Release Notes: Adobe® Configurator 3.1

Welcome to Adobe Configurator 3.1. This document contains late-breaking product information, updates, and troubleshooting tips not covered in the product documentation.

Overview

Adobe® Configurator 3 is an easy-to-use tool that enables you to create your own custom-designed panels for Adobe InDesign® and Adobe Photoshop®. For example, you can create a custom panel that incorporates tools that you use regularly, along with buttons that provide easy access to typical workflows.

Configurator makes it easy to drag and drop tools, menu items, scripts, actions, and other objects into a panel design. These panels leverage built-in Adobe Flash® support, making it possible to drag and drop audio, video, images, web pages and even other SWF and HTML content files into your custom panel.

Configurator allows any Photoshop or InDesign user to customize the application interface without having to learn Flash/Flex/ActionScript.

▶   If you are an author, trainer, or other expert seeking to create and share panels that make Photoshop or InDesign easier to use, Configurator is created with you in mind.

▶   If you are a developer with solutions for InDesign or Photoshop, Configurator provides a great way for you to train your users on how to get the most from your product. It's quick and easy to do and let's you leverage your existing learning content such as web pages and videos.

When you have designed your custom panel, you can export it, allowing others to install it or load it into Photoshop or InDesign. You can package it as a CS Extension in order to share it or offer it for sale through Adobe Exchange; see "About Adobe Exchange" on page 3.

What's new in this release

For a description of new features and changes between Configurator 2 and Configurator 3, see the *Adobe Configurator 3 User Guide*. The Configurator 3.1 release offers these additional features:

BUTTON ICONS: In CS6 panels, you can associate your own images with a button object as icons for different states (button up, button down, and mouse over). You can have icons for Command, Script, Script file, Action, and Popup buttons.

PANELS FOR ADOBE EXCHANGE: This release offers additional support and features that help you create panels for Adobe Exchange.

▷   New attributes allow you to specify the Author and a Description for a panel that is exported as a CS Extension, and attribute names have been simplified from "Extension ID" and "Extension Version" to "ID" and "Version."

▷   MenuName and Author values are required; if they are empty or invalid, you cannot export the panel as a CS Extension.

▷   The Create Certificate dialog has been simplified.

SCRIPTING SUPPORT: The HTML widget now allows you to invoke predefined and developer-defined functions and scripts, which gives your panel access to the JavaScript API for Photoshop or InDesign.

ADDITIONAL COLOR THEME SUPPORT: The HTML widget can now detect the user's change of color themes in Photoshop CS6, so that you can provide light and dark versions of any panel content.

Installing Adobe Configurator 3.1

System requirements

Configurator requires this minimum configuration on supported platforms.

Windows	Mac OS
Intel Pentium 4 or AMD Athon 64 processor	Multicore Intel® processor with 64-bit support
Microsoft Windows XP with Service Pack 3 or Windows 7 with Service Pack 1 or Windows 8	Mac OS X v10.6.8, v10.7,or v 10.8
▶ Adobe Photoshop Extended 3D features and some GPU-enabled features are not supported in Windows XP.	

General requirements
1 GB of RAM
200 MB of available hard-disk space for installation; additional free space required during installation
Adobe Photoshop CS5.x or CS6, Adobe InDesign CS5.x or CS6
1024x768 display (1280x800 recommended) with 16-bit color and 256MB of VRAM
OpenGL 2.0 capable system
Adobe Flash® Player 10 software required to export SWF files
Java Runtime Environment 1.6

For updates to system requirements, visit www.adobe.com/go/designstandard_systemreqs.

Installing Configurator

Configurator 3.1 is an AIR application; you must install Adobe AIR before you can install Configurator.

▶ Download Adobe AIR from http://get.adobe.com/air/

▶ Download the platform-specific version of Configurator 3 from http://labs.adobe.com/technologies/configurator

Double-click the downloaded file (an EXE or DMG file) to run the installer.

Complete product documentation is available online at:

http://www.adobe.com/go/configurator_3_userguide

Starting Configurator

To run Configurator, open the installed application:

▶ In Windows, **Start > Adobe > Adobe Configurator 3**.

▶ In Mac OS, **Applications > Adobe > Adobe Configurator 3**.

About Adobe Exchange

Adobe Exchange is a new commercial marketplace for that offers extensions and content for Creative Suite applications such as Photoshop and InDesign. Users of these products can open Adobe Exchange in the application in order to discover content that is available for sharing or for purchase. Creative professionals can use Adobe Exchange to find and download content that will enhance their creative process.

