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Welcome to PrintShop Mail® Connect!

Welcome to PrintShop Mail® Connect, the highly dynamic document composition solution from Objectif Lune that allows you to create fully personalised business correspondence across a range of output types.

Key aspects of PrintShop Mail® Connect include the following:

- **Designer** – design tool for creating print and email communications

- **Output** – advanced output and print stream handling across industry-standard print formats

- **Print Manager** – for handling IPDS output

Installing PrintShop Mail® Connect:

Full details on installing and licensing PrintShop Mail® Connect 1.4.n can be found from the online help in the installer. Note that PrintShop Mail® Connect 1.4.n comes with a 30 day trial license by default.

64 Bit Version Only

PrintShop Mail® Connect 1.4.n is available as a 64 Bit version only.

Connect 1.4.2: Enhancements & Fixes

1. **Designer**

   - A blank page is no longer added to beginning of templates that use scripting to add pages from PDF files. This problem only appeared when saving to a new file from within Preview mode, or when generating output from Preview mode. (SHARED-44564)

   - In email context templates, image elements (*<img>*) referencing a PDF image would multiply when switching back and forth between Live and Preview modes. This has now been fixed. (SHARED-44066)

2. **Email Output**

   - Elements whose style was set to *display: none* would be removed from HTML output, rather than just not being displayed. This error has been fixed. (SHARED-44151)

     Note: *Elements hidden via the Conditional Script wizard are removed from the output.*
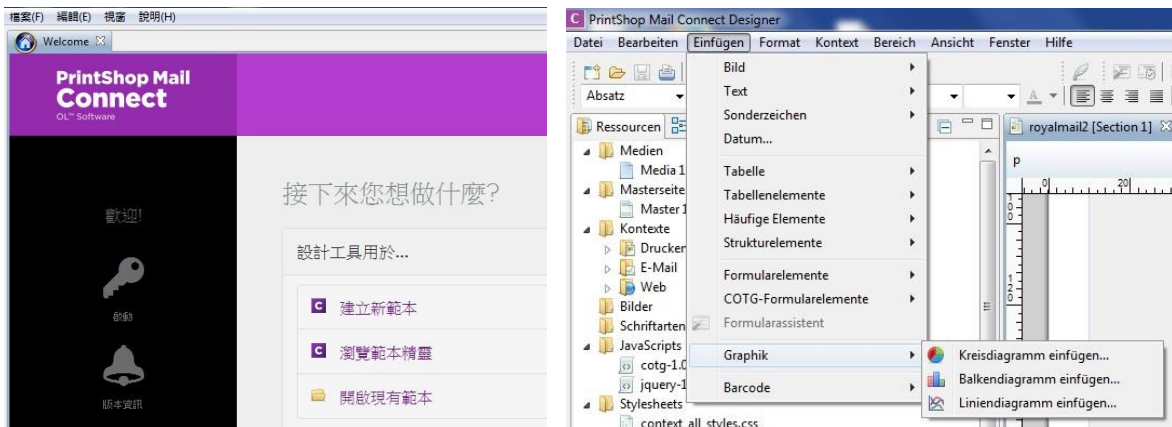
3. **Print Manager**

   - IPDS - Printing a range of pages with *Trace On* would lead to errors. This has now been fixed. (SHARED-44291)
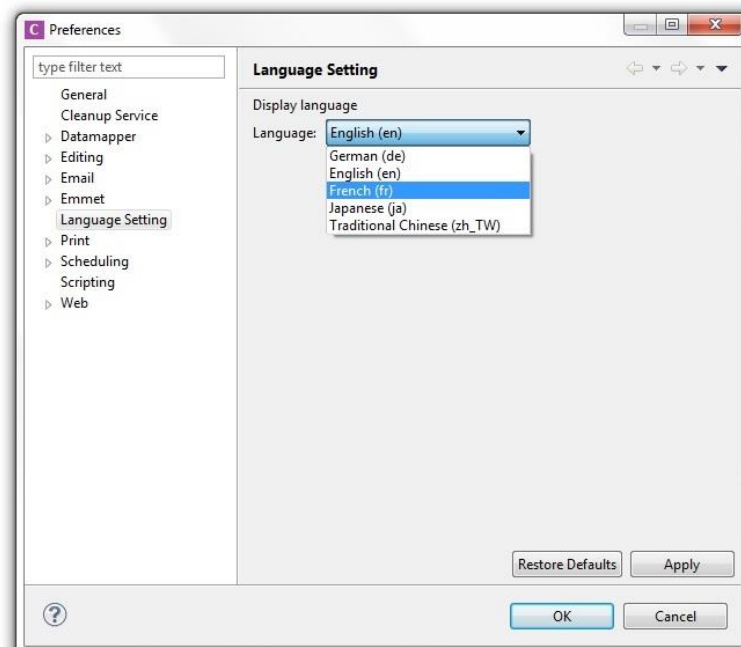
Connect 1.4.1: New Features & Enhancements

