

ReadMe

HotDocs User 11.2.10

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About This Version

The setup program will replace any earlier version of HotDocs User on your machine. If you require use of an earlier version of HotDocs User you should consider running HotDocs User 11 on another machine (physical or virtual) to avoid incompatibilities.

Important Announcements

- As of December 2013, all bug fixes specific to browser interview features (Test in Browser) are documented in a separate [Browser Interview Release Notes](#) document; instructions for updating browser interview files (without needing to reinstall Developer) are also available [here](#)

Known Issues

You can find a list of known issues in the [Common Confusions](#) topic of the HotDocs User help file.

HotDocs 11.2.10

Important Information

Changes to HotDocs Form Templates (.HFT)

The HotDocs PDF Printer driver has been removed from HotDocs. The result of this is:

- You can no longer use the HotDocs PDF Printer driver to print existing documents to PDF. This is a step required when creating form templates from existing documents. However, you can still use another PDF printer driver (for example, the Microsoft Print to PDF driver) to accomplish the task.

HotDocs 11.2.9

New and Enhanced Features

The following features are new in HotDocs 11.2.9:

Compatibility with Microsoft Word 2019

You can now use templates compatible with the latest version of Microsoft Word.

Known Software Issues Fixed

- Formerly, when spelling numbers out as words in Dutch, HotDocs misspelled several numbers in the upper thousands to millions; HotDocs now writes these numbers out as expected, and now has more consistent rules for spelling out numbers more generally (#LH-502)

HotDocs 11.2.8

Known Software Issues Fixed

- When saving an RTF template after assembly, if there is an I/O conflict that causes the save to fail, the error message now provides more detailed information about the error to enable better diagnosis (#LH-413)
- For a template where punctuation dot codes surround a field with double opening ("escaped") chevrons, HotDocs now properly converts the double opening chevrons to single opening chevrons, and retains the field contents and the closing chevrons, as expected (#LH-389)

HotDocs 11.2.7

Known Software Issues Fixed

- When assembling an HPT template, if you use the ASSEMBLE instruction with command line switches that tell HotDocs to hide the assembly window (/nw) and to send the document to Filler for viewing (/stw), HotDocs Filler now properly opens the assembled HPD document, as expected (#LH-320)
- During an interview produced from a repeated dialog with a child dialog that shares variables with its parent, when inserting, deleting, or moving a repetition, HotDocs now correctly updates the answers in the dialogs, as expected (#LH-347)
- The HotDocs user interface now displays at a comfortable size on high DPI monitors (#LH-315)

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Known Software Issues Fixed

- When assembling a PDF-based template, HotDocs now supports using the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader (Adobe Acrobat Reader DC) to print PDF documents, as expected (#LH-203)

HotDocs 11.2.5

Known Software Issues Fixed

- During an interview, on a pop-up repeated dialog, when you click Add Another, HotDocs now adds the selection as expected (#LH-59)
- During an interview, when dragging a child dialog, HotDocs now repositions the dialog as expected. (#LH-109)
- During Test assembly, when you click Save Document, HotDocs now saves the document, as expected (#LH-91)

HotDocs 11.2.4

Known Software Issues Fixed

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HotDocs 11.2.1

Known Software Issues Fixed

- During the interview, choosing View > Markup View, and then clicking Document Preview now works as expected for a template where in the HotDocs Options dialog under Markup View (Word), you enabled "Add footnote numbers at beginning and end of text blocks," even when the template contains a foot note and INSERTs a child template that does not have any footnotes (#15916)
- During assembly of a DOCX template, HotDocs now properly processes any HotDocs fields following a HotDocs field embedded in a footnote, as expected (#15140)
- /of= command line switch fails to convert output files to PDF when using the /nw switch—this is expected behavior and the documentation ([here](#) and [here](#)) now reflects this (#15745)

HotDocs 11.2

New and Enhanced Features

The following features are new in HotDocs 11.2:

Compatibility with Microsoft Word 2016

You can now use templates compatible with the latest version of Microsoft Word.

HotDocs 11.2 is a paid upgrade and license codes from earlier versions are not compatible. If you want to upgrade to HotDocs 11.2 you need to contact your HotDocs representative.

HotDocs 11.1.5

Known Software Issues Fixed

- Formerly, when assembling a document, HotDocs removed duplicate bookmarks stemming from a REPEAT instruction; HotDocs now allows duplicate bookmarks, and the template author must ensure the correct bookmarks are in the correct iteration of a REPEAT and that there are no duplicate bookmarks in the final document (#8833)
- During assembly, for some nested REPEAT dialogs containing a LIMIT instruction, HotDocs now applies the correct LIMIT value to the correct series of answers in the interview, ensuring that correct answers display as expected in the final document (#13746)
- On Windows 10, printing a PDF form from within HotDocs no longer causes a PDF driver error (#13993)

- In HotDocs 11.1.4, during the assembly process, HotDocs was merging table rows into the final document that should have been prevented from merging by a conditional expression; conditional expressions now work to prevent this, as expected (#14346)

