Docmosis v3.0.1 Release Notes

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This release is for most customers a drop-in replacement for the 2.2.2 release. Few parts of the API have incompatible changes, and specific notes are as follows:

1. A new license key is required. License keys for previous versions of Docmosis are not valid. Please visit the Docmosis web site to find out how to obtain your key. If you have purchased a license key within the past 12 months for Docmosis, you will be allowed to upgrade to the new version free of charge.
2. Plain text markup in the templates is turned on by default in the docmosis.properties file that comes with the 3.0.1 release. If you are an existing docmosis user, you will need to add the new properties to your docmosis.properties file if you wish to take advantage of plain text markup. See the new features below for details.
3. HTML-like interpretation of data is disabled by default. This can be enabled in your docmosis.properties file. See the Section below about HTML-like markup.

New Features

#	Change

1	**Plain Text Markup**
	
	Docmosis fields/placeholders can now be written into the document using plain text rather than Open Office Fields or Word merge Fields. This can make template maintenance much simpler.
	
	The feature is turned on by default in the downloaded Docmosis bundle. The default delimiters are << and >>. If you are an existing Docmosis user, can add the following properties to your docmosis.properties file:
	
	`docmosis.analyzer.field.plainText.prefix=<<`
	`docmosis.analyzer.field.plainText.suffix=>>`
	
	Example1 in the download bundle shows plain text markup in use. It is the same as Example2 except Example1 uses plain text markup and Example2 uses merge fields.
	
	Please see the latest *Docmosis Template Guide* in the Support section of the Docmosis site for more information.

2	**Image Scaling Options** The template can now indicate three modes of operation when placing images: 1. *stretch* - images are stretched to fit the template placeholder 2. *fit* - images are scaled to fit the template placeholder but maintaining the original aspect ratio 3. *default* - images will be scaled according to the chosen default behaviour which can be overridden on a per-render basis. The use of "`bm_xxx`" to identify an image is now deprecated and replaced by:

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	1. `img_xxx` – insert the image `xxx` using the default setting (stretch is the pre-defined default). The stretch/fit behaviour can be changed at the system level using the property: `docmosis.analyzer.image.scaling.default=fit|stretch` The behaviour can also be overridden when calling the `DocumentProcessor.render(RenderRequest)` method. 2. `imgstretch_xxx` - insert the image `xxx` stretching the image in x and y directions to fit the template placeholder entirely. 3. `imgfit_xxx` - insert the image `xxx` scaling the image to fit the template placeholder, but preserving the aspect ratio of the image. Please see the latest *Docmosis Template Guide* in the Support section of the Docmosis site for more information.
3	**New PDF and Word Controls** Various new features can be specified (see API changes below) for PDF or Word output including 1. Password Protect 2. Archive Mode and default view for PDF 3. PDF Watermarks Please see the *Docmosis Java API* or the *Docmosis Web Services* Guide in the Support section of the Docmosis site for more information.
4	**XML and JSON Data Support** The engine can now work directly with XML and JSON format data (via the `DataProviderBuilder`) class. Please see the *Docmosis Java API* in the Support section of the Docmosis site for more information.
5	**HTML-like Text Markup** String data can now use a limited set of HTML-style mark-up. This allows bold, italic and underline styles to be applied to a single word, phrase or paragraph. For example, your data can contain: This is bold Which will be rendered as This is **bold** This is disabled by default and is controlled by the property: `docmosis.populator.field.markup.process=true` It can be overridden programmatically using the new `RenderRequest` object for the `DocumentProcessor` API (see API Changes below). See also example1 and example2 in the download which show it in operation for the <<introduction>> placeholder.

#	Change

6	**Experimental DocX Support**
	
	OpenOffice and LibreOffice currently perform poor conversions to and from docx format files. We have enabled Docmosis to interact with the ODF Converter (http://sourceforge.net/projects/oci/) which performs much better conversions.
	
	To use docx support, set the following property in docmosis.properties to indicate where the ODF Converter is installed:
	`docmosis.converter.format.docx.external.path`
	eg:
	`docmosis.converter.format.docx.external.path=c:/program files (x86)/odf-converter-integrator/OdfConverter.exe`
	
	You may find it more convenient to install the ODF Converter Integrator (http://katana.oooninja.com/w/odf-converter-integrator) which provides more cross-platform options. Please note the ODF Converter Integrator may reconfigure your host to open docx files with itself rather than Microsoft Word.

API Changes

The following API changes should be noted

Class / Interface	Change

DocumentProcessor	New render method:
	`render(RenderRequest request)`
	allowing all and extended features to be set when rendering. It is intended to be the primary method for use in future.
	