1. Multiple Languages now supported

The Connect user interface is now supported in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese (Traditional and Simplified) and Japanese (the default language is English). Further languages will become available in subsequent releases.
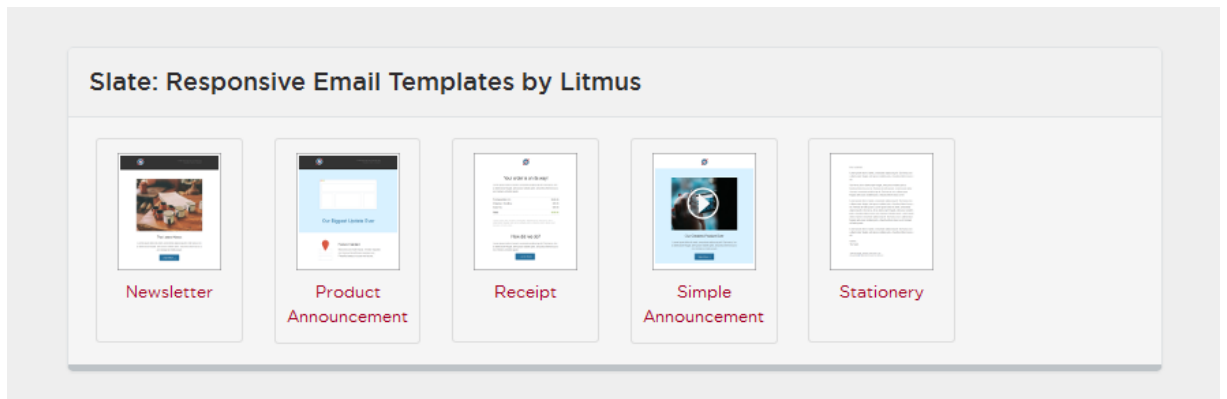

The language can be selected during the installation of Connect or via the Language Setting options in the Preferences dialog (note that Connect needs to be restarted in order to apply the selected language):

At present only the Connect user interface has been translated. Error messages and warnings will be translated for a later release.

2. **Welcome Screen Extended**

- The Printer Definition Configs and HCF files available on the OL Connect website are now grouped by manufacturer, to simplify selection.
- Connect 1.4.1 also introduces Responsive Email Templates.

3. **Virtualisation**

- Connect is now supported on the Microsoft Hyper-V and Hyper-V/Azure environments as well as the VMWare Workstation, Server, Player and ESX infrastructure environments.

4. **Modifying Connect Installations**

- Connect 1.4.1 introduces the ability to **Modify** Connect installations, once Connect 1.4.1 has been installed.

4. **Email Context**
   - Email context sections can be **enabled or disabled based upon data value**. (SHARED-33656)
   - Email **port number** can now be specified as part of the host name. (SHARED-38008)
   - **New template wizard** for Slate templates by Litmus. (SHARED-36843)

5. **Print Context**
   - Ability added to **mirror margins on back pages of Duplex jobs**, via Facing Pages selection added in Sheet Configuration dialog. (SHARED-40505)
   - Can now suppress Master Page on duplex back pages, if there are no contents.

