



Press Release

Minisoft Releases eFORMz 7.5

Snohomish, WA, October 1, 2010: Minisoft has begun shipping version 7.5 of its eFORMz forms automation solution. This enhanced version of eFORMz represents a breakthrough in forms automation software. Learning a proprietary design tool or programming language is a thing of the past. With eFORMz, you can design forms with your preferred publishing tools such as Microsoft Word and Word Perfect. eFORMz 7.5 includes the following features:

New “Dynamic Forms” Technology

eFORMz 7.5 features new form functionality for generating enhanced HTML output. The eFORMz Dynamic Forms Technology provides users with the tools to go beyond a traditional, static form document. This cutting-edge form creation capability provides an easy method for generating full color HTML output. Use this new eFORMz capability to quickly add components such as paragraphs, boxes and tables for enhanced data presentation. The Dynamic Forms Technology can be easily integrated with an existing project without outside source technology. Also this new functionality enables the user to read in multi-page PDF's or TIFF image files. eFORMz users now have a tool that can truly enhance paperless email communications with their customers and clients.

Conditional Logic Language Enhanced

eFORMz features a Conditional Logic Language (CLL) that allows users to build “intelligent” decision making logic directly into their eFORMz project. Decisions can be made based on conditions set on incoming datastreams, spoolfiles or even database queries. Use eFORMz CLL to set a conditional flag that will instruct eFORMz to print a particular graphic or form overlay. In addition to graphics, users can utilize the eFORMz CLL to include signatures, barcodes or customized text. The CCL command library has been expanded with the addition of the “OR” condition. Use this new <OR> condition in a form to decide whether to display an image, barcode or text based on a specific value <OR> another value. Display of this output would occur if either condition were true. One can even combine multiple <AND's> and <OR's> providing for even greater reporting functionality.

PDF Encryption

eFORMz now supports PDF encryption. PDF encryption is the process of storing PDF documents in a secure manner or allowing secure document sharing (e.g., applying encryption to a PDF file to prevent users from copying text from it or from printing the PDF, password-protecting a PDF, ...). PDF encryption is sometimes described as the process of transforming plain text into "ciphered text". PDF output from eDirect can now be encrypted using either 40-bit or 128-bit encryption.

Encrypting the PDF output encrypts all the text in the file and also password protects the file with two passwords. One password (the user password) allows the file to be read by PDF readers. The other password (owner password) not only allows the file to be read by PDF readers but also allows the file to be modified by software capable of modifying PDF files. A number of access permissions can be specified to restrict how the file can be used. For example, you could generate a PDF file that can be read, but not printed. This new functionality gives an eFORMz user more control over their forms, permitting a secure and easy file-sharing experience.

Multi-Byte Character Set

eFORMz 7.5 now incorporates Multi-Byte character set (MBCS) support for Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Arabic, Eastern European and other languages. Multi-Byte is a character code that uses one to four bytes to represent one character. Additionally, text input streams using Multi-Byte character sets can contain characters from multiple languages (such as a mixture of Chinese and English). While eFORMz can input data encoded with Multi-Byte character sets, it can also output in a variety of different character sets to match the output destination (I.E> Unicode for PDF or UTF-8 for HTML). By using truetype font files, eFORMz can now output characters of a language to a PCL printer, even if the printer does not internally support those languages.

Microsoft RTF (Rich Text Format) Integration

Direct RTF support will permit eFORMz users to update their project file(s) using RTF generated documents edited by Microsoft Word. This eliminates the current process of having to redirect a form design to an eFORMz "virtual" printer to generate the PCL image file, which is imported into the project. Once a link between the RTF document and the project is established, a user can click on the new "Reload" button on the eFORMz forms property dialog screen to immediately replace their existing form with the modified version. RTF support also means expanded support for color output and even faster printing.

TIFF Image Reader

One of the features of Dynamic Forms is the ability to read 'multi-page' TIFF or PDF files. Unlike previous versions, where you were limited to referencing a single page, this new feature has

been expanded to give the user the ability to incorporate multiple page images to your output. Referencing multi-page images of a supply parts file is just one example where this new feature further enhances your output.

CMC-7 MICR Fonts

eFORMz now supports the ConnectCode CMC-7 MICR font based on the CMC-7 (ISO 1004) industry standard. The MICR CMC-7 font is a special font that is used on bank checks in Mexico, Spain, France, and most Spanish-speaking countries. The character set of this standard consists of ten numbers (0-9), five special symbols and twenty-six letters.

AFPDS and IPDS

eFORMz will now accept the proprietary IBM AFPDS (Advanced Function Presentation Data Stream) and IPDS (Intelligent Printer Data Stream) input. eFORMz will then convert this output to PCL format for printing.

XML Input

Many new software applications output in XML so in response to this eFORMz now accepts XML data sources as input. For example, a database query to retrieve orders 30 days after the order date could be output in XML format and then read by eFORMz to produce emails prompting the customers to login to a website and review the products ordered. eFORMz itself can produce XML output, so one eFORMz process can feed data to another eFORMz process, or eFORMz can be used as middleware between legacy output and applications that can use XML.

About Minisoft

Headquartered in Snohomish, Washington, Minisoft is a worldwide leader in developing and delivering document management solutions, connectivity, and client-server and web development tools. Minisoft offers a new generation of forms automation software that provides users with the power to quickly and easily create high-quality business documents. Having received multiple awards for its innovative technology and customer service, Minisoft prides itself on building lasting relationships with their customers. Learn more about how Minisoft can modernize your forms environment, increase your productivity and save you money. We invite you to experience the Minisoft difference first hand!

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