

RELEASE NOTES

EFI™ is pleased to announce the release of Fiery® proServer and Fiery XF 7. This latest release is free of charge for all users with Fiery proServer software or Fiery XF covered under an EFI Software Maintenance & Support Agreement (SMSA) or an EFI Enhanced Service Program (ESP).

Overview:

Fiery proServer and Fiery XF 7 are EFI's next generation of Fiery digital front ends for wide and superwide printing. This major release comes with many benefits.

EFI Fiery Command WorkStation®:

- The world's most popular digital print job management interface is now available to our users of wide and superwide printers.
- A shared user interface that can manage print jobs for any Fiery Driven™ wide, superwide, or high-speed inkjet, or cutsheet printer.
- Connectivity to multiple Fiery servers at a time, truly unifying mixed technology print environments in a way never seen before.
- Easy and quick onboarding - connect to any Fiery server in just a few steps and connect to multiple servers at the same time to control your complete print room.
- The same unrivaled power and usability for both macOS and Microsoft® Windows® operators that over a quarter of a million users already rely on today.
- Job handling to suit everyone from job edits on demand, through to full workflow automation, and every level in between.
- Intuitive job management with last-minute workflow, media, or job edits.
- Powerful search and filtering features to find and group jobs easily and quickly.
- An intelligent context-sensitive user interface that just shows functions when and where you need them.
- Enhanced environments - saving printer "environments" will now include all workflows and all media associated with a printer, making it extremely easy to copy complete "printer" definitions across servers.

More power and productivity:

- Fiery XF now also comes with EFI's exclusive Fiery Accelerated System Technology (FAST RIP) for boosted performance, resulting in a processing speed that is on average five times faster.
- Barcode creation for Esko i-cut, and Zünd G3 and S3 Series cutting devices
- New tiling feature with higher performance for processing of individual tiles
- Save job settings as a workflow and easily apply the same properties to other jobs

Enhanced language support:

- Support for 8 additional languages for the Fiery XF server, Fiery XF client (Fiery Command WorkStation), and Fiery XF Universal Driver:
 - Brazilian Portuguese
 - Czech
 - Dutch
 - Korean
 - Polish
 - Russian
 - Traditional Chinese
 - Turkish

New printer drivers:

- Canon
 - imagePROGRAF iPF TX-2000 (RGB & CMYK Contone)
 - imagePROGRAF iPF TX-3000 (RGB & CMYK Contone)
 - imagePROGRAF iPF TX-4000 (RGB & CMYK Contone)
- EPSON
 - SureColor SC-F6200/6270/6280 (CMYK Halftone)
 - SureColor SC-F7200/7270/7280 (CMYK Halftone)
- HP
 - Designjet T7200 (CMYK Contone)
- Mimaki
 - UJV55-320
 - UJV500-160
 - TS300P

Updated printer printers:

- The following EFI printers now offer the tracking of ink consumption:
 - EFI Quantum 3 / 5
 - EFI QuantumFlex 3 / 5
 - EFI Matan 3 / 5
 - EFI VUTEk 3r / 5r

New software-only protection system:

- Version 7 does not require a USB dongle, and instead uses flexible software protection that allows end-user re-hosting of licenses from one Fiery to another at no cost.



Important changes with the release of version 7:

- The Fiery XF server for macOS has been discontinued, the Fiery XF server is now Microsoft® Windows® only.
- Fiery Command WorkStation continues to support macOS and Windows platforms.
- Toner and laser printers (from KIP and OKI) will no longer be supported in version 7.
- The following product options will be discontinued from the launch of Fiery XF 7 and will neither be available in the user interface when users migrate from their existing dongle to Fiery XF 7, nor will they be purchasable for Fiery XF 7:
 - OneBit Option
 - Softproof Option
 - Printer Option OKI
 - Printer Option KIP
 - Fiery Option
- The following already discontinued options will not be available within the Fiery XF 7 interface:
 - Dot Creator Option
 - Layout Option
- The following options will no longer be purchasable with Fiery XF 7, but will continue to work as before after upgrading earlier versions to version 7:
 - File Export Option
 - Printer Option EFI
 - Print & Cut Option (now part of the regular Printer Option M, XL, or XXL)
 - Spot Color Option (now part of all configurations)
- The following printer options have changes applied:
 - Printer Option XXL now also drives XL, and M printers
 - Printer Option XL now also drives M printers
- The minimum system requirements for the Fiery XF 7 server have been increased to 16 GB of RAM.

