

# PitStop 26.03

What's new?



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# Introduction

Welcome to the “What’s new” document for PitStop Pro and PitStop Server 26.03.

This document offers a comprehensive overview of the latest version, emphasizing key enhancements and new features. The 26.03 release brings:

## UX/UI

- My PitStop, a new panel that provides easy access to valuable resources such as Botus, your Dashboard, use cases, documentation and more.
- The file manager now offers multiple columns that one can show or hide, and sort to get information on any resource instantly.
- A new tab for previewing objects distribution along a selected path.

## New Actions:

- “Distribute along a path” Action distributes objects along irregular shapes.
- “Scale to Fill” scales the page content so that it fills a specific page box completely.

Improvements and bug fixes.

**Note that as communicated during the 25.11 release, we no longer officially support Windows 10 as of PitStop 26.03.**

There are many ways that you can get more information and training about PitStop.

If you wish to register for our monthly PitStop training workshops you can do so by selecting the following link.

<https://www.enfocus.com/en/events/monthly-pitstop-pro-workshops>

If you would like to join the Official PitStop user group on LinkedIn, you can do so here.

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6801080/>

If you would like to access the PitStop sessions on our Enfocus eLearning platform you can do so here:

<https://www.enfocus.com/en/learn>

We hope you find the new functionality useful and that PitStop continues to be an essential part of your daily PDF production workflow.

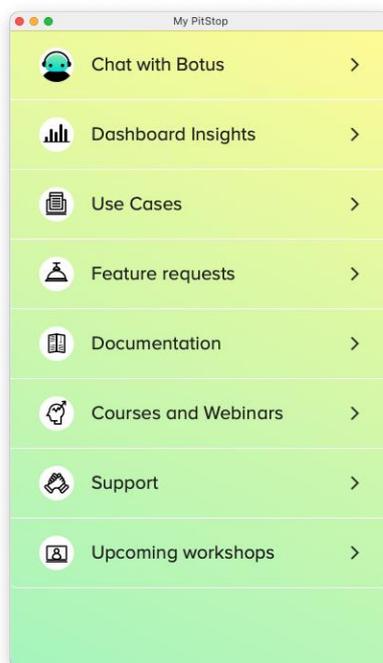


## What's new

### My PitStop panel

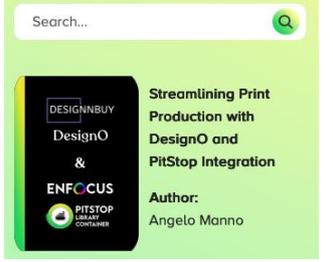
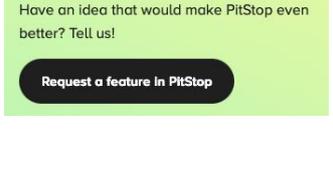
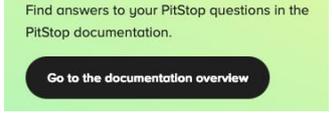
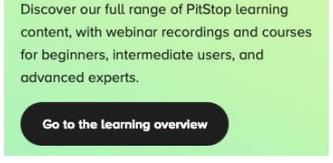
In PitStop 25.11, we introduced Botus, an AI chatbot assistant to help users find guidance to their daily tasks. Botus is now located in a new Panel: "My PitStop" whose objective is to provide a wider scope of features and information. This panel requires that you have opted in for Data Analytics.

Therefore the "Botus" menu has been replaced by the "My PitStop" menu.





