing for FusionPro Desktop licenses. Customers with FusionPro Desktop versions 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, 4.0, 4.1, or 4.2 are eligible for the upgrade. Visit the FusionPro Desktop store on the Printable Technologies website for additional details on how to upgrade to FusionPro Desktop 5.1.

FusionPro Direct and Server customers who are active on their support and maintenance contracts with Printable may obtain FusionPro 5.1 by contacting the Printable support team at fusionProSupport@printable.com or by contacting their account manager.

Note that FusionPro Web, the Printable Web to Print solution, currently supports FusionPro 5.1 generated. All FusionPro Web customers are encouraged to upgrade to the FusionPro Desktop 5.1 product in order to take advantage of the latest FusionPro features and bug fixes.

What's New?

The 5.1 releases of FusionPro include support for the latest design applications and Operating System versions. FusionPro 5.1 was released in two phases. The December 2007 release was a Windows-only release to support Adobe InDesign CS3 (Acrobat 8 on Windows was previously supported). The April 2008 release was a Mac-only release to support Mac OS 10.5, Adobe Acrobat 8.0, and Adobe InDesign CS3.

Obtaining FusionPro 5.1 Software

The FusionPro 5.1 installer, as well as legacy versions of FusionPro, can be downloaded from the Printable Technologies website at:

<http://www.printable.com/downloads/FusionPro>

Please note that FusionPro 5.1 requires a 5.x specific serial number to install the application. Serial numbers used to install FusionPro 3.x or 4.x releases will not be accepted by the 5.1 installer.

To determine if your serial number will install FusionPro 5.1, look at the first 4 digits of your serial number. If those digits end in "50" such as "FP50" or "FS50", then you have a FusionPro 5.0 serial number. If the digits are not "50" such as "FP40" or "FD32", then you do not have a FusionPro 5.0 serial number.

If you do not have a 5.0 serial number, you can purchase FusionPro Desktop 5.1 from the Printable website at <https://fusionpro.printable.com/store/>. If you are a FusionPro Direct or FusionPro Server customer, please contact the Printable support team to obtain the FusionPro 5.1 software.

Installing FusionPro 5.1

To install FusionPro 5.1, please follow these steps:

- 1) Close Adobe Acrobat, InDesign, and QuarkXPress if they are currently running
- 2) Uninstall your current version of FusionPro. On Windows, this can be done from Add/Remove Programs. On Mac, there is an "Uninstall FusionPro" icon in the Printable installation folder to uninstall the product.
- 3) Once the un-install process is complete, launch the 5.1 installer program.
- 4) Use your 5.1 serial number when prompted during installation.
- 5) After installation, open Adobe Acrobat and verify that the "FusionPro" menu is visible. This indicates that the installation process was successful.
- 6) If you use the FusionPro barcode fonts in your VDP templates, run a "Load Fonts" process by going to FusionPro -> Advanced -> Load Fonts

If you experience any problems during installation, please contact FusionPro support at fusionProSupport@printable.com.

Feature Enhancements

Adobe Acrobat 8 Mac Support

FusionPro 5.1 features support for Adobe Acrobat 8 on the Mac platform. Acrobat 8 on Windows has been supported with a FusionPro release prior to version 5.1.

Adobe InDesign CS3 Support

The FusionPro template export plug-in for Adobe InDesign now supports InDesign CS3 on both Mac and Windows.

Mac OS 10.5 Support

The Mac release of FusionPro 5.1 now supports Mac OS 10.5 - Leopard. Note that while FusionPro 5.0 may have installed in Mac OS 10.5, there were a number of issues with the 5.0 installation including issues with the FP Imposer utility. These issues are now addressed in the FusionPro 5.1 release.

Application Note – New POSIX Paths on Mac

Changes required in FusionPro 5.1 for Mac in order to support the latest applications included a change to the way file paths are expressed in the FusionPro product.

The former “HSF” paths, which used colon separators between folder names in the path, have been replaced with new “POSIX” paths which use slash separators between folder names in the path.

Printable has made efforts to ensure that this change has as little effect as possible to Printable customers. FusionPro template files from the older versions of the Mac product (which used the HSF paths) will be automatically updated to use POSIX paths in almost all cases when those templates are opened in FusionPro 5.1 for Mac.

One area in particular where FusionPro cannot update paths automatically is within JavaScript rules where file/folder references may be programmatically constructed using the HSF method. These JavaScript rules should be updated manually to use the POSIX method for file/folder references.

Also note that while FusionPro offers backwards compatibility with templates (FusionPro 4.2 templates will function as expected in FusionPro 5.1 for example), the FusionPro product is not forwards-compatible. This is especially true with POSIX paths. Opening a FusionPro 5.1 (or later) template file with an older version of FusionPro (pre 5.1) may cause unexpected results as the POSIX paths in the later template files will not resolve to external files correctly.

Known Issues

Text Editor UI Controls May Appear at Incorrect Location Briefly

On the Mac release, a known issue exists in the variable text editor when a control is pressed (for example, the Bold button) with no text selected. In some cases, this may result in that control “flickering” on the screen briefly in the variable text editor content area. This does not affect the functionalities of these controls.

Building Blocks Dialogue Does Not Close

On the Mac release, the building blocks dialog can sometimes lose the ability to

be closed using the red button on the upper corner of the dialog. The dialog can be closed by using the "Hide Building Blocks" button on the main JS editor.

Output to PostScript Printer

On the Mac release, outputting directly to a PostScript printer when composing to PostScript is not functioning as expected.

Composition Dialogue Output Tab – Output File Extension Always PDF

On the Mac release, when selecting an output format in the Output tab of the FusionPro Desktop composition dialogue, the output file name will always end in a .pdf extension. The Compose tab shows the correct extension for the output file, however. Workaround is to verify file extension in the Compose tab.

Mac InDesign CS2 to Acrobat 8 Export May Result in Error

On the Mac release, in certain configurations, exporting from InDesign CS2 with the FusionPro export plug-in for InDesign to Adobe Acrobat 8 can result in a error in export if Acrobat 8 was not already opened. If this occurs, it is recommended that Adobe Acrobat 8 be opened before exporting from InDesign CS2.



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