



Product Information **Prinect 2021.10 – Continuously better**



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Summary

We are happy to inform you on functionality and changes coming with Prinect 2021.10. Prinect 2021.10 will supplement the Prinect 2021 version from November **2021 onwards** –THE major change in this new serial standard version is its ability to be **continuously improved** after its installation. With significant efforts we revised the software architecture to improve the update and upgrade process shortening the installation downtimes – and make Prinect “fit” for the Heidelberg Ecosystem, named “Heidelberg Plus” being rolled out next year by introducing the new Heidelberg Plus ID (H+ ID).

The changes and enhancements made are not all visible at first glance, but they form the basis for future-proof operation of your Prinect system. Functional enhancements have been reduced in favor of these modifications.

The version is available for all customers entitled to it as part of their Prinect Production Manager contract, a valid Prinect Maintenance contract or in scope of warranty.

Prinect 2021.10 will be rolled out to all customers from November onwards.

New functions and benefits of 2021.10 at a glance:

- Continuous Release functionality with reduced downtime during update procedure
- Prepared for “Heidelberg Plus” cloud functionality
- New Adobe APPE 5.7
- New PPF Handler for “pressroom only” utilization. This requires different operation for users
- Extended Preflight capabilities to better meet “Ghent Workgroup” ISO recommendations
- Improved “end-to-end” Front/Back material handling in the integrated workflow

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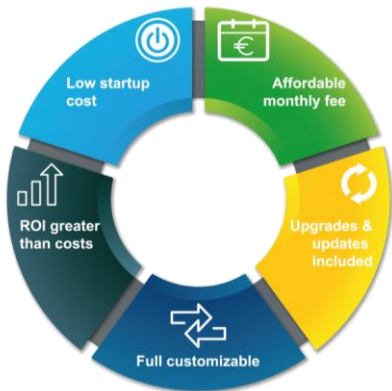
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What's new in Prinect 2021.10?

1 Prinect 2021-10 – Continuously better

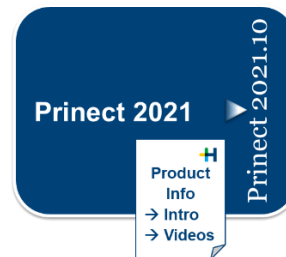
1.1 Time saving Update-/Upgrade mechanisms with "BIS"



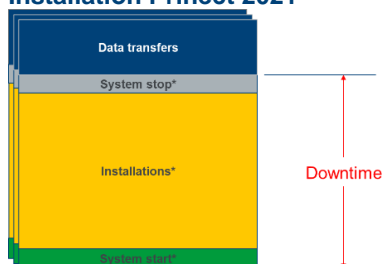
The previous years' Prinect Upgrades – one main version per year and one intermediate version in addition – were provided via the Prinect Maintenance Center (PMC) to all customers with Production Manager / Maintenance contract or in Warranty.



Starting with Prinect 2021.10, Heidelberg changes the delivery of product updates and upgrades to "continuous delivery" mode. This means that the previous semi-annual version upgrades will no longer be necessary. These will be replaced by continuous delivery of the latest updates and function enhancements. To make these system upgrades as smooth as possible for the user, the "Background Installation Service" is being introduced. This service increases the availability of the Prinect system when updates are made and is being continuously developed with the aim of achieving "minimum downtime". Components that are compatible with BIS can be installed while Prinect is running – without disturbing work.

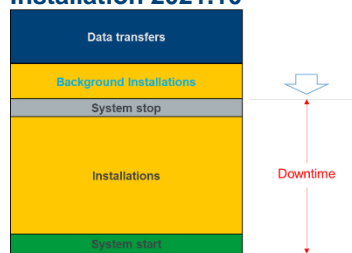


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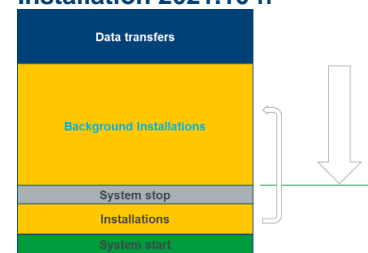
In Prinect 2021, all components had to be downloaded to the respective hardware, the system stopped and then the components got installed.

Installation 2021.10



For Prinect 2021.10, several components became "BIS"-enabled. These components are transferred and installed in the background without the need to stop the system.

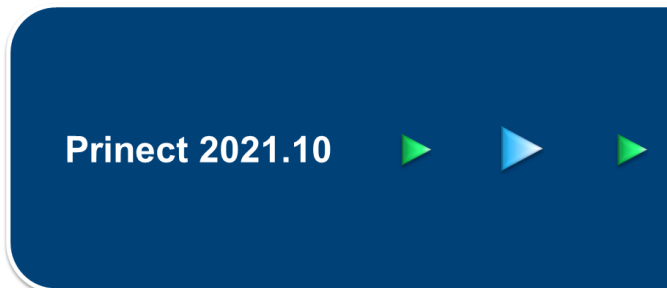
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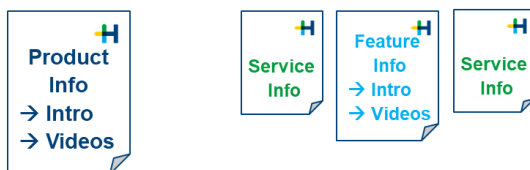
From this version onwards, more and more components will be made "BIS"-enabled, so that the systems downtime gets further reduced.

A few components will most likely be BIS-incompatible, so that a system stop remains necessary.

This is a major step to refraining from “big” upgrades to continuously providing software updates and updates to our customer base with less production disruption.



So, from this version Prinect 2021.10 onwards we will be regularly deploying Cumulative Update Packages via our Prinect Maintenance Center (PMC) to all customers with Production Manager contracts, Maintenance contracts or still under warranty.



This will go hand in hand with updated information distribution mechanisms, where contents of update packages with “fixes only” shall be accompanied by corresponding Service Information.

New features shall be promoted with an introductory Feature Information that should directly link to the online helps and – where appropriate - training videos available in the Prinect Know How-Area.

The user can postpone an update, but this will lead to an increased installation process when the next update will become available.