This panel now presents several categories:

<p><b>Botus</b></p>	<p>Botus is our AI Chatbot introduced in PitStop 25.11. You can ask Botus for specific issues and get answers.</p> <p>Note that Botus requires a PitStop Pro subscription.</p>	
<p><b>Dashboard Insights</b></p>	<p>Get easy access to your Dashboard to get insights on the number of processed files, most found errors and more.</p>	
<p><b>Use Cases</b></p>	<p>Learn more about how Enfocus customers can take advantage of our products and see how they can benefit your production.</p> <p>A search bar conveniently helps finding topics of your interest.</p>	
<p><b>Feature requests</b></p>	<p>Frustrated about a missing feature? Easily access our Feature Request platform and let us know what we should do to help you more. You can also upvote for existing Feature Requests.</p>	
<p><b>Documentation</b></p>	<p>PitStop Pro offers a very large documentation for you to get most of our product. Simply follow the link to learn more.</p>	
<p><b>Courses and Webinars</b></p>	<p>Our learning platform allows you to improve your PitStop knowledge thanks to many courses and recorded webinars.</p>	

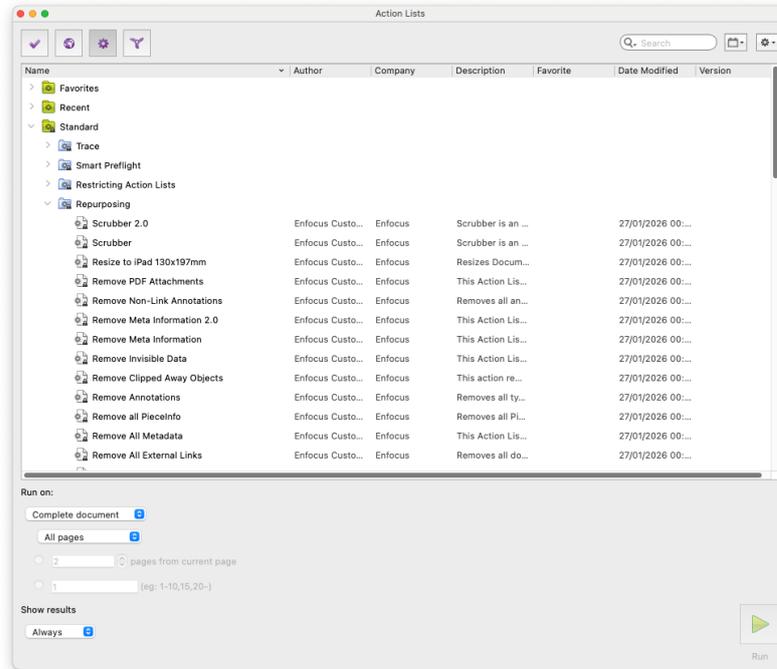


<b>Support</b>	Having an issue with PitStop? Find assistance through a series of helpful links toward our Support resources.	<p>Need help? Here are some frequently requested solutions that could be helpful for you as well.</p> <p>&gt; <b>Licensing and activation</b> &gt; <b>Known issues and FAQ</b></p> <p>Find all PitStop Support resources in one place.</p> <p><b>PitStop Pro Support Page</b></p> <p>Find answers and tips and connect with other users in our community forum.</p> <p><b>Forum</b></p> <p>Create a support case to get help from our experts. They will get back to you as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Support Portal</b></p>
<b>Upcoming workshops</b>	Never miss an opportunity to join a live webinar to learn more about PitStop. Our hosts will go over tips and tricks which could really help you for your day-to-day production challenges.	<p><b>Coming up next: December 4th</b></p> <p>Participate in the coming PitStop Pro workshops. You will get to meet our Product Manager, Loïc Aigon, and share with him and other users any question or suggestion you may have.</p> <p><b>Sign up for the next one!</b></p>



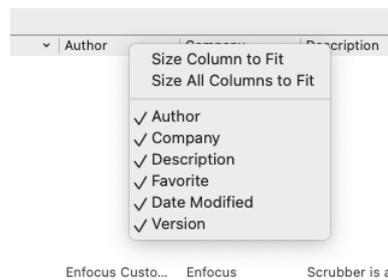
## Multicolumn File Manager

PitStop 26.03 now allows you to display more information about your resources (Action Lists, Preflight Profiles...) thanks to dedicated columns:



