



WHAT'S NEW?



Retail Shelf Planner 2018 Service Pack 1

What's new?



Author's note

Every possible effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this white paper is accurate at the time of publishing, and the author can't accept responsibility for any errors or omissions, however caused. No responsibility for loss or damage occasioned to any person acting, or refraining from action, as a result of the material in this publication can be accepted by the author.

Version: May 2019

Copyright © Global Retail Business Solutions Ltd. All rights reserved.



WHAT'S NEW?

Introduction

It's been a year since we released **Retail Shelf Planner 2018**, and we got a lot of positive feedback on the new and enhanced features. More stability, improved efficiencies, additional analytics, etc. without making the software harder to use, or more expensive.

But, with an ever-increasing group of users, in more and more countries around the globe, sometimes things pop up that don't work exactly as we intended.

In addition, we have been expanding our activities in Latin America, requesting us to extend the languages for the user interface with Spanish.

All in all, we've been collecting a range of potential improvements over the last year, and have decided to combine all of these in an "interim release". A so-called Service Pack.

This document describes all these improvements.

We trust you will benefit from them!

Regards,

Erwin Bergsma
Managing Director



General Usability & Performance

- A new methodology significantly speeds up the loading of the Excel-based product library.
- When duplicating an InfoBox with the right mouse click menu, both the original and the new one were selected. This was confusing and could lead to unwanted next steps. Now only the newly created InfoBox is selected.
- When duplicating a Position with the right mouse click menu, the original was selected, and not the new one. This was confusing and could lead to unwanted next steps. Now only the newly created Position is selected.
- When pasting one or more positions by clicking on an existing position, the new position(s) would be added to the right. By clicking on the shelf, the position(s) would be added to the right of the rightmost product on the shelf. This approach prevented adding new (a) position(s) as the first on the shelf. Hence we changed the Paste by clicking on a position. Now the new position(s) are added to the left of the existing position.
- **Retail Shelf Planner** is now more sensitive when dragging and dropping positions when working with products that have a width of less than 1cm/1" (e.g. when using a dummy product as a divider).
- Some controls on the Positions dialog were no longer properly aligned when the show/hide panel button has been used. This has been fixed.
- When access to C:\ was blocked on the user's PC, **Retail Shelf Planner** would generate a "Runtime Error 75". This dependency has been removed.
- The Enterprise Plus Edition text in Help-About now shows the correct version.
- Saving planograms with many details (e.g. pegboards) as a Fixture Template now no longer gives an error message.
- When moving shelves to a new segment using the <Ctrl><Alt> plus a 1-9 keystroke in the Shelf dialog, **Retail Shelf Planner** now retains a X-offset if FlexPlacement is used.
- The import dialog now also retains the selected settings for the Position import.

Exchange with other planogramming tools

- A planogram saved by **Retail Shelf Planner** in pln-format could not be re-opened in **Retail Shelf Planner** even though opening in Spaceman didn't give any problems. This issue has been addressed, so that a pln-file saved from **Retail Shelf Planner** can directly be re-opened in **Retail Shelf Planner**.
- Planograms in pln-format now load properly, irrespective of using a dot, or a comma as the decimal separator in your Windows settings.
- Further improvements to loading and saving in psa-format:
 - ✓ The Z-Merchandising setting when saving has been changed so that the planogram immediately shows correctly in Space Planning (the old setting was causing all positions to be on the left in Space Planning)
 - ✓ Pegboard positions are now properly aligned when saving to psa-format.
 - ✓ Product Tray Height and Tray Width are now loaded correctly in **Retail Shelf Planner**.
 - ✓ Section ID, Department and Data5 fields are now loaded correctly in **Retail Shelf Planner**.
- Improvements in loading & saving planograms in Apollo XML-format
 - ✓ Better handling of pegboard positions with multiple facings high.



WHAT'S NEW?

