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Eclipse 7 Preview:
Advanced PDF and Delivery Options

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After many months of quiet but intense development, **Total Eclipse 7 is now ending its beta testing and approaching pre-release.** Eclipse users with a current support/update subscription can now download this version from EclipseCAT.com. As usual, there are many amazing new features.
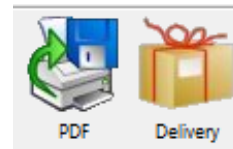
- Eclipse can now record 8 channels of synchronized audio. It can even create more than one recording from the same mic -- for example, a compressed recording for internet streaming to a remote scopist and, simultaneously, a high-quality recording for playback on the reporter's computer.

- It can auto-detect standardized text like jury instructions for easy insertion as you write.

- It can use Bridge Mobile Pro for proofreading on-the-go.

- Connection Magic features like Shared Editing have been refined to reflect user suggestions.

These are just a few of Eclipse 7's new features, which I'll describe in future e-Tips. However, I think **the new PDF and Delivery options are buzz-worthy because they do not require expensive programs like e-Transcript to integrate exhibits and digital signatures in bundles that can be opened with free programs like Adobe Reader.**

Until now, Eclipse has created PDF files by ouputting to programs like CutePDF. **Now the PDF creation is integrated within Eclipse. That gives you many more options, yet the dialogue for these options is very easy to use. When I created my first PDF with this process, I was delighted to see that it automatically bookmarked my indexed exams and exhibits.**

Our 14th year has begun. For previous tips, visit the e-Tips page of KVincent.com.

Windows 10 Pre-Release Announced

Microsoft is making available for download the pre-release or beta version of Windows 10 next week. The big surprise is that they have announced that when it is released next fall, the Windows 10 upgrade will be free for current users of Windows 8 and Windows 7.

One of the other big changes is that after its removal in Windows 8, **the familiar Start Menu is back**. Working with the Start Menu has become so natural and automatic for most Windows users that its absence in Windows 8 was sorely missed and the cause for much consternation. The Windows 10 Start Menu can be enlarged to fill the whole screen if you want. Microsoft has been trying to make an operating system that works on both touchscreens and on computers with a keyboard and mouse. The way they went about doing this in Windows 8 was very awkward for many people. Windows 10 integrates these features much better than Windows 8 did and eliminates much confusion.

There is **a new feature called Continuum which switches instantly between being optimized for touch on a tablet and then returns to the touchpad and keyboard layout when a keyboard is attached.** The Control Panel and the Modern UI settings on the touch side are being condensed and will be in a single interface. This eliminates one of the confusing things about Windows 8 which is having these settings in two different places.

Another exciting new feature is **Microsoft's answer to Siri called Cortana**. They have been throwing a lot of money at developing the Cortana digital assistant and expect that it will be a huge hit with users. Cortana can be interacted with by natural voice queries and/or via text. This text input should make Cortana more comfortable to use when you're on your laptop in public spaces. Cortana can answer simple questions such as "Will it rain today?" or "What time is my flight tomorrow?" You can also say things like "Show me photos from my vacation last July." You can also ask Cortana to "Play music" and then say "Please be quiet" to silence the music.

Heralding tighter integration with Windows Phone, Windows 10 will work with Universal Apps. These Universal Apps from the Windows Store will work on your laptop, tablet or Windows Phone if you have one. Universal Apps should really spur more development of relevant and useful apps for the Windows 10 ecosystem.

One feature my kids are really excited about is that Windows 10 is able to stream games from Xbox One to Windows 10 devices such as tablets and laptops. This way they can play the same Xbox One games with each other using a combination of Windows 10 devices and the Xbox One console itself. This addresses one of my biggest complaints about the Xbox One because if my son wants to play a multiplayer game with a friend of his, his friend has to be at his house on his Xbox One console because few Xbox One games include multiplayer functionality aside from over the Internet with players on other consoles.

My least favorite thing about **Windows 10 is that Microsoft is changing OneDrive and how the Smart Files feature works**. If you know what I'm talking about and have been using Smart Files, which are basically place holders for files available online or on another Windows computer you own, you should know that OneDrive in Windows 10 will not initially support this feature. They are telling us that at some point in the future this Smart Files functionality will return, so stay tuned. Windows 10 does come with tight integration with the very popular DropBox which many people will appreciate very much.
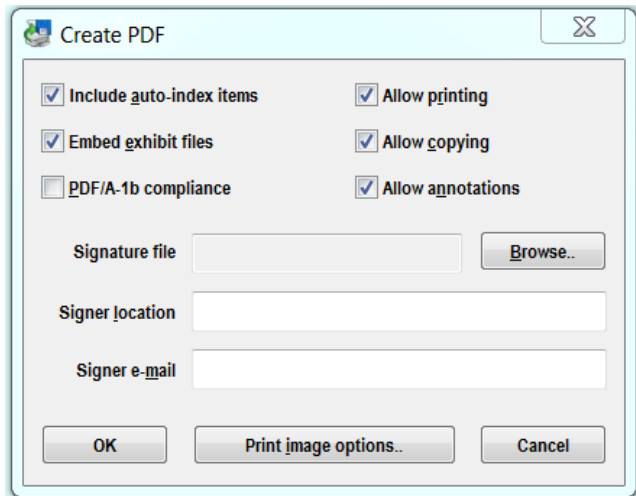
There is also going to be **a new touch-friendly Web browser called Spartan**, but this will not be in the initial pre-release version. Many more updates will happen before the full release next fall and more features will be rolled out as time goes on.