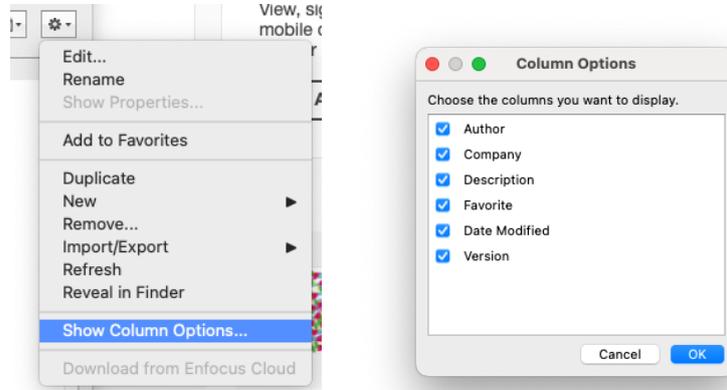
This is handy because you can now see attributes that previously required opening and editing the resource or were not even visible as the last modified date.

To display columns, you can either use the contextual menu on the header:





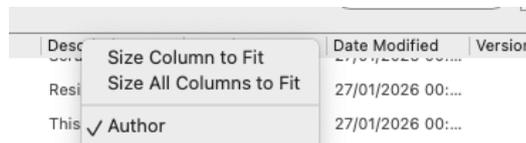
Or open the fly-out menu:



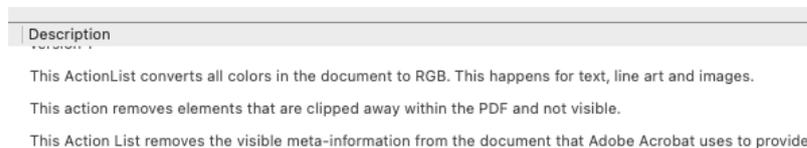
Columns can be reordered except for the "Name" column that remains fixed. Your configuration will be saved automatically so that you can find the same columns settings the next time that you open PitStop Pro.

Some columns may contain long text strings, typically the Description column. While you can manually resize the column to improve readability, a more effective approach is to use the fitting options available in the contextual menu

By default, the Description column displays only a part of the full text. 



Here is the "Description" column displayed once the "Size Column to Fit" menu was called:



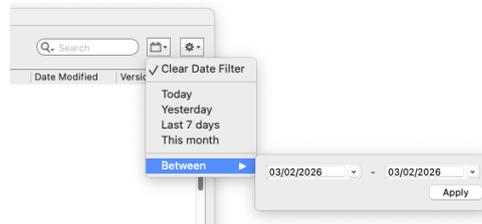
You can also choose to fit all columns automatically by selecting "Size All Columns to Fit".

You will notice a Version column. This column is only populated for Cloud resources. The first time a resource will be saved to the cloud, its version number will be 1. Every time a change will occur, the version number will be incremented.

For local resources, the Version column is not displayed.



Finally, note the new “Search by modified date” option:



This feature allows you to locate specific resources based on their last modified date—whether it is something created a month ago, a week ago, or even today.



## Distribute along a path

For long PitStop has provided an Action to distribute objects along a page. The existing Action List "Add grommets" can place grommets along a banner, by using the "Add copied graphics" Action in combination with its repeat settings.

However, this approach has one important limitation: it uses a page box as the "reference" for distributing the objects (as for example, the grommets). This works well unless you need to distribute objects along an irregular shape.

To address this limitation, PitStop 26.03 introduces a new Action: "Distribute along a path". This Action is specifically designed to place objects along a defined shape.

This action requires two elements:

- An object to be distributed.
- A path to distribute objects upon.



