

ViewCompanion v8.20 Released

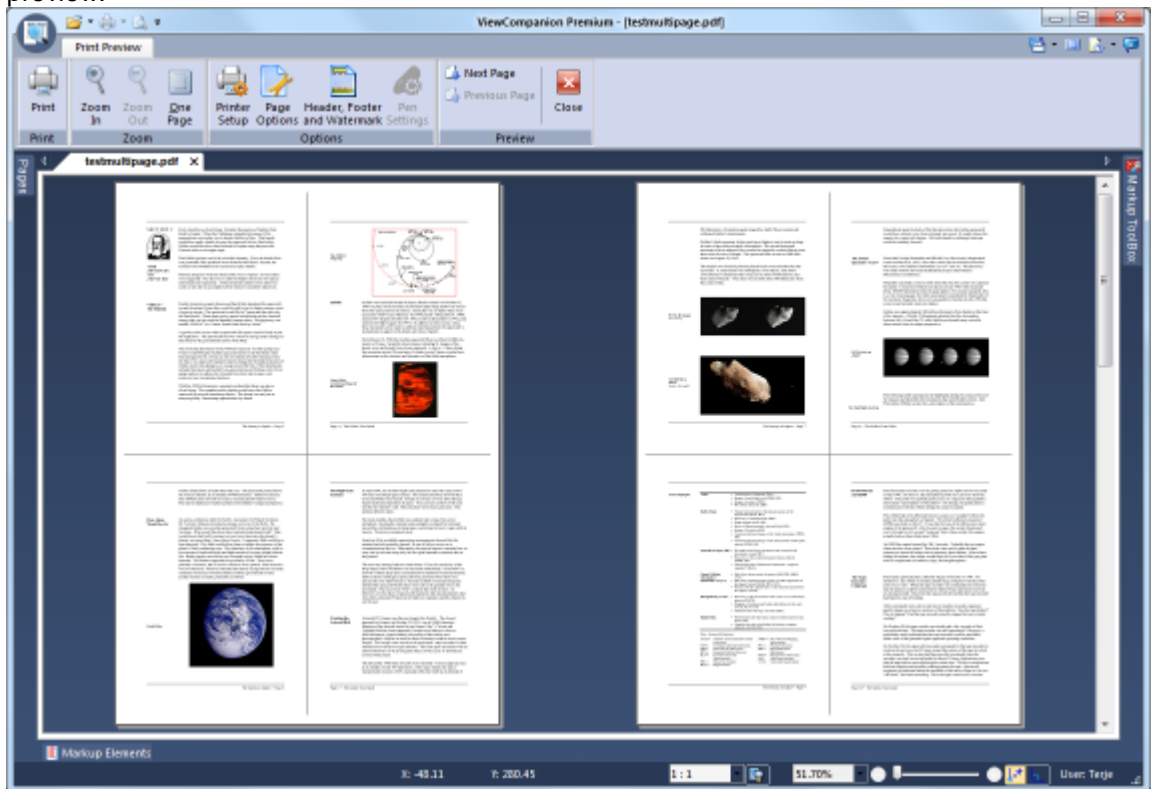


OSLO, Norway, March 8, 2014 - The ViewCompanion version 8.20 is now shipping. New functionality includes support for reading Gerber file format, a new multiple pages per sheet printing mode and several smaller improvements. A new option was introduced to make ViewCompanion create even smaller TIFF files.

This update will be free for you if you purchased a ViewCompanion license, or renewed software maintenance, less than 12-months ago. This release has been tested with Windows 8.1 and are fully compatible with Windows XP (SP3), Server 2003, Server 2008, Server 2012, Vista, 7, 8 and 8.1 (all editions).

What's new in 8.20?

- Added support for reading **Gerber File Format**, including both **RS-274X** and **RS-274D** variants.
- Added a new print mode for printing more than one page on a single sheet of paper.
- Printing multiple pages per sheet is also called n-up printing (such as 2-up, 4-up, 6-up and more).
- The picture below illustrates how 4-up printing (2x2 pages per sheet) looks like in the print preview.



- We've added a new option for creating smaller TIFF files. In the previous versions, ViewCompanion was only able to write multi-strip TIFF files. The new option (enabled by default) will tell ViewCompanion to create single-strip TIFF files.

- Single-strip files are usually smaller (in terms of file size) than multi-strip files. A multi-strip file may however have some advantages (depends on application): ◦Less memory may be used to process the image because an application can process one strip at a time.
- ◦Random access to image data is less complicated.
- •ViewCompanion will now by default create editable PDF files, and not PDF/A files. You can still create PDF/A compatible files, but you will now have to modify a setting (go to Tools->Options->Conversion->PDF and look for the option labelled Standard).
- We've fixed a bug that caused pen table files to be ignored during batch conversion (ref #609).
- And a few minor improvements and changes.

ViewCompanion is a very powerful application for viewing, printing and converting files of multiple formats. The formats supported by ViewCompanion include PLT, HPGL/2, HP-RTL, Calcomp, Autodesk DWF, CGM, TIFF, CALS and more.

ViewCompanion is available as three different editions: ViewCompanion Standard, Pro and Premium. The Pro and Premium editions have tools for markup and support for raster formats. The Premium edition can also open PDF files.

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