HotDocs 11.1.4

Known Software Issues Fixed

- During assembly of a Word 2007 RTF template with a table that contains an ELSE block enclosing at least one entire paragraph, HotDocs now correctly processes and opens such documents, as expected (#8755)
- For DOCX templates, HotDocs now supports using the /of and /nw command line options at the same time and also supports when the file specified in the /of command is a different type than in /tf command (#9465)
- During document assembly, HotDocs now processes section breaks in DOCX templates that immediately follow transient paragraph marks, as expected (#10566)
- HotDocs now supports printing form documents using Adobe Acrobat Reader DC (#11340)
- During assembly, an INSERT instruction in a header or footer not followed by a paragraph break now works as expected, so HotDocs now processes other fields in the header or footer following the INSERT (#12276)
- During assembly of a DOCX template, HotDocs now ignores a "child" template's header or footer if you INSERT that child template into the header or footer of a "parent" template (#12282)

HotDocs 11.1.3

Known Software Issues Fixed

- HotDocs 11.1 now installs without displaying an alert message asking for a system reboot (#8154)
- RTF and DOCX templates containing a REPEAT now assemble with no memory leak, as expected (#8747)

HotDocs 11.1.2

Known Software Issues Fixed

- Assembling a DOCX template containing dot codes no longer causes a memory leak (#8321)
- In a template with a REPEATed dialog containing answers used both within an IF statement and elsewhere in the document, when you set the IF statement to false, HotDocs no longer throws an error message (#7851 and #8500)
- A WordPerfect template with a table entirely contained within a Repeat field now assembles as expected (#8425)

- For DOCX templates, when you INSERT a "child" template into a "parent" template, HotDocs now treats all section properties (including the Different First Page option in headers/footers) [as expected](#) (8591)

HotDocs 11.1.1

Known Software Issues Fixed

- When you install HotDocs on a network that uses filtering, a proxy server and/or a redirected URL, HotDocs now correctly interprets this as an inability to connect to the internet and prompts you to either call HotDocs support for an authorization token or to run the software on a 30-day trial basis during which HotDocs attempts to connect to the licensing server whenever you start HotDocs; in addition, the error message now supplies the licensing server URL so you can add it to your server's "white list," or change your fire wall settings to enable your computer to access the HotDocs licensing server (#8383)
- Installing HotDocs no longer generates a licensing error stating "Font 'Arial' does not support style 'Regular'" (#8318)

HotDocs 11.1

New and Enhanced Features

The following features are new in HotDocs 11.1:

WordPerfect X7 Support

You can now build and use templates compatible with the latest release of WordPerfect. Note, though, that HotDocs no longer supports WordPerfect 12.

New license model

HotDocs Developer, LE and User now require a valid license key to run. If you do not provide a license, the regular HotDocs Developer installer automatically installs HotDocs with a 30-day evaluation license.

[The evaluation period begins with the date of first use rather than the date of install.](#)

Known Software Issues Fixed

The following software issues, which existed in HotDocs 11.0.6, have been resolved in HotDocs 11.1:

- HotDocs more accurately calculates the number of repeat iterations for descending repeated/spreadsheet dialogs, because of this HotDocs no longer creates excess iterations which previously disabled the Add Another button (#6248)
- On a spreadsheet dialog, required variables no longer color the row below when the user leaves the first row unanswered. If unanswered, HotDocs only colors the required cell pink and the user is unable to tab to a new row until the first row is partially answered. (#6328)

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- HotDocs now installs successfully on computers where the windows system local is set to Japanese or other Asian languages (#5914)
- HotDocs now interprets "miss-matched chevrons" properly when assembling templates with right-to-left text (#7066)
- When a user changes an answer that causes a repeated spreadsheet to appear on its parent dialog, HotDocs no longer displays the "Current interview is in a bad state" error that requests the user close the assembly interview immediately (#7210)
- A template with an INSERTed template containing a repeat instruction followed by a decorative footer, now successfully assembles and opens in Word after finishing the interview (#7442)
- DOCX templates no longer insert dot code sentence punctuation one character too early when used in an interview answer (#7463)
- A template containing a hyperlink in the header or footer now correctly assembles and opens in Microsoft Word (#7895)
- DOCX templates now display proper spacing in a non-print layout document preview (#5748)
- GRAYing out a Spreadsheet on Parent dialog now works as expected (HotDocs does not crash) (#8296)

HotDocs 11.0.6

Known Software Issues Fixed

The following software issues, which existed in HotDocs 11.0.5, have been resolved in HotDocs 11.0.6:

- For interviews, in the Item Color drop-down menu, the interview appearance options from Additional Text onward now correctly change their corresponding option (#6179)
- Answer files containing two or more HotDocs variables with names longer than fifty characters (only possible when these variables are named in and imported from an external program), no longer crash HotDocs (#6332 and #6233)

HotDocs 11.0.5

Known Software Issues Fixed

The following software issues, which existed in HotDocs 11.0.4, have been resolved in HotDocs 11.0.5:

- When viewed in the document preview pane, a hard return immediately after a page break no longer appears on the page following the hard return (#6172)
- In the document preview pane of the library, paragraph borders now appear as solid lines (#6171)
- In the document preview pane of the HotDocs library, tables now display borders correctly (#6170)
- In the document preview pane of the HotDocs library, images no longer overlap text (#6168)
- In the document preview pane of the HotDocs library, a table of contents using sub numbering (1.1, 1.2, etc.) now displays correctly (#6096)