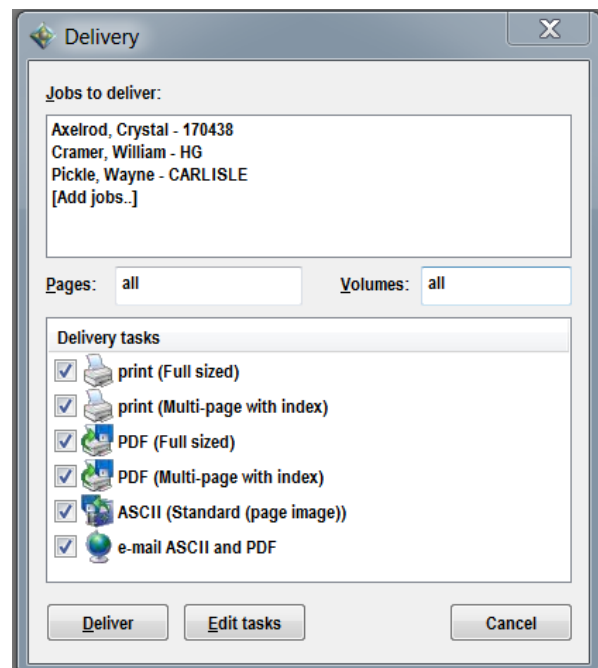# Eclipse 7 Preview: Advanced PDF and Delivery Options

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There will be a lot more to share with you as I explore all this in the coming months. In the meantime, here's a first look at the "Create PDF" dialogue.

Another new dialogue in the "Production" menu is simply called "Delivery". It automates the tasks that you need to deliver one or more transcripts to your clients. **You start with a common set of delivery tasks** such as print full-sized, print 4-per-page with word index, create PDF versions, create an ASCII file, and e-mail the files to your client. **These tasks can be edited to suit your needs, and you can simply uncheck the**

boxes next to the task(s) that you want to ignore for a specific transcript. Likewise, you can add other tasks, such as copy the finished transcript to a USB flash drive, or move the job to an archive location once the job has been delivered.

Of course, you'll find an array of Visualizer movies to help you take advantage of all this. Even by Eclipse standards, Version 7 is a big deal.

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Bridge Mobile Pro Now in App Store

The **Bridge Mobile app for iPad is now available through the Apple App Store.** Just search for "Bridge Mobile". The basic version is free, and it can be upgraded to the "Pro" version for just $9.99 per month or $99.99 per year.

The free BMobile app has a basic feature set (scroll, go to beginning/end, insert a single kind of mark, jump to next/previous mark, basic searches, no data export).

The "Pro" version of the BMobile app adds these features: Advanced searches, support for notes and 23 color-coded issues, Hyperlinked realtime index, ability to export data, cloud storage, and auto-transfer of proofreading annotations to Total Eclipse 7.

The "browser" version of Bridge Mobile has been freely available for quite a while now. This is the version that works when you open your internet browser and type this address: connect.eclipsecat.com. The browser version works on iPads, iPods, iPhones, Android devices, Windows tablets, and on PCs, Macs, and Linux computers.

In situations where the internet is not available, one can use Connection Magic Local to support communication from Eclipse (or any other CAT software) to Bridge Mobile. If one is using the app version of Bridge Mobile, it automatically finds the address of your device on the local network. If one is using the browser version of Bridge Mobile, it's just a matter of typing in the short string of numbers that Connection Magic Local displays as its IP address.

Outputting from your CAT software to Bridge Mobile will require a license, which costs $279 per year. This price covers both internet and local output via the Connection Magic system, but it also includes cloud storage for Bridge Mobile transcripts and annotations.

As an introductory offer, your first year's license to output to Bridge Mobile is valid for 15 months. In addition, your credit card will not be charged for the first 90 days so that you'll have plenty of time to be certain that the product meets your needs.

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In order to get the Windows 10 Preview you need to sign up for the Windows Insider program. Do not install Windows 10 Preview on a computer unless you are willing to reformat it at some point and/or are ready to deal with glitches and bugs that would hamper your ability to rely on Windows 10 for your work. **I recommend that you only install it on a PC that you can play around with or that is nonessential.** I have installed the alpha version which is already available of Windows 10 on one of my computers and will tell you that many things work but then there is an update and all of a sudden it's not working so well any more, et cetera. However, **upgrading from Windows 8 or Windows 7 when the full release version is available next fall looks very promising.**