All our Prinect DFE stand-alone customers will get their DFE with Pre-Installed Images, as before. During Warranty period update mechanisms are as described earlier in this information. After this period no more Update Packages will be provided without an active software-maintenance contract in place.

1.2 Get ready for the Cloud – with your personal Heidelberg Plus ID (H+ ID)

With Prinect 2021.10 we lay the foundation for the new Heidelberg Plus ID (H+ ID) which will be the basis for all future Heidelberg cloud activities. The H+ ID is based on technology from ZAIKIO, a Heidelberg subsidiary company. It utilizes its modern authentication technologies and is dedicated to the single identified user. It is scheduled to replace the current Heidelberg ID known from other digital offerings like the Heidelberg Assistant, the Heidelberg App or the eShop in summer 22: it opens the gate to the new Heidelberg Plus Ecosystem.

Installations of Prinect 2021.10 that were made since September 2021 will have 30 days to establish their new Heidelberg Plus ID after the H+ ID mechanisms become available for Prinect 2021.10. Contact your Heidelberg Service organization for assistance, if necessary.

1.3 No Internet Connectivity?

We would appreciate if at least internet connection for the PMC could be allowed as soon as the H+ID (Connection Control Center) is released to operate and maintain the Prinect 21.10 installations with less effort.

We do know, however, that there are customers who – for company policy reasons (e.g. security printers, state institutions) – do NOT allow internet access at all.

Those customers do not have the chance to benefit from any cloud offering, as for those internet connectivity is vital in order to work.

IF absolutely no Internet connection exists or may be established, the PMC stops the connection attempts to HD and

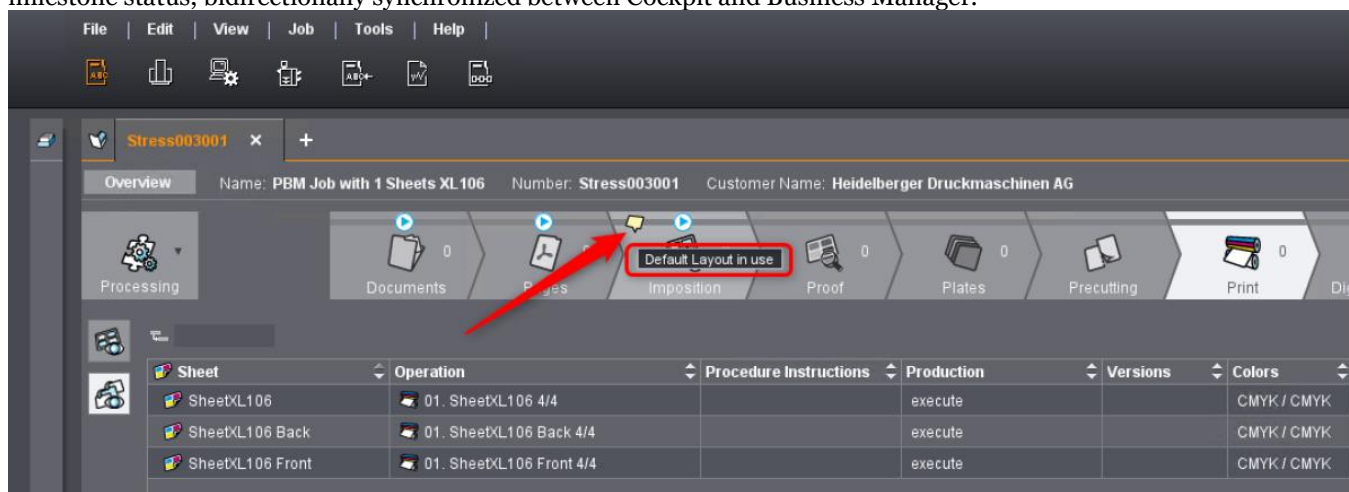
switches to a kind of offline mode. This provides the possibility to further utilize the Prinect System with an installation that needs to be considered as an "island" – with HW dongle, updates, cumulative updates, or system upgrades only via sneaker network, similar to the current way "isolated" sites like this work nowadays.

A lot more tedious and cumbersome, but offline, as desired.

2 Business Workflow improvements in combination with Prinect Business Manager 7.25

2.1 Milestone comments displayed and synchronized

The Prinect Cockpit 2021.10 offers the possibility to add comments to milestone to inform employees about special behaviors. These can now also be defined in the Business Manager as comments for milestones, and are like the milestone status, bidirectionally synchronized between Cockpit and Business Manager.



2.2 Different paper information for sheet front and back

Another change improving the complete workflow capabilities is that in the Prinect Business Manager we can now define Printing Materials with 2 different paper grades for front and back. This information is taken over by the Production System – and utilized to pre-set subsequent worksteps like plate output and printing.

More information on features available in Prinect Business Manager 7.25 can be found in the Online help under [What's New and Enhanced in Version 7.25](#)

3 Prinect Production – Prepress

3.1 Prinect Color Toolbox – New Measuring Devices

New handheld measuring devices can be used with Prinect Color Toolbox and the Prinect Cockpit: X-Rite I1Pro3, I1iO3, MyIro 9. Please ask your SSU for the special conditions of connecting Konica Minolta spherical spectrophotometer CM 26d.

See also training videos I1Pro3 with Color Toolbox [EN](#) / [DE](#) and with Color Center [EN](#) / [DE](#).

Please find a list of all supported colorimeters in Prinect Lounge Online Help for Prinect Color Toolbox ([EN](#) / [DE](#)).

For more information on news with Prinect Color Toolbox please see Product Information ([EN](#))

3.2 Different Paper Types for Front & Back

Prinect Production Prepress is now capable of handling different paper types for front and back. The information is taken over from Business Manager or provided in Cockpit/Signa Station – and can be utilized to optimally pre-set subsequent worksteps like plate output and printing for the two differing paper sides.

3.3 Proofer usable with Color Proof Pro

The **list of proofers** that can be connected to Prinect 2021.10 (CPP 7.1) is available at [P2021 + 21.10 Color Proof Pro Device List.pdf](#). Since Prinect 2020.10 Color Proof Pro is capable to self-generate and self-optimize (iterate) ICC profiles making it a lot easier and faster to generate or optimize profiles and it is not necessary to use the Prinect Color Toolbox for this process.

