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Chapitre I. DESCRIPTION

VPDesk is the standalone launcher for VISUAL PLANNING.

Thanks to VPDesk, there is no need to use the JRE (Java Runtime Environment) pre-installed on the machine.

Visual Planning users no longer need to install and execute JAVA on client workstations.

This new launcher contains OpenJDK, a secure open source JRE entirely compatible with Visual Planning. OpenJDK is a stable open source technology, supported by a large, active community of developers, providing frequent updates to guarantee security and upward compatibility.

VPDesk, published in December 2018, is available free of charge to customers who have a valid maintenance or hosting contract.

VPDesk enables you to access one or more schedules directly. In addition, with VPDesk you can access schedules stored on different servers.
Chapitre II. INSTALLATION

The VPDesk installation files are named as follows:

- **VPDesk - x.x.xx.msi** for Windows;
- **VPDesk - x.x.xx.dmg** for Mac.

Once you have downloaded the executable to your workstation, double-click to start installing.

To download VPDesk, go to the VISUAL PLANNING site.

The following window appears:

![VPDesk installation window]

VPDesk installs automatically on the desktop. The corresponding icon is then created.

![VPDesk desktop icon]

Just double-click on this icon to launch VPDesk.
Chapitre III. ADDING NEW SCHEDULES

To be able to add a schedule in VPDesk, the "Publish access with Visual Planning" checkbox in the schedule settings in the Admin Center must be checked.

To add a new schedule, right-click on the VPDesk screen or on the icon.

The following window appears:

Click on **Add a Visual Planning URL** to type in the server’s URL in the following window:

Type in the required URL, without the **index.jsp**, and click on **OK**.

The name(s) of the schedule(s) is/are then displayed in VPDesk.

To add another URL, right-click again to add a Visual Planning URL.

- If there is only one server, the name(s) of the schedule(s) is/are displayed directly in VPDesk.
- If there are several servers, the descriptions and URLs of the servers are displayed in VPDesk. Click on the arrow to display the schedules available on each server.
For schedules where WebSSO is enabled on the rich client, you will not be able to use VPDesk.
Chapitre IV. USE

1. Execute a schedule

Execute by right-clicking on the server name

It is then possible to launch:

- The rich client: Visual Planning;
- The Admin Center.

The login window will be displayed: Enter your login and password.

Execute by right-clicking on the schedule name

Click on Visual Planning to open the window directly on the relevant schedule, after having first entered the login and password.

By double-clicking on the schedule name

The rich client is then launched directly. The window will open directly on the relevant schedule, after having first entered the login and password.

2. Create a short-cut on the desktop

Short-cuts only work in a Windows environment.
By right-clicking on the server name

Click on *Create a short-cut on the desktop* to create a short-cut to the rich client on the desktop. When installation has finished, the following window is displayed.

The short-cut's characteristics will be:
- Name: description of the server in the Admin Center;
- Icon: icon of the start button for the rich client chosen in the Admin Center.

By right-clicking on the schedule name

Click on *Create a short-cut on the desktop* to create a short-cut to the schedule on the desktop. When installation has finished, the following window is displayed.
The short-cut's characteristics will be:

- Name: the schedule name;
- Icon: icon of the schedule chosen in the Admin Center.

3. Delete from the list

You can delete access to a server in VPDesk.

To do so, right-click on the server name and select **Delete from the list**.

This deletes access to this server and its schedules in VPDesk.

4. Set background image

By default, the VPDesk background image changes each time it starts.

However, you can set the VPDesk background image.

To do so, right-click on the VPDesk screen or on the icon.

Click on "**Choose this background image**".

The next time VPDesk starts up, this image will be the background image.

To change the background image, just uncheck this menu.
Chapitre V. UPDATE

To update VPDesk, once the executable is downloaded, double-click on it.

The following window is displayed.

Uninstall VPDesk : See Uninstall below.

Then, repeat the steps used to install VPDesk : See Installation above.
Chapitre VI. UNINSTALLING

VPDesk uninstalls like any other program on your workstation, using "Programs and Features".

Click on **Uninstall**.

VPDesk will now be uninstalled from the workstation.