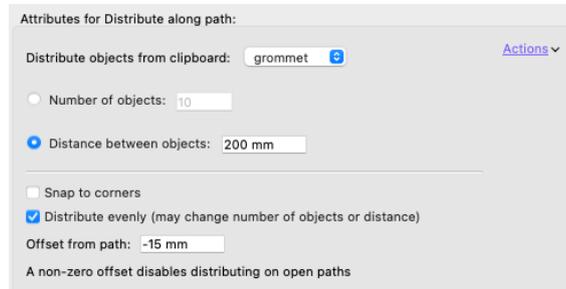
The irregular shape.



Grommets distributed along the shape.



The new Action presents a few options.



**Distribute objects from clipboard:** this is the base object that you are going to distribute. It must be a previous selection that you put in the clipboard thanks to the “Copy or cut objects to clipboard” Action.

**Number of copies:** enable this option if you want a strict number of objects to be distributed along the path.

**Distance between objects:** use this option if you want objects to be distributed with a specific distance from each other.

**Snap to corners:** enable this to place objects on corners in the shape. Other objects will then be placed as best as they can be.

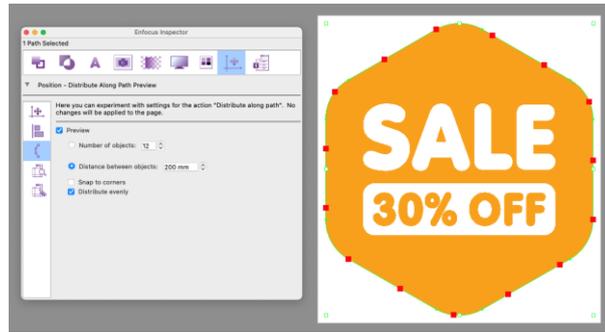
**Distribute evenly:** use this option to ensure that objects are evenly distributed. As indicated, this could conflict with the expected number of objects or distance.

**Offset from path:** if needed, set an offset value so that the objects are placed inwards or outwards of the base path.



Because determining the optimal distribution values may require some fine-tuning, PitStop now provides a new preview tool in the Inspector.

Select the shape on which you want to distribute the objects, then open the Inspector, navigate to the Position pane, and finally select the "Distribute along path preview" tab.



The red squares represent the positions where your objects will be distributed. You can play with with the available options to evaluate which configuration works best. For now, this is a preview. Therefore, it is not yet possible to generate an Action directly from the selected settings. Please submit your suggestions through the Feature Request portal.

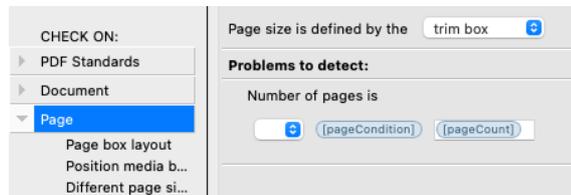


## Variables in dropdowns in Preflight Profiles

In PitStop 25.03, we introduced the possibility to use Smart variables in dropdowns. However, that was limited to Action Lists. Now we are extending this to Preflight Profiles for always more flexibility in automated workflows.

The way to enable such variables in dropdowns in Preflight Profiles is identical to the way it can be done for Action Lists. Please have a look at PitStop 25.03 release notes or our documentation for guidance on how to set such variables in dropdowns.

Hereafter, a variable is set on the dropdown:

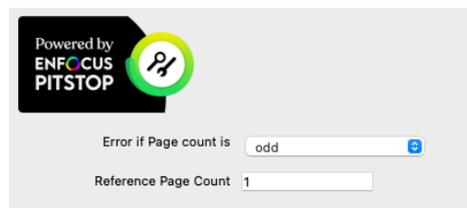


When executed, PitStop will receive the value from either a user in PitStop Pro, or from some metadata in an automated workflow.



This provides more flexibility as one check can be used for different purposes in a dynamic way.

Note that while some logic may exist in the UI for hiding/displaying inputs based on a dropdown selection, there is nothing equivalent in the variable dialog. For example, if the user would select "Odd" in the variable dialog (as in our example), PitStop would still request a value for the page count, even if apparently not necessary.





