# PReS® Connect

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# What's new in PReS Connect 2018.1

## Introduction

PReS Connect 2018.1 is the first release using our new version numbering. In this datasheet, discover why we changed how we release our software and all the new features in PReS Connect 2018.1!

## New numbering

Going forward, there will be a new version of PReS Connect every six months; one in April, and one in October. From now on, PReS Connect's version number will refer to **the year of release and the version**, as follows:

| April 2018 | PReS Connect 2018.1 |
|---|---|
| October 2018 | PReS Connect 2018.2 |
| April 2019 | PReS Connect 2019.1 |
| October 2019 | PReS Connect 2019.2 |

The purpose of this change is to reflect the rate of production of PReS Connect and to make it easier for customers and partners to identify our current version.

### How will this new numbering impact you?

Your OL Care subscription provides support for the current version of the software as well as the previous major version and this is not changing. However, for future Connect products, we are now committed to providing major releases (2018.x, 2019.x) every year - which means that support for older versions will cease sooner. We believe that being able to predict major versions well in advanced of their release will provide customers with a better way to plan their own IT strategies for upgrades.

For PReS Suite customers, we currently support version 6.x.x and 7.x.x. Customer who cross-grade to Connect will move from 7.xx to 2018.1 (or later).

Support for PReS Connect versions is shown easily in this table:

| Released version | Supported versions | No longer supported |
|---|---|---|
| 1.x | 1.x | - |
| 2018.x9 | 2018.x, 1.x | - |
| 2019.x9 | 2019.x, 2018.x | 1.x |
| 2020.x | 2020.x, 2019.x | 2018.x |
| 2021.x | 22021.x, 2020.x | 2019.x |

# Improved usability and wizards

## The Welcome Screen: Now more user friendly

The Welcome Screen in PReS Connect 2018.1 has a new look, improving customer experience. Navigation is now easier, thanks to a single menu on the left and the main screen is split between recent files and new designs. **We also moved the News and Events panel which shows product & version specific messages** which will change from time to time to notify customers of important and relevant news and events.

## More business graphics options

The Business Graphics feature has been improved with a new chart Wizard that allows detail tables data to be used without the need to script. It also includes a live preview function. Based on the amCharts library, advanced users can still gain access to the underlying code to enhance their charts even further.

# Highlights

## Windows 2016 compatibility

PReS Connect 2018.1 is the first version to officially support the Windows 2016 Operating Systems.

## Updated internal browser

The browser component used within Connect has been updated to allow the use of new CSS properties. PReS Connect 2018.1 is now using Gecko 38 as its HTML rendering engine which improves the quality and capabilities of our output.

## Datamapper standalone engine

We have created a new standalone Data Mapping engine which, like the Content Creation and Output engines, provides greater control over the overall balance and scheduling of jobs. The data mapping engine is not limited by license, so you can use them as you need (or your hardware can handle) to improve the performance of the data mapping process.

# Output improvements

## Email attachments simplified

We've added the ability to dynamically include attachments to emails. A new UI allows you to use data to dynamically select and include one or more attachments, from within the template, the web and/or file based resources.

## Better PDF support

Transparency support has now been added to PDFs generated by PReS Connect – a missing feature for PDF/VT compatibility. Also, PDF Passthrough is now enabled by default, meaning that what goes in now comes out, putting control of the PDF back to the originator.

## Dynamic print control

Using the power of PostScript, advanced paper handling and other printer features have been overhauled. PReS Connect can now read a PostScript Printer Definition to "learn" the features that a specific printer supports. These features can now be applied dynamically based on rules. Users can now create and apply advanced device specific features to their templates without having to obtain a custom developed printer profile.

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