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The release of Digitrace v5.3 introduces improvements to the installation process and everyday use based on your valued feedback and a couple new services.

Improvements:

In Digitrace 5.3, we have made various changes to improve and simplify the installation, set-up and user experience.

- New PDF plug-in – no separate installation required
- Automatic Print Scale – guaranteed to ensure accurate scale for corrections.
- Improved Browsing – standardized and easy to use browsing, zooming and search functions.

Installation:

- Publisher certificate renewed – compliant with Microsoft installation and security processes.
- Quality control – automatic verification and warning if database has not been populated correctly.
- The separate patch for the inclusion of the latest List of Lights issued by the UKHO (NP86 & NP87) is no longer needed. If any other List of Light publication is published it will be included automatically.
- Some changes have been made to the loading of update files.
- No more issues when re-applying updates if the files are still under the folder \Backup\ .
- For some users which we have to add an extra extension to the files for security reasons they will be loaded without the need of manually renaming them. Digitrace will do this for them.
- If files for MPCupdater are loaded by mistake in Digitrace the user will be warned.
- On a multi station setup (server) when loading updates it will warn if any other user is currently using Digitrace on another terminal/workstation.
- If a file is corrupt on an Update DVD Digitrace will record this information and the loading will not be stop.

Visual:

- We reviewed the organization of the report buttons as we a few other visual aspect.
- The report buttons have been regrouped by media type (paper and digital).
- We added a new report for digital publications. We split the paper and the digital into two reports.
- The ENC on Board report has been also modified. Now it change pager when changing the type of chart (e.g. raster and vector).
- The Exit button and the Order form have been removed.
- Many messages have been reviewed to standardize and clarify. Also the capital words have been changed to lower case.
- "Print" has been removed from the function/button "Inventory Change Report".
- The list of Hydrographic Offices (known as Issued by) has been sorted to first list all the ones which the vessel has subscribed to. Then all others available are listed. We applied the same sorting in the Status Log.
- In the same Status Log the date of the "Latest Update DVD applied" has been added.
- The change of printer is not changing the default Windows printer anymore. Thus Digitrace does not need to be restarted in such case.
- We blocked the cursor insertion in the "combo boxes". Sometimes the users here clicking on the numbers/text to change chart or correction but it was not it was not being selected properly.
- When a Digital publication file is not yet available it will display a message telling which Update DVD is required to be able to see it. Note that if a digital publication is split into sections (e.g. U.S. List of Lights) the message/date will change depending on when the selected section was made or changed.

Technical information:

- We added the Customer Support full contact in the About window.
- We revised the Help.
- We have added more information in the log files for our Customer Support team to better understand the user's situation. And the number of log files has been increased to 20. This allows us to see more details and have a better understanding of any issues.
- If a user enters the wrong Serial number at the installation, they now have the capacity to reset it and enter their own number. Also this works with an installation copied from a different computer. This will avoid any licensing issues.

New services:

Our new services were developed in response to the evolution and digitization of navigation. Vessels that now use ECDIS as their primary means of navigation carry a reduced amount of paper charts on-board. As such, the need for our “Digitrace Lite” and “T&P World” services has become essential in adapting to the current market.

Digitrace Lite - Weekly NTMs & Corrections WITHOUT Tracings:

As the primary means of navigation shifts from paper to digital, the update needs of a vessel are changing.

Digitrace Lite offers customers added flexibility with smaller update files at a cheaper cost by removing the tracings and only providing the textual NTM corrections.

The service is designed to serve as a back-up for vessels who have already made the transition to ENC's and therefore have less reliance on extensive paper chart folios.

Beginning in Q4 of 2016, Digitrace Light services will be available for the following Hydrographic Offices:

- British Admiralty (UKHO)
- United States (NOAA/NGA)
- Australia (AHSp)

When transitioning from Digitrace to Digitrace Lite – all tracings received prior to the changeover will still be available.

T&P World Services:

As many countries do not include Temporary and Preliminary Notices in their ENC's, Marine Press has developed a service within Digitrace to ensure that this information is readily available to the mariner. As there are sometimes delays in including the T&Ps in ENC's, this service will also ensure that mariners receive the latest information in a timely manner.

When subscribed to this service, Marine Press will provide a weekly update consisting of all the T&Ps issued by the selected Hydrographic Office.

T&P World services are available for the following Hydrographic Offices

- Australia
- British Admiralty
- India
- Japan
- Norway
- Korea
- New Zealand