6. **Scripting**
   - Result can now be written as a JSON string into an attribute or text (instead of the field value). Useful for web contexts where a front-end script can easily read the value.
   - User-defined formatting masks can now be used when outputting dates and numerical values.
   - Conditional script set to "Show if Condition is true" will hide the object by default.
   - Page range can be specified via scripting when setting PDF as background. (SHARED-36998)
   - Matched elements are highlighted when hovering over scripts. (SHARED-38293)

7. **General**
   - Numerous improvements to Designer GUI and user-experience. These include:
     - A new "**Styles**" pane that displays the styles applied to the selected object.
     - **Image Selection** Dialog now inserts from resources, files or URL.
     - **Line number** option now available from any source view.
     - View menu now has entries to **switch between views** within the Workspace.
   - Set any **PDF as background** for a Section. (SHARED-39880)
   - Specify a **background image** and control its size, position and repeat mode. (SHARED-14522)
   - Option to **generate JSON string from data model fields** to pass data record information to client side script. (SHARED-39337)
   - **CSS Class name completion** suggests CSS classes based upon the current section. (SHARED-36870)
   - **CSS Style inspector** allows full control over styles. (SHARED-22929)

Connect 1.4.1 Output Enhancements & Fixes

1. **Print Output**
   - Images, barcodes, OMRs and text can now all be added to the page at time of output generation.

   - Ability to **add Metadata** to any output type (previously only PDF and AFP), for use within output Presets.

   - **Static strings** can now be added to Metadata in job Presets.

   - The **Output Path** in the Output Preset can now be set dynamically.

   - New Color setting for the ***Add Text*** option. (SHARED-40830)

   - **Monochrome** and **Dithering** support added to PCL output. (SHARED-39937)

   - **Dithering** and **B&W threshold** values now supported in the Print Wizard. (SHARED-39520)

   - New option to control **Compact Font Format** settings within PostScript. (SHARED-39902)

   - Support for Simple Network Management Protocol (**SNMP**) **queries** added to Print Manager. (SHARED-39213)

2. **Email Output**
   - **SMTP port** can now be customized when sending email.

Known Issues

1. **Installation Paths with Multi-Byte Characters**

When installing the Traditional Chinese or Japanese versions of Connect, if the user specifies an alternative installation path containing multi-byte/wide-char characters it can break some of the links to the Connect-related shortcuts in the Start Menu and cause an error to appear at the end of the installer. The workaround for the moment is to use the default installation path. The problem will be addressed in a later release.

2. **Switching Languages**

Changing the language under **Window|Preferences|Language Setting** does not currently change all of the strings in the application to the selected language. This is a known issue and will be fixed in a later release.

In the meantime we can offer the following workaround for anyone who needs to change the language:

i) Go to the .ini files for the Designer and Server Config:

- C:\Program Files\Objectif Lune\OL Connect\Connect Designer\Designer.ini
- C:\Program Files\Objectif Lune\OL Connect\Connect Server Configuration\ServerConfig.ini

ii) Change the language parameter to the required one under Duser.language=en | fr | de | ja | zh

Only one of the above language tags should be selected. Once saved, Connect will appear in the selected language at next start-up.

3. **GoDaddy Certificates**

When installing Connect offline, dialogs allow installing the GoDaddy certificates. Most users should use the default settings and click "*Next*". In some cases, however, this may not work correctly. For this reason those users should activate "*Place all certificates in the following store*" and then select the "*Trusted Root Certification Authorities*" as the target certificate store.

4. **Available Printer Models**

Note that only the single Printer Model (Generic PDF) will appear on the **Advanced** page of the **Print Wizard** by default.

To add additional printer models click on the settings button next to the Model selection entry box.

5. **Colour Model in Stylesheets**

The colour model of colours defined in a stylesheet can sometimes change after editing the stylesheet. This is a known issue and will be addressed in a subsequent release.

6. **Online Help Links Point to Introductory Page**

Context sensitivity for the online help is not yet enabled in Connect. All links and F1 calls point to the introductory page, where you can Search on keywords to bring up Help pages relating to the topic. Context sensitivity will be introduced in a subsequent release of Connect.

7. **Image Preview in Designer**

If in the Windows Internet settings (Connection Settings -> LAN configuration) a proxy is enabled, but "Bypass proxy settings for local addresses" is not checked, the image preview service, conversion service and live preview tab in the Designer will not work and exhibit the following issues:

- Images will be shows as 0 size boxes (no red 'X' is displayed)
- Live preview does not progress, and when re-activated reports "browsers is busy"

To fix the issue you must check the "Bypass proxy settings for local addresses" option.

8. **VIPP Output**

Some templates set up with landscape orientation are being produced as portrait in VIPP. It can also sometimes be the case that text and images can be slightly displaced. These are known issues and will be addressed in a later release of PrintShop Mail® Connect.