The **videos** with an introduction how to [Set up a Proofer with Color Proof Pro 7 \(11 min\)](#) / [\(Einrichtung DE\)](#) and how to [Recalibrate a Proofer with Color Proof Pro 7 \(3 min\)](#) / [\(Proofer rekalisieren DE\)](#) are available in the Prinect KnowHow-Portal.

3.4 Preflight enhancements

Better Ghent Working Group compliancy

The new version contains several .hpp preflight profiles that make it easier to check PDF for compliancy to ISO19593-1 specified by the Ghent Working Group.

Preflighter Profiles Option now based on PitStop 2021 Library

Prinect 2021.10 incorporates the recent Enfocus PitStop Library 2021 for its Preflighter Profiles option. This makes it possible to utilize Pit Stop Profiles and Action lists generated with Enfocus PitStop Professional 2021. Keep in mind: Using Enfocus Profiles in Prinect automated workflow is a chargeable option even for Prinect Production customers

3.5 Prinect Plate Pilot

Prinect Plate Pilot got improvements to make life easier for the operator. It is now possible to

- sort Plate Sets for next Plate Stack easier
- do a Quick Search
- reorder press-operations easily via context menu
- use the default NELA Mark provided by Signa Station.

Purpose	From Prinect 2021.0	was Prinect 2021.0
- unique number, generated when rendering starts	Plate ID	Plate Number
- from MIS only	Plate Product ID	Plate ID

The “Plate Number” has changed to “Plate ID”, as the Plate Number in MIS, API and Signa Station had a different meaning. This change now gets the information in sync so that now the default NELA Mark can be used in Signa Station.

Separation	Plate Product ID	Plate ID	Plate Code
LO211031 (4)			
ST133671 (Segnatura 2 pagine) (4)			
Bianca e volta (4)			61A9A2AA
Black	21103113367100010001	1105001000000	61A9A2AA
Cyan	21103113367100010002	1105001000001	61A9A2AA
Magenta	21103113367100010003	1105001000002	61A9A2AA
Yellow	21103113367100010004	1105001000003	61A9A2AA

3.6 Portal Files and Approvals - Filter by CSR

It is now much easier for customer sales representatives to keep an overview over their customers' job approval status as the CSR submitted by MIS or entered manually can be used for filtering the jobs in the Prepress Portal services view.

4 Prinect APSC

4.1 Additional Standard Curves for "Compensation by 3 Clicks"

Some more standard curves were added to Prinect APSC:

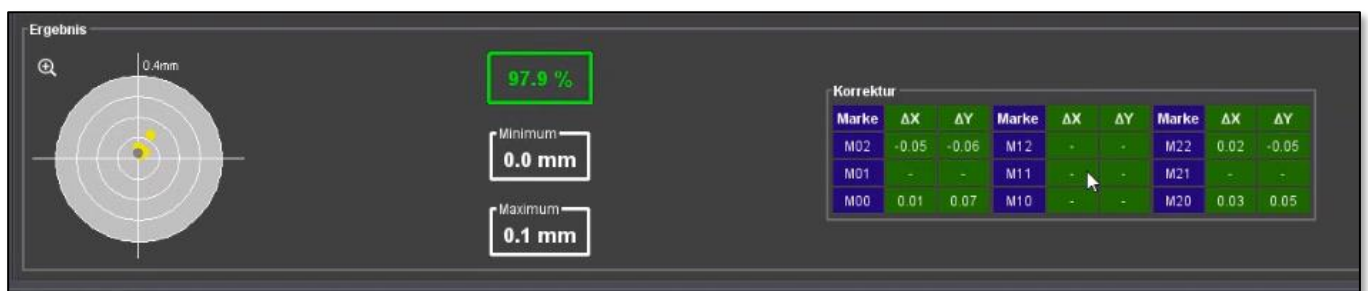
- For printing on front and back
- For XL 75

The video ([English](#) / [German](#)) shows the benefits of compensating with 3 clicks. Please find also a training video for using standard curves ([English](#) / [German](#)).

4.2 Improved User Dialogue for Adaptation of Characteristic Curves

If you print using the standard compensation curve and you realize that the register deviation even could be less, then you can use various methods of adapting this standard curve: Simple (drawing contour lines) and expert mode. Also, measurements from production jobs can be used to improve standard curves. Prinect APSC helps you decide whether the measured results of this job can improve the curve or not.

For more details on functions please see: Prinect Lounge Online Help ([EN](#) / [DE](#)).



Benefits:

- Quick apply – standard curves are ready to use after 3 clicks
- Adaptation of curves made easy for better compensation results!

Please see also the new Product Information for Prinect APSC 2021.10 ([EN](#) / [DE](#)).

Please find the most recent success stories of [Aumueller](#) and [Druckhaus Becker GmbH](#).

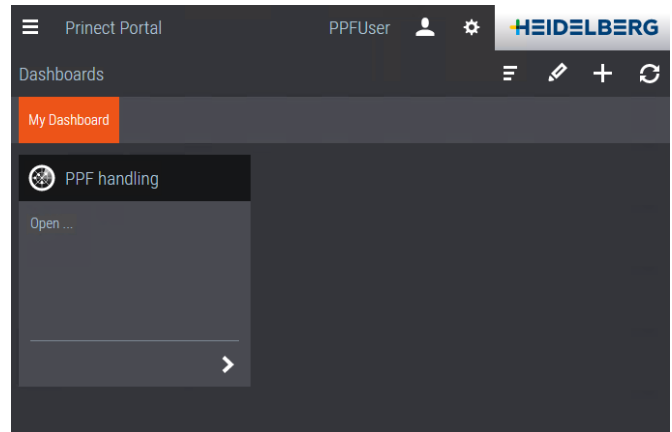
5 Prinect Production – Press

5.1 PPF Job Combiner replaced by Portal Widget “PPF Handler”

With Prinect 2021.10 we have replaced the PPF Combiner in the Prinect Cockpit with the new Portal Widget **PPF Handler** delivering improved stability, performance, and support.

