

Blaise Inform™ for Thermo Envision version 1.0.2480

RELEASE NOTES

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Hardware And Operating System Requirements

Minimum hardware requirements:
1.5 GHz Pentium III with 256 Mb of memory, or better

Minimum software requirements:
Windows 2000-SP3 or later, or Windows XP Professional-SP2

Installation

The Blaise Inform setup kit will install Inform in the same folder as Thermo Envision. Inform must be installed in this folder in order to operate properly.

Uninstallation

If you wish to uninstall the Blaise Inform Designer, you may do so from the Windows *Add or Remove Programs* applet in Control Panel. After doing so, you should also select Envision in *Add or Remove Programs*, click the *Change* button, and then select the *Repair* option to restore the limited reporting functionality that shipped with Envision.

Documentation

Blaise Inform for Thermo Envision is delivered with comprehensive online help which you can access through the Help menu in the Inform Designer. A user guide is also provided in PDF format in the file *InformUsersGuide.pdf*. The manual is suitable for printing if you desire a printed manual.

Testing

Blaise Inform for Thermo Envision has undergone thorough structural and GUI testing under Windows 2000 SP3 and Windows XP Professional SP2. This testing is fully documented and cross-referenced with functional specification documentation.

Report Method File Compatibility

The Inform reporting engine distributed with Envision is a limited edition designed only to run the five demonstration reports that are also distributed with Envision. Note that these five demonstration reports are not compatible with the new, fully functional Inform system installed by the Blaise Inform™ for Thermo Envision setup kit. Also, any report methods created by the new Inform Designer™ cannot be used by the reporting engine distributed with Envision. However, the setup kit installs new, enhanced versions of these demonstration reports which are fully compatible with the new Inform Designer.

Known Issues In This Release

The following are known issues or defects in this release of Inform. Some or all of these may be addressed in a subsequent release:

IE-0001: Borders of trace plots embedded in multi plot sometime do not draw

Border lines drawn around a trace plot which is embedded inside a multi plot sometimes do not appear. This happens when the report is run outside of the Inform Designer.

IE-0002: Declare statements in script IDE break outlining

The script integrated development environment's code outlining feature is incorrect if a Declare statement is present in the code. This problem causes the script routine drop-down control to be incomplete, but it does not affect correct operation of report script code. A workaround is to enclose the declare statement in a separate code module declaration.

IE-0003: Section GenerateEnd and ReportEnd script events fired in wrong order

The report script events GenerateEnd and ReportEnd should be fired after the corresponding events for the report objects contained inside the section, however these events are incorrectly fired beforehand.

IE-0004: Line spacing property assignment not constrained

The line spacing property for text regions in a report method should be constrained to the values 50 - 300, however any value is currently permitted.

Licensing

Inform licensing is implemented on a workstation or computer basis, which means that the Inform software is licensed to run on a specific computer. A working Internet connection is required to obtain or activate any type of license, or to use a demo license, as described below.

Demo Licenses

When you install an Inform Designer demo license, Inform will use the computer's Internet connection to contact the Blaise license server on the Blaise web site to request the demo license. If the request is granted, the license server will provide the demo license which will authorize Inform to run on that computer, with all functions enabled, for a limited period of time (usually 30 days). After the trial period, the demo license will no longer authorize Inform to run. Current license information can be viewed the on the Designer's "About" box.

With a demo license, each time the Designer starts it uses your Internet connection only to obtain the date from an Internet time server. It is this date that is used to determine whether the demo license has expired.

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Purchasing

A fully functional trial version of Blaise Inform for Thermo Envision may be downloaded free of charge from the Blaise Software Services Inc website at www.BlaiseSoft.com. This trial version will operate for 30 days. Any reports that you produce with the trial version are also limited to the 30 day trial period. However, the six demonstration reports that are installed with the Inform Designer will always be usable.

You may purchase a permanent license key for the Inform Designer from Thermo Electron and apply this key to your demo version to unlock it for permanent use. You can then resave any reports created with your demo version to make them permanently usable.

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We thank you for using Blaise Inform for Thermo Envision!

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