

## **Label Printing 3.0**

### **New major release of label printing software "eXtra4" now available**

Birkenfeld, January 7, 2015. Ferdinand Eisele GmbH is well equipped for Windows 10 and future operating systems with "eXtra4" in the new version 3.0. The most recent major release called "eXtra4winIII " has transposed the software for label printing that is popular and proven in the jewellery and watchmaking industry onto a contemporary level with the cloud and new database technology.

To ensure the overall sustainability of "eXtra4", the in-house IT team of Ferdinand Eisele GmbH has completely re-programmed all the software in the essential features. Such a fundamental reorientation integrates of course pioneering developments, such as the cloud.

### **Label layouts are available in the cloud**

With "eXtra4" the range of layouts, the entry screens for the label caption, is predestined for outsourcing to the cloud. Their diversity and variance is continuously growing with the number of label shapes and printer models, so that an implementation in the software itself was no longer appropriate, given the current dimensions.

Therefore essential functions of the layout management are now in the cloud. For users, this means concretely: no more need to receive

new label layouts by mail and import them into their software on their own. So far often necessary software updates for it are also eliminated. Entry masks are provided quickly and easily from the cloud.

The same applies for new printer models. Once they are tested and found to be recommendable, they are additionally supported by the program. These updates can from now on be carried out and managed in "eXtra4winIII" comfortably through the cloud.

### **More database power with SQLite and PostgreSQL**

Also the conversion of the database contained in "eXtra4" from Advantage to SQLite on a standalone workstation and PostgreSQL on the network generated more user comfort and greater opportunities. In stand-alone mode, the slim SQLite database is extremely fast and simple, since only a single file is necessary. The much more powerful PostgreSQL on the network can be installed on the server of a company for free as it is generally available as open-source system. Thus, the use of label printing with "eXtra4winIII" is not limited to one computer, but any number of employees in the corporate network can access it.

Moreover, PostgreSQL is also available in the cloud. The purchase of an account thus allows spatially or geographically separate divisions to access a common database. Subsidiaries in different locations then print label data from the same dataset. An already

implemented project is actually the access by continentally separate departments, such as the management in Europe and the production in Asia that print labels with the identical data source thanks to "eXtra4winIII".

### **New features - even on special request**

In addition, changes in the program structure of "eXtra4winIII" provide new options for users. "Structured start-buttons" are just one of the innovations here. Who uses certain label layouts on a regular basis sets start-buttons in the program for quick access by pressing a button. Before, the number of these buttons was limited to 12 by software. "eXtra4winIII" allows an unlimited amount of start-buttons which can be hierarchically structured in 2 levels for more clarity on top of that. Particularly manufacturers and wholesalers who must also label different collections of various brands differently are likely to welcome this new feature.

Other features based on specific user requirements are already on the to-do list. Programmers at Ferdinand Eisele will be pleased to take requests and suggestions for future changes. They will be implemented in minor releases gradually and are free as always for users of the latest major version, now "eXtra4winIII".

### **Full freedom of version and data compatibility**

For the use of "eXtra4" the rule applies: An update to version 3.0 is not mandatory. Owners of previous versions can continue to use these without difficulty. It is even possible to run "eXtra4winIII" in parallel to old versions on the same system. As a result, users will be able to test the new major release, while continuing to do the operation with the proven pre-release. Once the decision for the new version 3.0 is made, data sets can easily be taken over from 2.X version.

More about "eXtra4winIII" interested parties will learn during the Inhorgenta, Munich, Hall A2, Booth 511 or on the Web at [www.extra4.com](http://www.extra4.com).

## Bildmaterial mit Bildunterschriften

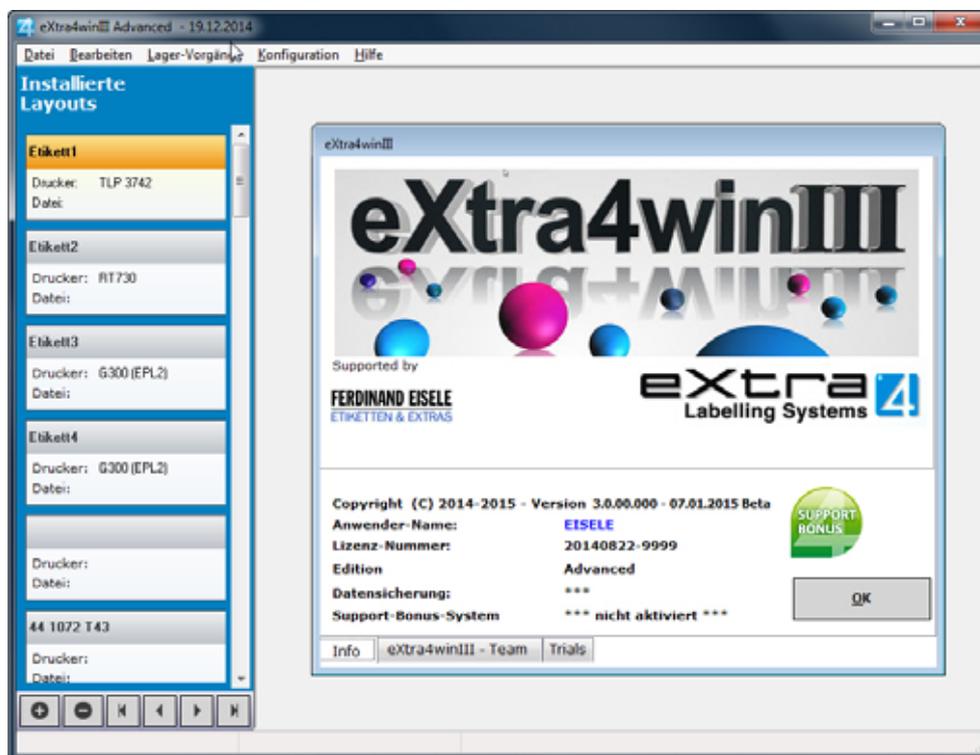


Fig.1: Home screen of "eXtra4winIII", the new major release of label printing software by Ferdinand Eisele