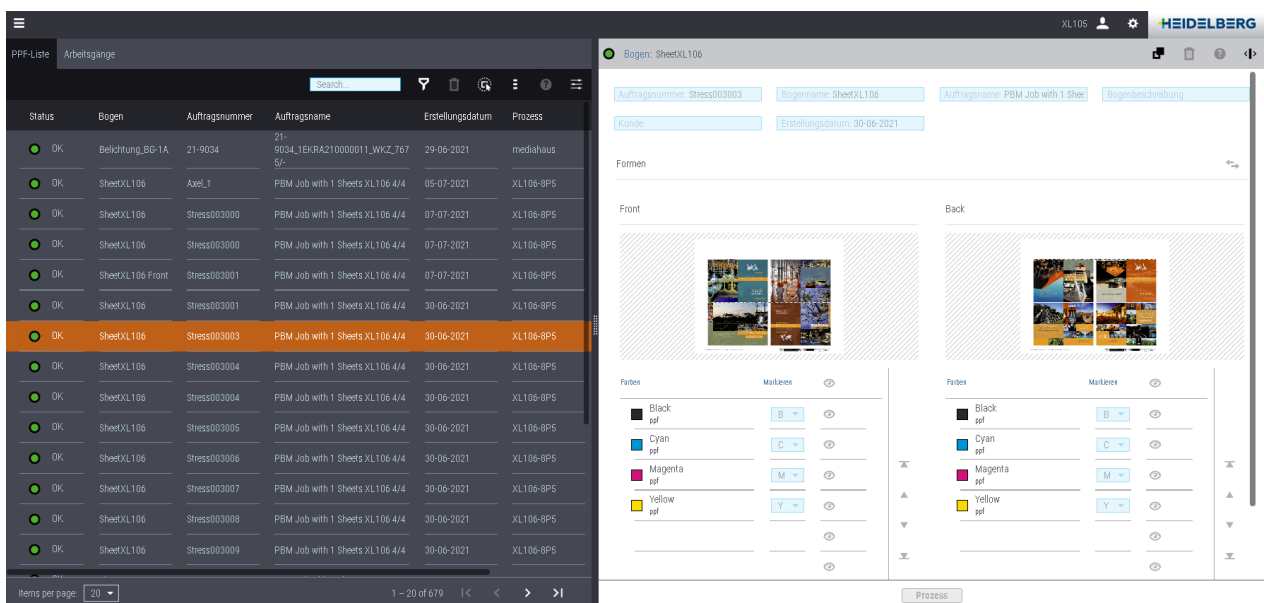
The configuration of the PPF processes (input and output directories, rotations, color code assignment) and the attribution rules must be carried out in the Prinect Portal with immediate effect.

Existing PPF Hotfolders and configuration settings of the old PPF Import are migrated by upgrade.

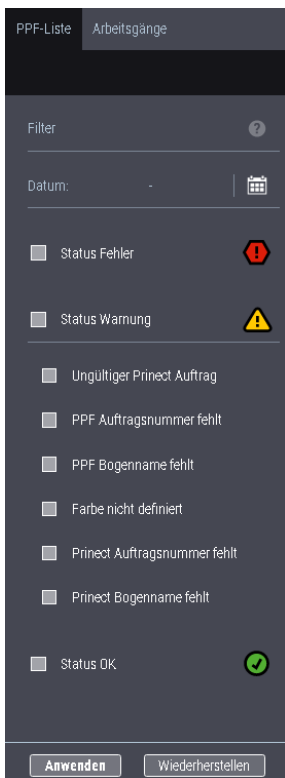


The following functionalities for adapting the CIP4-PPF input data are given:

- Adjustment of job and sheet names
- Copy or delete
- Remove individual color separations
- Swap front and back
- Assignment of unknown colors
- Change color code assignment for the sheet
- Separate color separations
- Automatic merge of color separations



The PPF Handler displays all incoming 3rd party PPF files. After processing they are in the operation list. It is set up to prepare the data for further automated handling in Prinect Production – Press.



Both lists offer filter functions that can be used to easily identify any difficulties or adjust the necessary data as listed already above.

In order to be able to use the new functionalities, Prinect Portal user rights must be assigned to the relevant persons as well as Prinect Portal licenses. The latter are included in the Prinect Production Manager.

5.2 New PPF import interface opens new possibilities for 3rd party prepress connections

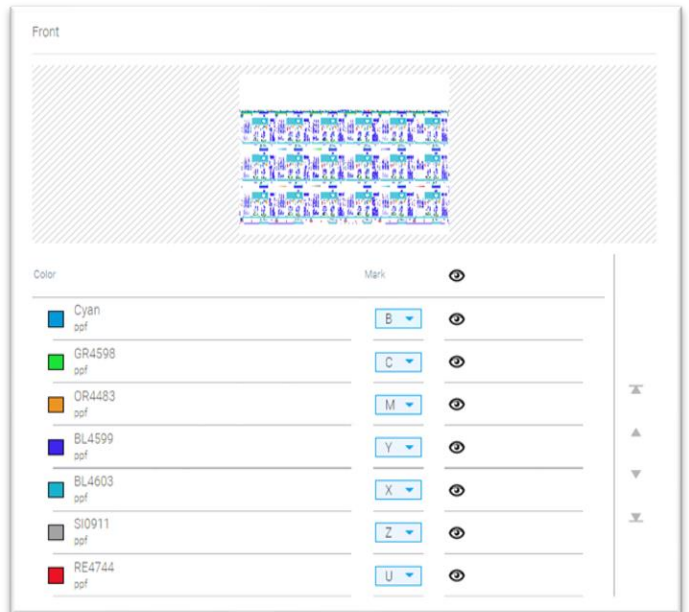
The CIP4-PPF import interface guarantees the openness of the Prinect system. Prepress systems can thus be easily connected to the Prinect Production Manager/Prinect Pressroom Manager. A new CIP4-PPF import interface will be released with Prinect 2021.10. This opens new possibilities for customers with 3rd party prepress systems: In packaging printing in particular, the sequence of colors at the press and on the color measurement devices plays an important role. By default, the color separations in the CIP4-PPF file are automatically assigned to the color codes B, C, M, Y, X, Z, U, V, S1, S2 and so on.



