

MapInfo Pro version 15 (32bit) is here

MapInfo Pro version 15.0 (32bit) has just been released by Pitney Bowes and available to download. Customers with a Maintenance Contract will soon be receiving their upgrade information with new Serial Numbers.

v15: What's new

Creating output: Improvements to the Layout Designer

System: Support for touch screens

Performance: Improvement to update and append

Faster object processing with multiple core/multi-threading support to use more or all available processors

Improvements to License Server Utility

While the version number has increased, this release is more like an "enhanced" maintenance release rather than a full release, and the reason for this is that all of the development effort is going into the 64bit version. The updates that are included will give you a (small) taste of what to expect in October when the 64bit version will be released, such as improvements to alignment in the layout designer, improvements to data processing with smart indexing and the ability to apply "friendly names" to layers.

With the introduction of the 64bit version of MapInfo in November last year, deciding which version of MapInfo Pro to install has required an evaluation of what your current needs are and if the 64bit MapInfo Pro can meet these needs. While for most users the 64bit version can meet (and exceed) their needs and can be supported, there are some users that continue to need to use the 32bit version, such as when using 32bit extensions like Discover and RouteFinder.

The great news is that when the 64bit release of MapInfo Pro v15 is released in late October, a number of these extensions (e.g Discover) will have been updated to 64bit and a whole raft of new ones will become available (MapInfo Pro Raster v2). In addition, a significant amount of work is being done on the layout designer to match and exceed the functionality that used to exist in the older "Layout" window. These updates will hopefully allow most users to fully migrate across to the 64bit version and take advantage of all that it has to offer.