HotDocs 11.0.4

Known Software Issues Fixed

The following software issues, which existed in HotDocs 11.0.3, have been resolved in HotDocs 11.0.4:

- Selecting Print Layout in the in the Preview Tab no longer causes HotDocs to crash (#5922)

HotDocs 11.0.2

Known Software Issues Fixed

The following software issues, which existed in HotDocs 11.0.1, have been resolved in HotDocs 11.0.2:

- A new version of a 3rd party PDF rendering library is included; this fixes a rare issue where some static content in automated PDF forms disappears after assembly. (#5365)
- Improvements have been made to the display of Answer Source lists in interviews, removing the creation of blank rows in the table (#5365)
- A rare crash occurring when saving a HotDocs library to a mapped network drive has been resolved. (#5361)

HotDocs 11.0.1

Known Software Issues Fixed

The following software issues, which existed in HotDocs 11.0, have been resolved in HotDocs 11.0.1:

- Improvements made to Document Preview with TE Control v20 (#5074)

HotDocs 11.0 Build 3411 (19 April 2013)

Known Software Issues Fixed

- Improvements made to resource pane re-sizing in interviews (#5176)

HotDocs 11.0 Build 3388 (20 March 2013)

Known Software Issues Fixed

- Improvements made to Document Preview with TE Control v20 (#5034)
- Improved Readme installation (#4983)
- Improvements made to interview navigation (#4938 and #4797)

HotDocs 11

New and Enhanced Features

The following features are new in HotDocs 11:

Word processor support

HotDocs 11 now supports Microsoft Word 2013 and WordPerfect X6.

It no longer supports Microsoft Word 2000 and XP or WordPerfect 8,9,10, and 11.

New support for DOCX file format



HotDocs now supports DOCX format templates with no file conversion throughout, allowing HotDocs to better utilize the native properties of Microsoft Word, reducing any unexpected errors in assembly and avoiding unmanageably large file sizes. HotDocs will still support all RTF templates.

New support for Plain Text Templates

In addition to word processor based templates, HotDocs now supports Plain Text Templates (.ttx files). The finished document can be sent to your default text editor.

Help System Re-structure

Removal of the What's This help feature: The **What's This** help buttons have been removed from HotDocs windows and dialogs.

Window Specific Help File Pages: The **What's This** help buttons have been replaced with a new buttons  and  which will open the relevant *At a Glance* window or dialog box page from the HotDocs help file.

Re-structure of the HotDocs Help File: The HotDocs Help File has undergone a change to the style and structure of the table of contents. There has been improvements made to the search function, index and glossary as well as the introduction of new *At a Glance* pages, where you can see the main features of HotDocs dialog boxes and windows. In the new help file *Introduction* pages are also now listed as *Introduction* pages.

Support for Microsoft Word 2013 and WordPerfect X6

Word 2013 Strict Open XML files are not currently supported.

Improved support for Plain Text templates

HotDocs now has official support for "Plain Text templates". These are plain text files with the file extension **.ttx**, paired with a standard HotDocs component file. Plain text templates are assembled using similar rules to how regular word processor templates are assembled. This may be particularly useful in scenarios where multiple output files are desired from a single interview; in this case the

same set of answers can easily be used to produce both word processor documents, PDF files, and now plain text content as well.

New help file

The new help file contains dialog-level contextual help, better organization and improved search features.

New features for developers of HotDocs Plug-ins

Clearer context menus for the Go To Answer in Interview feature in computation fields

When right-clicking in the answer field of an answer generated by a computation, rather than displaying the Go To Answer in Interview option, the menu will show Computed Value and the user will be unable to select it.

Other changes from HotDocs 10

- **Word Processor support.** HotDocs 11 no longer supports versions of Microsoft Word prior to 2003 or Corel WordPerfect prior to WordPerfect 13. However, looking forward, major new template development projects should target Microsoft Word or HotDocs PDF Form Template formats. Future major releases of HotDocs may no longer include support for WordPerfect templates.
- Numerous other bug fixes and small enhancements; specifics not available at this time.

Known Software Issues Fixed

The following software issues, which existed in HotDocs 10.x, have been resolved in HotDocs 11:

- Automatic file paths had "Public\Documents\\HotDocs" rather than "Public\Documents\HotDocs" (#4688)
- Errors with file path shortening in Windows Vista; fixed in HD11 (#4566)
- Help file improved and updated (#4559, #4560, and #4561)
- Issues with /stw command-line switch; fixed in HD11 (#4432)
- Issues with erasing answers in a form document not being erased in the answer file; fixed in HD11 (#4424)
- MC drop-downs closing prematurely; fixed in HD11 (#3831)
- Issues with using the Alt key to focus; fixed in HD11 (#3829)
- General issues with focus have been fixed (#3035, #3037, #3038, #3581, #3604, #3841, and #3849)
- Scrolling in long templates inconvenient for users; fixed in HD11 (#3302)