This can lead to undesirable effects, especially when working with many spot colors. With the new CIP4-PPF input interface, it can now be configured that the sequence of the color separations in the PPF (of a 3rd party prepress system) is passed through unchanged. This has been very successfully implemented at a packaging printing site with an Esko workflow.



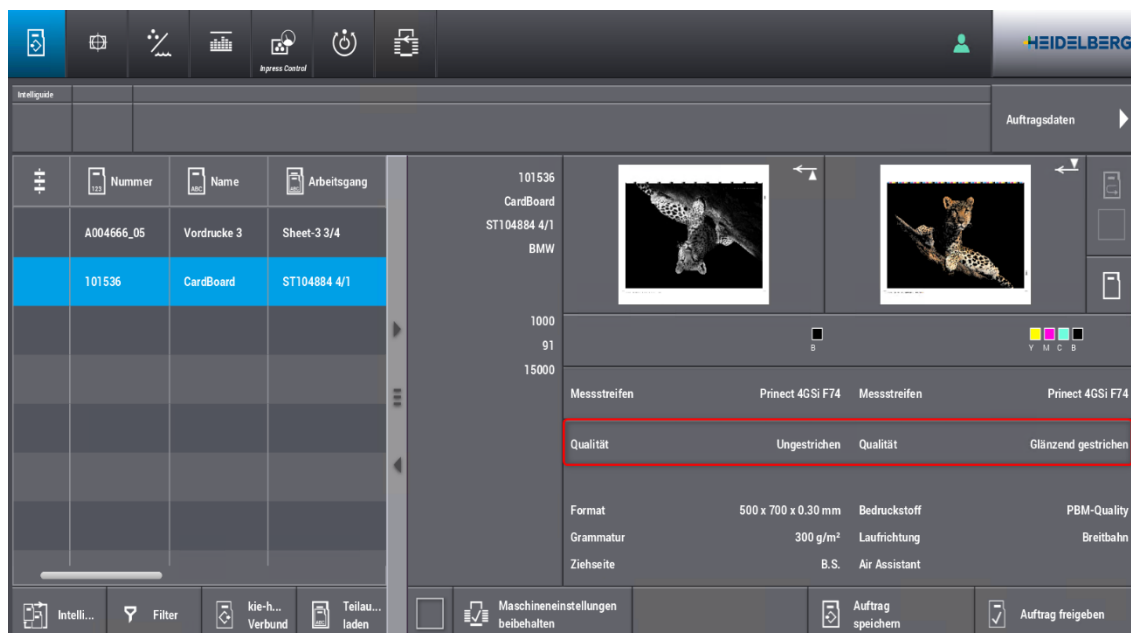
The customers' prepress workflow provides the colors in the desired order inside the PPF file – and this saves time at the press and on the color measurement device and avoids assignment errors.



5.3 Processing of printing material with different paper classes on front and back

The paper class (matt coated, glossy coated, uncoated, etc.) is used to select the appropriate ink presetting characteristic curves on the press. Up to now it was possible to select a paper class for a printing material. With Prinect 2021.10, two different paper classes can be assigned to a printing material and it is possible to define which surface is going to be used for printing front. This makes color presetting much more precise, especially for packaging and label customers.

At least Prinect Press Center S19B is needed at the press to make that work.



5.4 More security for manual quantity entries on the Data Terminal

In the past, manual input of quantities of good production and waste at Data Terminal often led to problems in Analyze Point and or in the re-calculation. Especially when machine operators change during production of an operation, adding the additionally produced quantity is hardly given and not a matter of course.

To prevent incorrect entries, as of Prinect 2021.10, Data Terminal only allows numerical entries that are higher than the previous values.

6 Prinect Production – Digital

In addition to the Versafire with DFE that can be integrated in the Prinect Production Workflow and where the new functionality is described in the following chapter, we also have the possibility to connect 3rd party devices when working with a Prinect Production Manager.

For more information on news with Prinect Production-Digital, please see [Product Information \(EN\)](#)

7 Versafire DFE

Keep in mind: These features are only available with a Prinect DFE with connection to a Prinect Production workflow. Stand-alone Prinect DFEs will not provide all the described features.

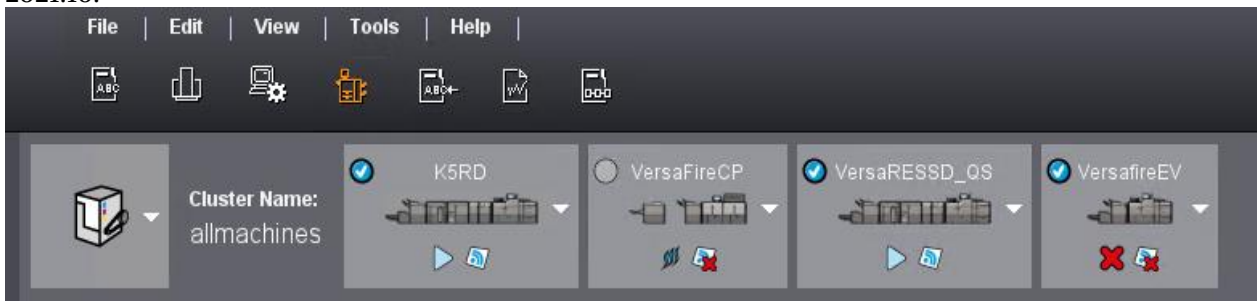
For more detail information with Prinect Versafire DFE, please see [Product Information \(EN\)](#)

7.1 Digital Print Terminal

Prinect 2021.10 optimizes the Digital Print Terminal user interface, so that it's more flexible and easier to customize your own UI.

7.2 Digital Cluster Production Mode

To improve the user experience and be more intuitive, there are some UI optimizations. These changes also enhance the higher flexibility in planning. The status symbol for the deactivated status has been changed and the currently selected cluster name is displayed in a separate area. It's a lot easier for customer to see the current device status in Prinect 2021.10.



7.3 Tab-Printing

With Prinect 2021.10, customers can adjust the text and the non-printing margin on the tab-paper. It offers more flexibility for using tab-papers for “Inhouse-Printshop.”