You can take advantage of Adobe Exchange to share or market the panels you create with Configurator for Photoshop CS6 and InDesign CS6. To do this, you must export your panel as CS Extension; see the *Adobe Configurator 3 User Guide* for details.

Adobe Exchange is both a web service for producers and a built-in CS Extension panel that runs in various Creative Suite 6 applications.

▶ With the Adobe Exchange panel, users can browse through items that are available for their application; purchase, download, and install those items; and update purchased items when new versions are available.

▶ The Producer Portal is a web service where you can submit your content for approval and distribution, manage the content as you continue development by providing updates, and view analytical information about usage. You use the Producer Portal to manage what a consumer sees in the Adobe Exchange panel.

Check for forthcoming information about this exciting new technology at:
http://labs.adobe.com/technologies

Known issues

These problems are known to occur in this release. For more information, and to post issues and comments, use the Labs forum for Configurator.

▶ When you export a panel as a CS Extension for Photoshop, if the panel has many large assets (such as large image files), it can take a long time to load the panel in Photoshop. Set the Persistent attribute for the panel to 'yes', so that it can be opened quickly the next time, after the initial slow load. [3283471]

▶ If you do not set an explicit size for a button, then assign one or more icons to it in either the design or preview views, it automatically resizes itself to the size of the largest icon. If you do not want this to happen, set an explicit size. [3288313, 3282586]

▶ The SWF and Image Loader widgets cannot show SWF files that are created with Flex 2 and Flex 3. [3179995]

▶ [Mac OS only] In Mac OS, the default font for a Text widget is Lucida Grand, which does not support italic text. If you want to apply italic styles to text in the widget, you must change the font to one such as Arial, which does support italics. [3173642]

▶ [Mac OS only] If you uninstall and then reinstall Configurator in Mac OS 10.7 or 10.8, the application icon for Configurator is not shown correctly in Mac OS Finder. To correct the problem, restart the computer. [3290424]

▶ When you attempt to export a panel whilethe target application is running, the export fails. This is because the panel assets are marked as read-only while they are being used by the target application. Workaround: Close the target application before exporting the panel. [3185411]

▶ [Photoshop CS6 only] When using the Tab Navigator widget, long tab labels are not displayed correctly in Photoshop. [3139346]

▶ [Photoshop CS6 only] Some of the menu items under Window > Arrange are not available in Configurator as commands. [3185910]

▶ [InDesign CS6 only] When the user clicks the 'Split Window to Compare Layouts' command, InDesign crashes. [3150352]

▶ [Photoshop CS6 64-bit only] HTML widgets do not support embedded online video content on these platforms. Workaround: Use the Movie Player widget. [3187058)]

▶ [Photoshop CS6 only] The user's choice for "Don't show again" for the command Edit > Purge > All is not respected when invoking the same command through Configurator. [3120651]

▶ [Photoshop CS6] The following HTML links to scripts do not work: [3167031]

All of the Panel/Brush Presets section; adobe://photoshop.cs6/Panel/BrushPresets/[Close | CloseTabGroup | DeleteBrush | LoadBrushes | RenameBrush | ReplaceBrushes | ResetBrushes | SaveBrushes]
All of the Panel/Brushes section; adobe://photoshop.cs6/Panel/Brushes/[ClearBrushControls | CopyTexturetoOtherTools | NewBrushPreset]
All of the Panel/ChannelMixerAdjustment section; adobe://photoshop.cs6/Panel/ChannelMixerAdjustment/[Close | CloseTabGroup | DeleteCurrentPreset | LoadChannelMixerPreset | ResetChannelMixer | SaveChannelMixerPreset] and adobe://photoshop.cs6/Panel/ChannelMixerAdjustment/Auto/SelectParameter
adobe://photoshop.cs6/Main/File/Print
adobe://photoshop.cs6/Main/File/PrintOneCopy
adobe://photoshop.cs6/Main/File/Scripts/ImageProcessor
adobe://photoshop.cs6/Main/File/Scripts/LoadFilesintoStack
adobe://photoshop.cs6/Main/File/Scripts/Statistics
[Windows only] adobe://photoshop.cs6/Main/3D/GetMoreContent

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Free troubleshooting resources include Adobe's support knowledgebase, Adobe user-to-user forums, Adobe Support Advisor and more. We continually make additional tools and information available online in order to provide you with flexible options for resolving issues as fast as possible.

If you are a developer and require support for the Adobe Drive SDK, more information is available about a Developer Support Incident Bundle here:

http://www.adobe.com/support/programs/developer/incidentbundle/

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