	The `RenderRequest` object allows various extra settings including:
	- using multiple Template Stores
	- overriding default behaviours including
	  - image scaling behaviour
	  - error handling behaviour
	  - HTML interpretation of text data

DocumentProcessor	`render` methods now return a result object which includes the number of pages and the size of the document produced.
ConversionInstruction	Many new setter methods to allow format-specific properties to be controlled including: PDF password protect PDF watermarking PDF archive mode (PDF/A-1a) PDF default view settings PDF image compression WORD password protect
DataProviderBuilder	New methods to support XML and JSON format data
TemplateIdentifier	A new constructor (String, String) to make it easy to set the name and context at the same time.
ImageScalingDefault	Class defining the constants that can be used for image scaling

TemplateStoreFactory	The method `getStore(String)` has been removed. A single template store location is expected to be configured using system properties. New methods have been added to allow store instances to be obtained with overriding settings for: - whether template errors are fatal (loading into the store results in an exception) or allowed (templates are stored even with errors which can then be shown when rendered) - delimiters to use when analysing templates

Bug Fixes / Technical Changes

#	**Change**
1	Improved processing and reporting of errors in template tables where rows marked as heading rows are used.
2	Improved handling of `TemplateIdentifiers` and `TemplateContexts` to ensure Engine, Cache and `DropStoreHelper` work consistently to identify a template. This corrects a problem where a template update would not be dynamically picked up when rendering.
3	Fixed issue when rendering in multiple formats at the same time - images may not be rendered into final document.
4	Fixed issue where "File In Use" could occur when Update a template on the fly
5	Field Renderers now can be applied in Headers and Footers
6	Fixed NPE that could occur when including an external template and the current template context was "" (empty).
7	Community edition limited to 200 documents per day
8	Improved processing of consecutive spaces which were sometimes condensed to a single space.
9	A `refLookup` that could not find the template name could result in an error that was not meaningful.

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January 2011

New Features

#	Change
1	**New Break Fields** Docmosis now provides 4 fields as a neater way to insert page and column breaks. The first forms will produce a page and column break (for multi-column documents) respectively: *«pageBreak»* *«columnBreak»* The second forms are for use within repeating sections and will insert the corresponding break until the last iteration of the section: *«pageBreakNotLast»* *«columnBreakNotLast»* The new fields can be used instead of or in conjunction with actual page and column breaks in your template. Please see example4 in the download bundle which shows an example use of *«pageBreakNotLast»*.
2	**Image Lookup Extended** Image lookup has been extended to match the facilities of textual data including nesting (eg my.images.image1) and variables ($myImage)
3	**Corrupt Templates are Detected Earlier** Previously if badly corrupted documents were used as templates (for example empty files or incorrect format) then Docmosis would take minutes to identify this. Now such templates are recognised sub-second.
4	**Full-Justification Support for Multi-Line Data** Carriage returns/end-of-line sequences in data now result in the end of a paragraph in the resulting document. This is particularly useful when using full-justified paragraph formats which would previously display overly-spaced lines.

API Changes

The following API changes should be noted

Class / Interface	Change
DataProviderBuilder	New addJavaObject(Object, String, boolean) method has been added to allow "forgiving" mode to be specified during Java reflection for data.
DataProviderBuilder	addJavaObject(Object) has been deprecated since it can mask other data and such behaviour is not obvious.

Bug Fixes / Technical Enhancements

#	**Change**
1	Improved processing and reporting of errors in template tables where rows marked as heading rows are used.
2	Corrected logging of class name where Reflection fails to find any method related to the template field.
3	Fixed issue where images were not substituting in headers under some conditions

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May 2010

New Features

None

API Changes

The following API changes should be noted

Class / Interface	Change
DataProviderBuilder.addJavaObject(Object)	This method has been documented as dangerous due to its ability to hide other data. addJavaObject(Object,String) is the safe alternative.

Bug Fixes / Technical Enhancements

#	Change
1	Reflection now populates correctly from non-List Collections such as Set (eg TreeSet) and Queue.

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April 2010

New Features

#	Change
1	**Template Merging** Docmosis now allows templates to be referenced by other templates and the templates will be merged at processing time. This allows templates to have common content to be separated out into shared templates. For example, if documents have a standard header layout, they can reference a common header template using one of the two new Docmosis fields. This might look like: *«ref:header.doc»* or *«refLookup:headerTemplate»* where the first field would pull in the template called *header.doc* into the current template and the second field would look up the key "*headerTemplate*" in the data provider to get the name of the template to pull in. See the Docmosis Template Guide for more information and *example5* in the download bundle for an example.
2	**New Render Methods** The DocumentProcess class has new overloaded render methods to assist in simplifying document generation. Most notably is the presence of a new Boolean parameter to override the default behaviour of cleaning up the DataProvider after the render. Reusing the data can be helpful if making separate render calls to produce separate documents rather than a single call to produce a zip archive.
3	**Reduced IO** Disk and Network IO has been reduced in the case where the Converters are on the same host as the core engine.
4	**Improved Error and Diagnostic Handling** a) 32/64 bit incompatibilities are detected and suggestions are reported. This is helpful when using a 64 bit Java and there is no 64 bit OpenOffice (such as on Windows and MacOSX). b) Handshaking between the Docmosis core and the converters will report versioning issues, status and environmental differences.
5	**Improved docmosis.properties** The example *docmosis.properties* file has been re-organised to show the critical properties first, better documentation and show some of the other important properties.