7.4 Improved finisher support

With P2021.10, the customers have more flexibility to choose the cutting programs (Compucut Name Scheme). It's possible to use either automatic or manual ways to generate the program name.

7.5 Digital Print Manager

Remember: These features are also possible with 3rd party DFEs connection to a Prinect Production workflow.

There are new features when using Impose Print: Adjust Quality Matching and Output Sheetwise. Besides, using Signa station to print PDF/VT is possible with Prinect production workflow. With these new features, customers not only can leverage their offset pre-press system, but also utilize the hybrid production workflow.

Adjust Quality Matching for Imposition Print Templates

Prinect 2021.10 will not only remind you that it's not the matching material of the current paper catalog, but also it will automatically search the matching material based on the layout.

Output Sheetwise for Impose Print

For example, when printing a user manual with multi-languages, these sheets will print/finish on other devices, or each sheet will print in a specific print amount (e.g., 100 x sheet1, 100 x sheet2). You will only need to enable “Output Sheetwise” in DPM, and then the sheet quantities will show “different.” during Submit. The corresponding run-list is generated accordingly for the output device and the output sheets in the different number of copies within a job.

Signa Templates for PDF/VT

With the Prinect P2021.10 version, when using Signa layouts with variable data, the layout is used as a template and rolled out according to the number of records of a PDF/VT document.

8 Packaging Improvements

8.1 Front and Back attributes for printing materials and substrates

The front and back of printing materials and substrates for packaging differ quite a lot. One of the aspects is that the L*a*b values for paper white that are needed for reliable color management. Therefore, it must be possible to take varying values for front and back into account.

With Prinect version 2021.10 we have implemented attributes for the front and back of the printing materials and substrates that allows you to enter varying values for paper type, calibration, and paper white L*a*b* for front and back. Since the data is stored in the MDS the parameters are displayable e. g. in the job properties in the Prinect Cockpit. The values can be used for automated calibration of front and back plates – and the front and back values are transferred to the Press Center correctly and can be interpreted from Press Center 19B onwards.

8.2 Automatic height reduction for CutStar machines

Printing materials on rolls/reels are common in the label market. Since the width of the printing material is fixed the challenge is to find the smallest possible height for having a layout with as less waste as possible. We are now introducing an enhanced handling for the imposition creation.

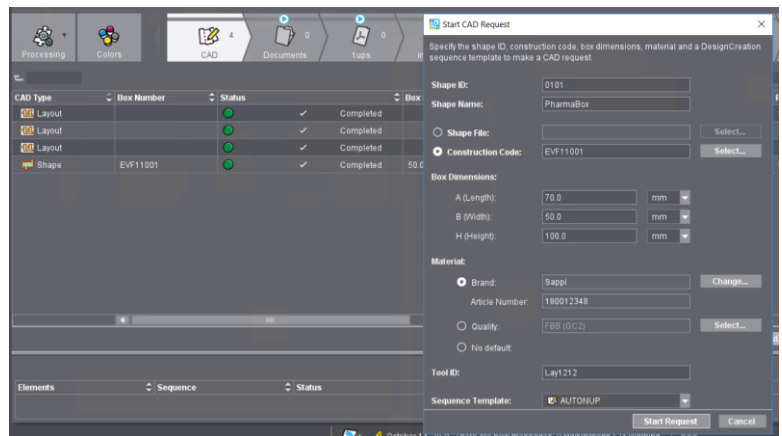
First, we took care that a roll material can be properly used during the process. So, you are now able to load a roll material from the MDS and use it. When loading a printing material, the height is set automatically to the maximum possible on the very printing machine.

Secondly, we added a nice feature that allows you by just activating the “automatic paper height reduction” feature to reduce the height according to the layout. With that the waste is reduced a lot since only the necessary height is used compared to the maximum one. The values for height and width are of course transferred from Prinect to the CutStar so that it can be adjusted automatically.

8.3 Package Designer – Workflow Integration

For quite some time an integration of the Prinect Package Designer into Prinect workflow is available. This has been reviewed and updated.

As next logical step to make it holistic we are working on the workflow in combination with Prinect Business so that we can offer an end-to-end solution. These implementations are ongoing and will be released via continuous deployment within 2022.



The Package Designer integration offers an easy solution to adjust resizable designs to given dimension (ABH values) and calculate how many 1-ups fit on a press sheet. That speeds up the process of estimation.

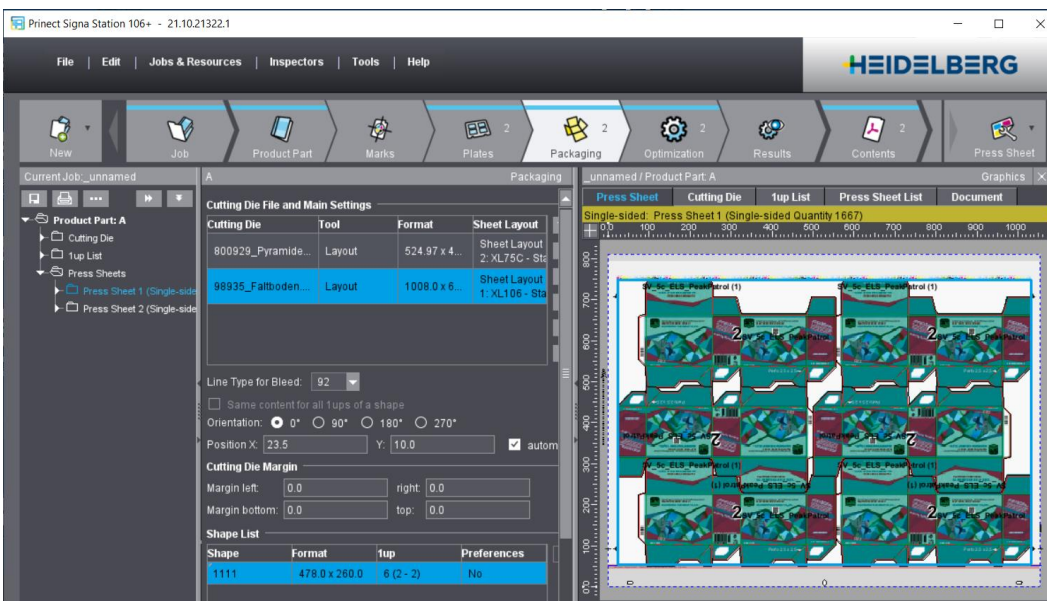
8.4 Signa Station Packaging Pro & Label Pro – multiple diecut layouts in multiple sheets

Based on the feedback of our customers we have extended and improved the handling of different plate templates in Prinect Signa Station. Now it is possible to have more than one plate template and with that more than one die cut layout in a job. That opens new possibilities especially for packaging and label customers.

