



Vizrt iNEWS Command Plugin Release Notes

Version 3.1



iNews Command Plugin





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1 Vizrt iNEWS Command Plugin 3.1

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These are the release notes for the Vizrt iNEWS Command Plugin version 3.1.

1.1 Requirements

This plug-in is for use with:

- Avid MediaCentral® | Command 2020.9.2 or higher.
- Viz Pilot Data server 8.8.0 or higher.
- Viz Preview Server 4.5 or higher.
- Media Sequencer version 5.4.0 or higher.

This plug-in has been tested with the following versions:

- Avid MediaCentral® | Command 2020.9.2
 - Viz Pilot Data Server 8.8.0.17
 - Viz Preview Server 4.5.0
 - Viz Trio 3.2.6.21193
 - Viz Pilot 8.7.0.24995
 - Media Sequencer 5.4.0
 - Viz Engine/Artist version: 4.4.1
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1.2 Changes And New Features

This version of the plug-in has the following new features and bug fixes compared to the 3.0.2 version:

- There is added support for HTTPS TLSv1.2 in this version. Internally all the HTTP communication is now using Apache HttpComponents instead of Apache Abdera. Jira ticket MSE-8348.
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1.3 Restrictions

1.3.1 When Using Star CG Syntax

- Using a combo template with an external id does only support layers with one state. That is:
 - If the layer has more than one choice that is non-empty, the layer is ignored.
 - If the layer has only one choice which is non-empty, this choice is selected.

1.4 Known Issues

1.4.1 When Using Star CG Syntax

- No default values are present for star CG elements with no input data.

Example: If the following external template *v1003* has two input text fields where default values have been set in Viz Content Pilot, then the syntax **CG v1003* gives a data element with empty values. (MSE-3966, VCP-2320)

- Continue count is not supported for star CG elements based on Trio templates.
- Restrictions on template identifiers recognized by the Avid MediaCentral® | Command system (MSE-4900).
 - When the configuration setting *Use template name as an identifier for Viz Pilot CG elements* is on, the identifier for the external template is the “Description” field of the external template given in Pilot Template Manager.
 - The integration with Avid MediaCentral® | Command has restrictions for the characters in the identifiers. This has to be enforced by the user.
 - Characters that do not work: forward slash, backward slash, full stop.

Note: iNews only accepts template identifiers being one word. Templates not following these rules might not be recognized by the Avid MediaCentral® | Command system.

- For a template identifier containing the character full stop (“.”) the template will not work, and in addition to loading, such a template into the inventory causes problems to the inventory. This plug-in, therefore, filters out templates with such identifiers.
- For Trio CG templates: Viz Artist disallows the mentioned characters in scene names.

1.4.2 Vizrt Plug-in Settings

- Plug-in settings do not support Thai, Bengali, or Hindi. The problem is related to the environment run by Avid MediaCentral® | Command.

1.4.3 Standalone Playlists and Shotbox

This is not supported.

1.4.4 Other Known Issues

- The following described issue applies when the config setting *Enable initializing of a playlist or item in a playlist* is not selected. The issue can be resolved in Avid MediaCentral® | Command (MSE-5670).

- When the user right-clicks on a graphic element in Avid MediaCentral® | Command, the options for initialization are available. These options are also available in the **Main Menu (Playlist > Graphics > Initialize Item/ Initialize Playlist)**.
- Resource handling of rundowns from Avid iNEWS: If rundowns are not unloaded after use, or they are unloaded when the corresponding playlist is locked in Avid MediaCentral® | Command, the Vizrt graphics used in such rundowns will remain in the playlist held by Media Sequencer. This represents a resource leakage. A workaround for remove of such dangling elements is to delete the Pilot playlist created by Vizrt iNEWS Command Plugin and restart Media Sequencer and restart the Vizrt iNEWS Command Plugin.
- Sometimes the user can experience missing thumbnail updates in Avid MediaCentral® | Command client. A workaround is to resize the column that shows the thumbnails.

2 Documentation

Documentation for the Vizrt iNEWS Command Plugin is available at the Vizrt Documentation Center:

- [Vizrt iNEWS Command Plugin Administrator Guide](#)

3 Support

Support is available at the [Vizrt Support Portal](#).