InfoBox with Images

- In Tools-Options, the user can now also set the default folder for InfoBox images.
- **Retail Shelf Planner** now allows the filename for an InfoBox picture to be kept without the full path, which makes the software look automatically in the default folder. This makes it a lot easier to exchange planograms with InfoBox images with others, without having to update the path in all those images.

Position Labels, Shelf Labels, Status Bar

- Increased usability in the definition dialogs of Position Labels and Shelf Labels:
 - ✓ Free Texts are now displayed in blue to differentiate from selected fields
 - ✓ When clicking a Free Text in the selected fields list, the text is placed in the Free Text edit box
- Additional product fields now available for display in Status Bar and Position Label:
 - ✓ Total Units
 - ✓ Total Facings
 - ✓ Total Positions
 - ✓ Required Units
 - ✓ Actual Days of Supply

Installation & Registration

- The setup now defaults to the Enterprise edition on a clean install.
- The registration dialog now shows information about the version and edition of **Retail Shelf Planner**.
- The registration dialog now labels the fields Day, Month and Year to ensure the registration date is filled in correctly.

Internationalization

- The setup now includes Spanish as a user interface language.
- The Welcome Screen now includes Spanish and Portuguese.
- Spanish has been added as a new user interface language for **Retail Shelf Planner**.
- Various dialogs have been modified to make sure the Spanish translation fits properly.



Reporting & Analyses

- When Desc or Data fields have been renamed, these new names are now used when creating a language specific report.
- Highlight Quadrant Analysis
 - ✓ Texts in the Red and Dark Blue quadrants are now drawn in white for better readability both in the dialog and the legend on screen and output.
- Highlight Hot/Cold
 - ✓ The dialog shows now the texts High and Low in the legend.
 - ✓ The legend now uses white as the text color for better readability.
- The Highlighting Legends for Top/Bottom and Under/Over now include the selected percentages.
- Using certain combinations of Sales % per day in a 28-day cycle in the Inventory Model, could lead to the total being displayed as 100%, but **Retail Shelf Planner** still claiming it wasn't. This is caused by a strange rounding issue in the underlying Operating System, but a solution has been implemented to overcome this.
- With the latest releases / updates of Excel there was a problem executing the RetailShelfPlannerAutoRun macro correctly when other Excel files were already open. In the 2018 release this was already addressed for normal Excel reporting, and is now also fixed for the Multi Planogram Analyses feature.
- A new field "Actual Days of Supply" has been added to the software for both the Product and Position objects.
 - ✓ The values in it are based on the following calculations:
 - Product: $(\text{Product.TotalUnits} / (\text{Movement} + \text{Trend Movement})) * \text{SalesCycle}$
 - Position: $(\text{Position.TotalUnits} / (\text{Movement} + \text{Trend Movement})) * \text{SalesCycle}$
 - ✓ The values are rounded to 1 decimal.
 - ✓ If Movement + Trend Movement = 0, then Actual Days of Supply will be 0.
 - ✓ Both fields are available in Position Labels and for the info displayed in the Status bar.
 - ✓ Both fields are available for use in PowerPoint tables.
 - ✓ The field can also be used in the Highlight Hot/Cold analysis (this will be the product field, as the highlighting analysis is based at product level).
 - ✓ Both fields are exported to Excel as part of the single planogram and multi planogram reporting features.
 - ✓ Both fields are saved in the **Retail Merchandising Center** merchandising database.
- A new field "Total Facings" has been added for the Position object
 - ✓ The values in it are based on the following calculations:
 - When the Position is merchandized on an Open Shelf or Hanging Bar: Total Facings = Facings
 - When the Position is merchandized on a Pegboard: Total Facings = Facings * Units High
 - ✓ The field is available in Position Labels and for the info displayed in the Status bar.
 - ✓ The field is available for use in PowerPoint tables.
 - ✓ The field is exported to Excel as part of the single planogram and multi planogram reporting features.
 - ✓ The field is saved in the **Retail Merchandising Center** merchandising database.



WHAT'S NEW?

