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Xitron Announces Navigator RIP Version 14 Release; Prepares for Drupa Demonstration Schedule

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RIP Based on Global Graphics' Ultra-Performant Harlequin® Core is Fastest Yet

Ann Arbor, MI – April 22, 2024 – Xitron, a subsidiary of Hybrid Software Group and the developer of Harlequin-based Navigator RIP and workflow products for commercial, flexo, screen, digital, and high-speed inkjet printing, is announcing the version 14 release of their Navigator RIP. Nearing almost 50,000 installations worldwide, Navigator is one of the most popular RIPs in service today and is the foundation for Xitron's full slate of prepress workflow products.

Under development for more than three years, Navigator version 14 introduces support for PDF/X-6, PDF/X-VT3, and Color Exchange Format (CxF), as well as interpretive speed improvements. It is also the core technology for every product Xitron will demonstrate at the upcoming Drupa trade fair in Dusseldorf, Germany from May 28th through June 7th.

"The Navigator name is recognized by printers around the world as an extremely stable, economical, and performance-oriented RIP platform," said Eric Nelsen, VP of Product Development at Xitron. "For those and many other reasons, you'll find it operating in every printing environment from mom & pop screen printers to mega-printing companies with names everyone recognizes. The improvements in this latest iteration simply cement its legacy."

"Having version 14 completed will be pivotal for our introduction of a new product at Drupa," said Karen Crews, President of Xitron. "While I cannot comment on specifics before the official launch, I can say that Navigator will be taking a great leap forward in the commercial prepress market with this release."

From April 1st forward, all Navigator RIPs sold around the world are automatically licensed for version 14. Customers will be able to download the installer from a link on www.xitron.com. For customers with older versions of Navigator, upgrade specials will be announced, including incentives to pair the upgrade with Xitron's recently announced IntelliTrap workflow module. Released in March, IntelliTrap moves trapping out of the RIP and into PDF files as they enter the workflow, tremendously speeding up the process and providing interaction opportunities for operators.

Navigator 14 will begin shipping April 30th. For more information, please contact your Xitron dealer, or write to sales@xitron.com.

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About Xitron

Xitron develops advanced workflow systems and interfaces to drive the prepress industry's most popular new, and legacy output devices, prolonging our customers' investments. In addition, Xitron's Navigator Digital Front End is recognized as best in class by several digital press manufacturers around the world. Xitron's Navigator RIP, Raster Blaster TIFF Catcher, and Sierra Workflow solutions are recognized as prepress standards. Built around the Harlequin RIP core technology from Global Graphics, Xitron engineers continue to develop solutions for the graphic arts market, driving hundreds of different models of imagesetters, proofers, platesetters, inkjet printers, and digital presses. With shipments of more than 48,000 RIPs, Xitron is the largest independent Harlequin RIP developer in the market and is a subsidiary of Hybrid Software Group.

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