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Xitron Ships 5,000th Navigator Digital Front End

Customizable, brandable DFE delivers automation, engine control, spot color matching and available API

Ann Arbor, MI, August 22, 2023 – Xitron, a subsidiary of Hybrid Software Group (HYSG) and the developer of Harlequin-based Navigator RIP and workflow products for commercial, flexo, screen, digital, and high-speed inkjet printing, has announced a milestone for their Navigator Digital Front End (DFE). Installations have surpassed the 5,000-mark following a recent shipment of Navigator DFE licenses to Printware for their iJetColor systems.

With the ability to drive printheads from virtually all vendors, Navigator DFE is quickly becoming one of the most popular choices in the industry. It is the “go-to” solution for the FI-1000 “Bar in a Box” printhead from HP, as well as the VersaPass, DuraLink and DuraBolt PrintBar systems from Memjet.

Among many of the FI-1000 customers are Printware, AstroNova, Martin-Yale, and ADSI, covering the mailing & addressing, labels, and commercial print markets. Similarly, Memjet OEMs such as Printware, Quadient, Kirk-Rudy, Arrow Systems, Paper Converting Machine Company, FP Mailing, Winkler + Dunnebie, and Simply Inkjet are providing comparable solutions to those markets - in addition to corrugated and packaging - all with Navigator DFE's.

“Reaching this milestone so quickly is a real testament to the functionality and usability of the Navigator DFE,” said Karen Crews, president of Xitron. “But it also tells a ‘get-to-market’ story about our partners. All these companies were able to devote important development time strictly to their presses - knowing a world-class DFE was already there and waiting for them.”

Eric Nelsen, Xitron’s vice president for product development added, “5,000 is significant, and we got there supporting a relatively small number of printhead types. With our recent integration to Meteor Inkjet drive electronics (from HYSG sister company Meteor Inkjet), we’ve opened the door of full-stack, ready-to-deploy DFE’s for every printhead Meteor supports. That list currently includes Kyocera, Ricoh, Epson, Dimatix, Konica Minolta, SII, Toshiba, XAAR and Xerox.”

Xitron’s Navigator DFE will be available for personalized demonstration at Labelexpo Europe in Brussels, Belgium September 11-14. Xitron will be exhibiting on stand 8B45 along with Meteor Inkjet



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and the other Hybrid Software Group companies; Global Graphics Software, IC3D, ColorLogic, and Hybrid Software. Specific appointment times can be requested by emailing oeinfo@xitron.com, but walk-ups are also welcome.

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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 and the Adobe PDF Print Engine from Adobe Systems, 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 40,000 RIPs, Xitron is the largest independent Harlequin RIP developer in the market and is a subsidiary of Hybrid Software Group (HYSG).

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