Advanced Output via PowerPoint templates

- Increased usability in the definition dialog of Product/Positions by Shelf PowerPoint tables:
 - ✓ Free Texts are now displayed in blue to differentiate from selected fields.
 - ✓ When clicking a Free Text in the selected fields list, the text is placed in the Free Text edit box.
- Additional product fields now available for display in PowerPoint Product by Shelf and Product/Positions tables:
 - ✓ Total Units
 - ✓ Total Facings
 - ✓ Total Positions
 - ✓ Required Units
 - ✓ Actual Days of Supply
- In PowerPoint tables product fields after UnitsPerTray showed incorrect values. This has been fixed.

Retail Merchandising Center Integration

- The new Shelf fields LeftOverHang and RightOverhang are now saved to a **Retail Merchandising Center** planogram database. (Note: this requires the database structure to be adjusted.)
- When updating the existing products in a planogram using the Import from Database feature, matching on UPC now works correctly.
- When importing / updating products from a **Retail Merchandising Center** database, tray dimensions are now treated correctly.
- The “Select planogram from database” dialog now shows info on the number of planograms that are available in the selected hierarchy branch.



Retail Shelf Planner 2018 Service Pack 1

WHAT'S NEW?

Global Retail Business Solutions is a Belgium based company with 25 years of experience in data analysis, Category Management, assortment-, floor- and space-planning. Our software and services are delivered directly and through partners to clients around the globe.

In those 25 years we have worked with hundreds of local and international retailers and suppliers in Food and Non-Food, guiding them in the implementation and successful use of specific software applications supporting their sales, marketing, buying and merchandising departments.

Global Headquarters

Global Retail Business Solutions
Grez-Doiceau (Belgium)
+32-479-290.351
erwin@retailshelfplanner.com

Sweden/Norway/Denmark

Retail Business Partner Nordic
Vaxholm (Sweden)
+46-70-553.2610
marina@retailshelfplanner.com

Italy

GRBS Italia
Milan
+39-335-748.3903
salvatore@retailshelfplanner.com

Malaysia/Singapore/Indonesia

Intrack Market Services
Petaling Jaya (Malaysia)
+60-3-7491-0681
ck@retailshelfplanner.com

United States

CRS Consulting
Philadelphia
+1-215-327.0490
dennis@retailshelfplanner.com

Brazil

Figueira Costa Consultoria Empresarial
Florianópolis
+353-868-333.119
raphael@retailshelfplanner.com

Netherlands

GRBS NL
Hoofddorp
+31-637-198.183
fu@retailshelfplanner.com

Finland

Tilatehdas
Helsinki
+358-50-300.4525
heini@retailshelfplanner.com

Ireland

ShelfStock
Dublin
+353-868-333.119
gerry@retailshelfplanner.com

South-Korea

RMD Solution
Seoul
+82-70-4210-2200
suhyun.kim@retailshelfplanner.com

Canada

Solutions ASO
Montreal (Quebec)
+1-514-919.8978
jp@retailshelfplanner.com

Costa Rica & Central America

RETAILATAM / Gravitats Cons. Network
San José (Costa Rica)
+506-8837.9286
jorge@retailshelfplanner.com

Belgium & France

GRBS Belgium
Grez-Doiceau (Belgium)
+32-488-145.084
stef@retailshelfplanner.com

Latvia/Estonia/Lithuania

Catman.lv
Riga (Latvia)
+371-26-551.835
andrejs@retailshelfplanner.com

Pakistan

Point Retail
Lahore
+92-346-786.0101
rashid@retailshelfplanner.com

Thailand & Rest of Asia

MIAdvisory
Bangkok (Thailand)
+66-2-634.5498
randy@retailshelfplanner.com

Mexico

RETAILATAM / BPMManagement
Monterrey
+52-81-100.33.221
cesar@retailshelfplanner.com

Chile & Rest of South America

RETAILATAM
Santiago (Chile)
+56-9-7378.5279
daniel@retailshelfplanner.com



<https://retailshelfplanner.com>