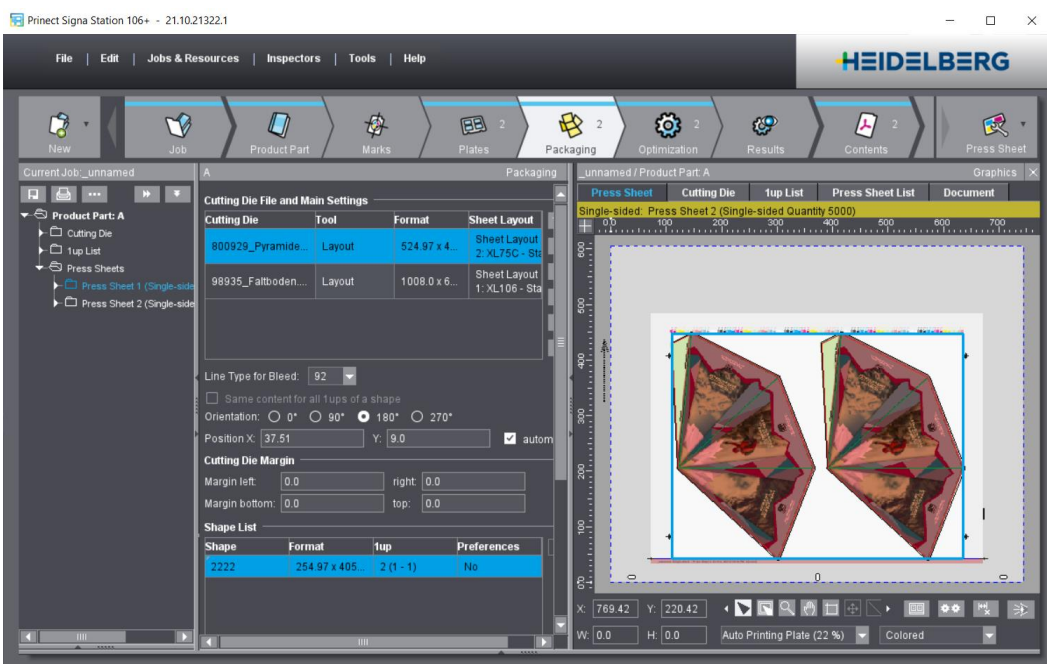
A box e.g., which has an upper and lower part can be produced in one job where the upper part is on the first press sheet and the lower part on the second sheet. Compared to the current implementation this was only possible on one press sheet.

But that is not all: This is as well working for gang jobs! So, if we stick to our example we can gang for the upper- and lower-part different articles. The result is a gang job with multiple gang sheets for upper and lower part based on the articles and delivery quantities.

And even if there is no die cut layout at all the solution works: Label Pro calculates based on shapes, articles and delivery quantities multiple sheets that are now imported into Prinect Signa Station.



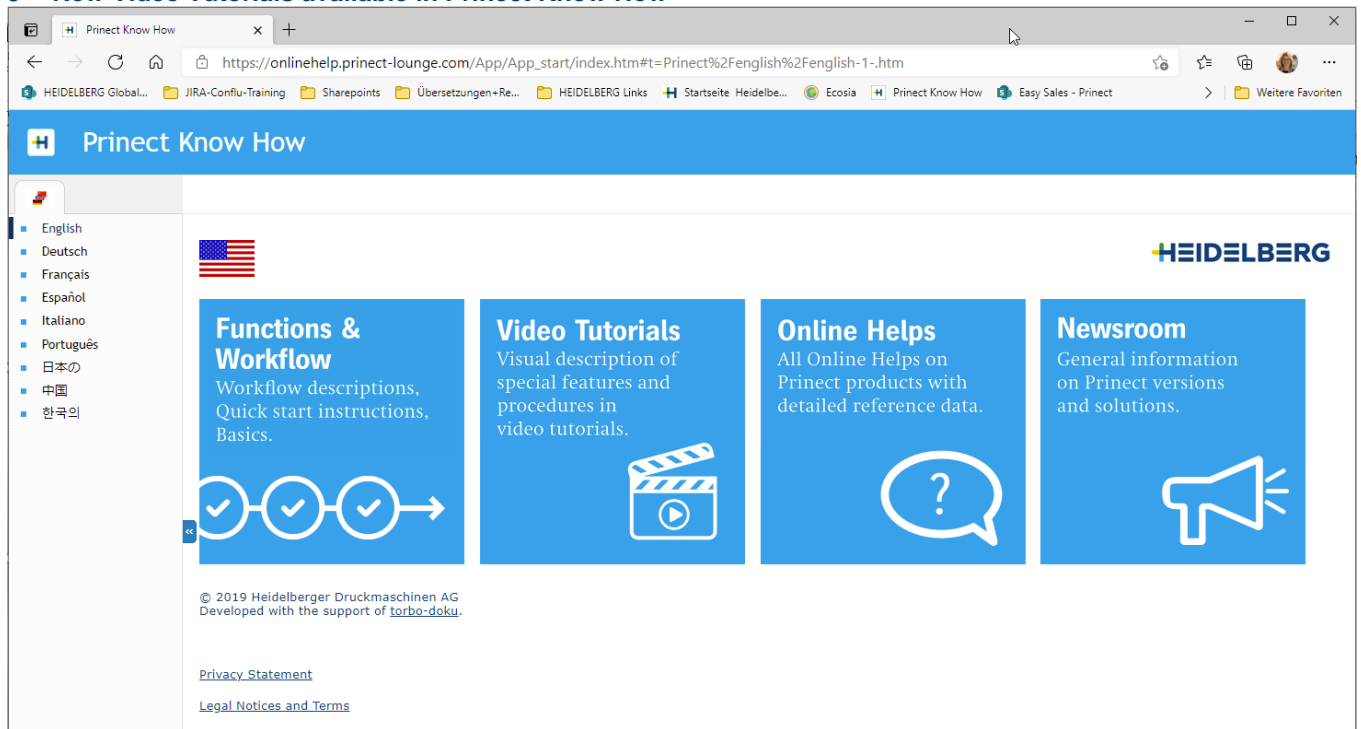
Job with two Plate templates and two die cut layouts (here layout 1)



