

XPCE-5.0 Release Notes

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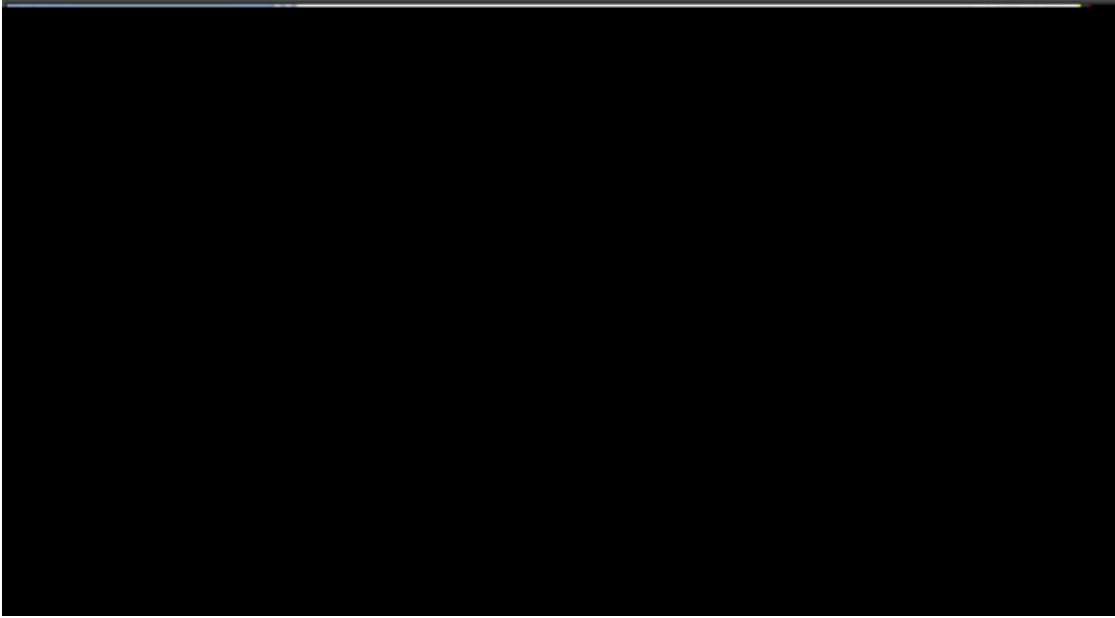
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This document provides an overview of new functionality of XPCE-5. The highlights are single-file executables using embedded (image) resources, passing native Prolog data through arguments of Prolog-defined methods and the introduction of graphical tables.

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```
5      send(T, level_gap, 20),  
6      send(T, node_handler,  
7          click_gesture(left, '', single,  
8
```



For example:

```
?- send(new(P, picture), open),  
    send(P, display(box(100,100), point(10,10))).
```

Advantages of this representation are:

- No limits to the number of arguments.

- Generally easier specification of utility-predicates that wrap around the XPCE primitives as messages are represented using single Prolog term.

- Possibility to define (efficiently) other syntaxes for XPCE.¹

3: CLASS-VARIABLES

The XPCE-4 notion of resources, expressing user-defaults, has been replaced by the notion of class-

```

:- (   get(@pce, version, number, Version),
      Version >= 50000
  -> use_module(library('compatibility/resource'))
      ;   true
  ).

```

Please note that when using this library, resources as defined in chapter 4 cannot appear inside a class-definition.

3.2: Consequences for the end-user

XPCE no longer uses the X11 resource-syntax. The syntax for a class-variable default value is defined as:

hclassi.hclass-variablei: hvaluei

Thus, the leading `Pce .` has been dropped and class-names are written in exact-case rather than capitalised. The value-syntax has not been changed.

The system defaults-file is located in `\$PCEHOME/Defaults`, where `$PCEHOME` refers to the XPCE home-directory (see '@pce home'). The user's defaults-file is located in `(def)10(aulot)-24s-fi.s:`

4: PROGRAM RESOURCES

```
?- send(image('myicon.ico'), save, 'myicon,xpm', xpm).
```

This transformation is complete as the XPM image format covers all aspects of the Microsoft image formats.

5: ERRORS AND PROLOG EXCEPTIONS

XPCE-5.0 provides a mapping between XPCE errors and Prolog exceptions. For this reason a new **'error**

7: LAYOUT MANAGERS

A *Layout Manager* is an object that is associated with a graphical **device** and which deals with managing the layout of the graphicals displayed on the **device**. Layout-managers can either manipulate the graphicals **interface** object to each the graphicals managed. The


```

56         send(Table, sort_rows,?(DL, compare_rows, @arg1, @arg2), 2).
57 compare_rows(DL, R1:table_row, R2:table_row, Result) :<-
58     "Compare two rows on sort_column sort_column".
59     get(DL, sort_column, ColName),
60     get(R1, cell, ColName, C1),
61     get(R2, cell, ColName, C2),
62     get(C1, image, Gr1),
63     get(C2, image, Gr2),
64     get(Gr1, compare, Gr2, Result).
65 57get(DL,Ep-60:up-60olName, :<-58
57
58
59

```


Normally, **send**.

send(

9: STATUS, DISCUSSION AND PLANS

9.1: Prolog interface

XPCE-5.0.0 is primarily an evaluation release for the new XPCE/Prolog interface. Except for the issues noted in these release notes (especially chapter [A](#)

A: MIGRATING OLD SOURCE CODE

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