API Changes

The following API changes should be noted

Class / Interface	Change
DocumentProcessor	New renderDoc() methods allowing easier access to re-using the same DataProvider between calls. Previously

	only one method allowed this to be specified (within the ConversionInstruction)

Bug Fixes / Technical Enhancements

#	**Change**
1	Repeating Table Rows now allow for conditional rows and hence keep border and background styling features
2	Improvements to rendering errors into the resulting document in corner cases where error was not reported
3	Improvements to ODT (OpenOffice Writer) template processing for end of section detection.
4	Improvements to JavaDoc information

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February 2010

Bug Fixes / Technical Enhancements

#	**Change**
1	OpenOffice 3.2 support OpenOffice has a great new release which has no serious bugs as far as Docmosis is concerned. The previous two production releases (3.0.1 and 3.1.0) had bugs that were not ideal for typical Docmosis use. OpenOffice 3.2 changes a few things under the hood so Docmosis had to upgrade to match.
2	New options to control the way Docmosis loads OpenOffice jars and native libraries. This allows Docmosis to launch the Converters itself rather ("embedded converters") rather than this requiring a separate script (eg runConverter.sh). This means setup is simpler for smaller systems. The launching works from within more Web Application Servers than before, such as JBoss5, Glassfish etc. Note: using "embedded converters" implies you are running everything on the same machine as opposed to a load-distribution configuration. To use embedded converters, update see the information in the example *converterPoolConfig.xml* file. The primary new property allowing control over the library loading is: *docmosis.openoffice.useCustomLoader=true|false* This property defaults to *false* but if you have linkage errors, particularly when using embedded converters, you can try setting this to *true* to load the libraries in a different fashion.
3	The property *template.store.location* can now be left blank, in which case Docmosis will create a temporary area to work with for the template cache.

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November 2009

New Features

#	Change
1	**Hyperlink Insertion** Docmosis can now insert active hyperlinks into documents. A link placeholder is inserted into the template using a name with a "link_" prefix. For example a field *«link_myWebSpace»* will look up the data provider using the key "myWebSpace" and render the result as a hyperlink. Further, the data provided can be delimited using a pipe symbol ("|") to name the link differently from the address. For example, given the field above, a data value of "http://www.mywebspace.com/bluk" would be rendered as a hyperlink and display the text "http://www.mywebspace.com/bluk" in the document. If the data value was "mywebspace|http://www.mywebspace.com/bluk", the link would be rendered into the document displaying the text "mywebspace". See *example1* in the download bundle to see it in action.

API Changes

The following API changes should be noted

Class / Interface	Change
DataProviderBuilder	addFile() methods now allow character encoding to be specified.
StoreHelper	New storeTemplate() method that can take an InputStream as the source of the template rather than just file-based templates.
DropStoreHelper	New process methods to allow Zip and Jar files of templates to be processed directly, or from URLs to Resources from a class loader.

Bug Fixes / Technical Enhancements

#	Change
1	Expressions Enhanced - general improvements i. default boolean true test cs_{isFriend()} was previously invalid, but now evaluates isFriend() as a boolean as expected. ii. null tests supported cs_{getAlpha()=null} iii. size() capability broadened now also applies to any non-reflective data sources iv. isEmpty() capability added cs_{getFriends().isEmpty()}

2	Fixed issue where rs_, cs_ and es_ tags at the first line of a template page could result in extra blank lines in output documents.
3	Added toString() to TemplateAnalysis implementation to allow dumping of analysis information.
4	Fixed issue with nested anonymous er_ tags failing template registration.
5	Fixed issue with second and subsequent Tables Of Content/Tables of Figures etc not being updated correctly.
6	Improved handling of java.sql.Time data type.
7	Subtle fixes to template caching and warnings for large templates
8	Fixes to DataProviderBuilder.addJavaObject(name, Object) so that it works with Collection/Array data types and allows them to be referenced directly by the name given.
9	The connection to OpenOffice will complain with a specific message about unsupported Java version if the OpenOffice API is not compatible with the version of Java in use.
10	Improved population of non-ascii characters to support multiple languages and symbology.