Job with two Plate templates and two die cut layouts (here layout 2)

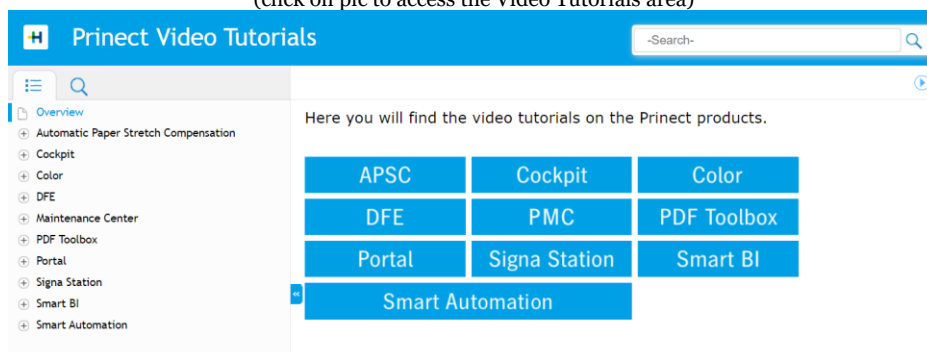
Good to know

9 New Video Tutorials available in Prinect Know How



We are continuously adding new video tutorials to our Prinect Know How area. Some of them have already been mentioned in this Product Information.

All available tutorials can be found here
(click on pic to access the Video Tutorials area)



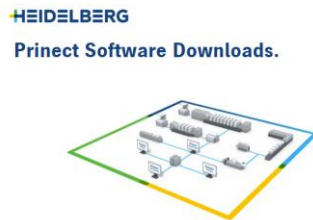
9.1 New Smart Automatio Videos support correct setup

New videos not mentioned so far are the movies on Smart Automation and how to set it up correctly.

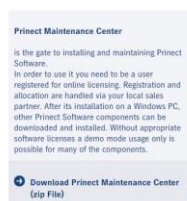
One change in the smart automation videos is, that they are added int html format – with the capability of linking to other detailed information inside the movie - while pausing the original tutorial.

10 Prinect Maintenance Center – available to download at hd.com

The Prinect Maintenance Center is the portal to installation and maintenance of the Prinect software - and is available for download at https://www.heidelberg.com/global/en/software/workflow/prinect_updates/prinect_downloads.jsp.



You must be registered for online licensing to be able to use it. Registration and allocation are handled by your local sales partner. Once installed on a Windows PC, further Prinect software components can be downloaded and installed. Without the appropriate licenses, many components can be used in demo mode only.



11 Remote Service – communication made easy by Service Scout

To improve the service communication and fix time when issues arise, we have now added functionality to the Service Scout that makes it a no-brainer to gather the data required for analysis and cure of the issue arising. The operator simply starts the Service Scout which will then self-sufficiently collect the data and automatically upload the files to the Remote Service Portal (RSP - Heilinx). There, each Heidelberg technician can easily access the data, which will shorten reaction times, as the relevant data can become available without delay and back-and-forth communication. The technician gets access to the Share HDService - and the customer can also decide to release further folders for Heidelberg.

Important Operating Systems Info

An overview of the supported Operating Systems can be found in the Prinect Know How Portal and is also accessible for customers:

[Prinect - Operating Systems 2021 + 2021.10](#)

12 The most relevant Operating System changes

12.1 Windows Server 2008 R2 NOT supported anymore!

In [PI 2019 Prinect Operating Systems EN.docx](#) we announced that we will NOT support Microsoft Server 2008 R2 in Prinect 2020, that it could still be used for some client components.

Our recommendation from Prinect 2019 onwards was to NOT use Microsoft Server 2008 R2 for new Prinect client installations – and to upgrade Prinect client products which were currently running Microsoft Server 2008 R2 to the latest supported operating system as soon as possible.

The a.m. Windows Operating System cannot be used any more from Prinect 2021 onwards.

12.2 Windows Server 2022 – planned

We plan to release Microsoft Server 2022 within P2021.10. We will inform you as soon as we are ready for release.

12.3 MacOS >=11.2 (Big Sur) supported since February 2021 (Intel based CPU technology)

MacOS >= 11.2 (Big Sur) can be used with Prinect 2021.10 – the required media sets and RUP packages are available via the Prinect Maintenance Center since February 17th, 2021.

The RUP levels needed for MacOS >= 11.2

Prinect IntMan (PWF): 21.00.184.22

Prinect Signa Station: 21.00.21054.22

Prinect PDF Toolbox: 21.00.18.0

are the base for Prinect 2021.10 to work in systems utilizing Macs with the new operating system MacOS 11 (Big Sur).

Apple MacOS 11 based on M1 CPU technology:

Our tests with Prinect version 2021.10.1 and Apple MacOS >= 11.2 on M1 CPU technology-based Apple computers have been successful, so that we can release Apple M1 with P2021.10.1.

Please note:

- MacOS 11.0 and MacOS 11.1 are NOT compatible with Prinect 2021.
- No release of Apple MacOS 11 (Big Sur) planned for Prinect versions lower than Prinect 2021.10

12.4 Acrobat 64 Bit

Prinect 2021.10 is ready to work seamlessly with Acrobat 64 Bit.

This version's Prinect Cockpit and Prinect Signa Station co-operate with Acrobat DC 64Bit-Acrobat Software installed at the customer site.

The Prinect PDF Toolbox Acrobat Plug-In does require a pretty recent version of Acrobat DC 2021.007 with Prinect 2021.10.

Customers still working with Prinect 2021 need to make sure to stay below Acrobat DC <= 2021.005.

Kind regards

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