Fiery XF 6 (and earlier) versus Fiery XF 7:

- Fiery XF 7 remains as client / server architecture.
- In Fiery XF 6, the server was controlled using the Fiery XF Control application. This has been replaced in Fiery XF 7 with Fiery Server Control which has similar functionality.
- With version 7, server updates are handled through Fiery Server Control for the server, and through Fiery Software Manager for Fiery Command WorkStation – these updates will be independent of each other and no longer connected as in Fiery XF 6.
- The Fiery XF client has been completely replaced with Fiery Command WorkStation
- Fiery Command WorkStation consist of three main components:
 - Job Center (job management)
 - Job Editor (job editing)
 - Server Manager (user, workflow and printer definitions)
- Job Center
 - Job management was done in Job Explorer in earlier versions of Fiery XF. In Fiery XF 7, Job Center - as part of Fiery Command WorkStation - is the dedicated job management tool universally used for all Fiery servers.
 - As opposed to the former Job Explorer, Job Center is no longer both a job-management and a job-editing tool, it merely focusses on job management.
 - The clean and uncluttered Job Center allows you to quickly and easily locate the jobs you need to work with.
- Job Editor
 - In earlier versions, both job editing and management were done in Job Explorer. The new Job Editor is dedicated to job edits, offering more space for previews and settings.
 - Job editor can be accessed in multiple ways from within Fiery Command WorkStation: double-clicking on the job name or preview, or a right-click on the job itself.
 - On-demand edits and tasks are performed in Job Editor, such as step and repeat, tiling or nesting, color adjustments, verification, or cropping and cutting - above and beyond the default settings already specified in Server Manager.
- Server Manager
 - In Fiery XF 6, user, workflow and printer definitions were done in System Manager. This has been replaced with Server Manager in version 7.



- In Server Manager you add new printers to your Fiery servers, plus set media and printer defaults, such as resolutions, color and print modes, or special printer settings.
- The biggest change is that printers and media are decoupled in version 7, adding greater flexibility, and avoiding duplicated printers in the user interface – now, one printer in Server Manager represents one physical printer in the print shop, and users can assign multiple workflows and media to each printer, preparing it for the various use cases and the media inventory.
- The new Import dialog box in Fiery Command WorkStation allows users to “draw connections” between printers, workflows and media on the fly at the point of importing a job, providing far superior flexibility than offered in earlier versions.

Availability:

- Fiery XF 7 is available as a full installation only. The installation can be performed from software downloads, or from DVDs, Fiery XF 7 consists of three installers:
 - EFI Fiery XF 7 Server (Windows)
 - EFI Fiery Command WorkStation 6.2 (Windows)
 - EFI Fiery Command WorkStation 6.2 (macOS)
- An LAC (License Activation Code) will be automatically created for all customers with their Fiery XF covered under a valid SMSA/ESP software agreement. This LAC will be available through the Fiery XF 7 user interface after installation. Users need their existing dongle during the migration to version 7, the Fiery XF dongle is of no use afterwards due to the software-only protection that version 7 benefits from.
- For Fiery products not covered under an EFI software agreement, an EFI representative or Certified EFI reseller can provide the Fiery upgrade or EFI software agreement options available, based on the Fiery products owned.
- If you have any questions on the status of your EFI software agreement(s) please contact fierywideformatsupport@efi.com.

Software Maintenance & Support Agreement (SMSA) and EFI Enhanced Service Program (ESP)

EFI Software Maintenance & Support Agreements (SMSA) and Enhanced Service Program (ESP) agreements for Fiery proServer and Fiery XF provide an ongoing stream of features, improvements, fixes and the latest printer drivers. Fiery XF 7 is available at no additional charge for all customers with their Fiery software covered under one of these agreements.

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