## Scale to Fill

While the existing "Scale to Fit" Action focuses on scaling the page content to occupy the maximum surface of the page without exceeding the page boxes, the "Scale to Fill" Action will ensure that the page content is scaled to completely cover the page box even if some content is placed outside the page boxes.

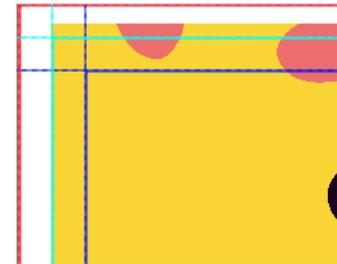
You may want to use the "Scale to Fill" Action to stretch page content so that it covers the necessary page boxes, as the bleed box for example:



The page is missing bleed.



The bleed is generated by filling the bleed box stretching the page content.



A zoom over the stretched part.

The Action presents a few options:

Attributes for Scale page content to fill:

Scale page content to fill:  [Actions](#) ▾

Moving page content to the:  ▾

Add margins: Left  Top   
Right  Bottom

Use page rotation and scaling factor  
 Use only visible part of content

A positive margin value specifies the extra space to add inside the selected page box. A negative margin value specifies the extra space to add outside the selected page box.

**Scale page content to fill:** choose which page box should be filled.

**Moving page content to the:** choose the reference point where to place the page content before it fills the page box.

**Add margins:** set margins to create some space between the page box and the stretched page content.

**Use page rotation and scaling factor:** enable if you want those parameters to be considered.

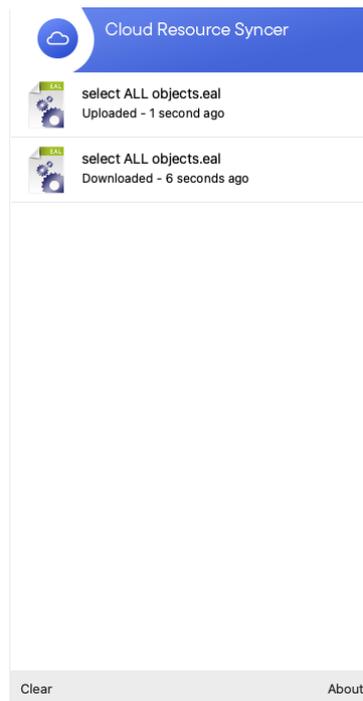
**Use only visible part of content:** enable if you want to only want to take visible content into account.



## Cloud Syncer UI

In PitStop 24.07, we introduced a feature called “Resource Syncing.” When enabled, this feature will let you sync your resources to Enfocus Cloud. It’s also a very convenient way of sharing your resources across your printing facilities, users and machines.

In PitStop 26.03, we make this process more visible with a dedicated UI that you can access clicking on the “cloud” icon (☁️) in the top bar on macOS or your Windows Notification Area.



Anytime a resource gets updated/created, the UI will show the ongoing synchronization process.



## Improvements

### Select closed path

There is now an option to consider “closed” an open path that appears “closed”

### Disabled Actions in Preflight Profiles

It is now possible to have disabled Actions inside an attached Action List in a Preflight Profile.



## Bug Fixes

Issue	Summary
ENFP-12500	PitStop server making object disappear when using a stack of script in switch
ENFP-12888	PitStop Server: Temp Folder Size Growing Non-Stop
ENFP-12989	Large file in Library/CLI: All odd pages are blank after applying pitstop action list: "Overprint to Knockout.eal"
ENFP-13009	PitStop: Detect thin objects (negative space)
ENFP-12966	PitStop: Unexpected Preflight Profile Behavior
ENFP-12648	Unnecessary Unit Conversion in Variable Set
ENFP-13028	PitStop: Crash on rasterize
ENFP-12944	PitStop Pro: Pages added in Action List out of order
ENFP-12467	Adding bleed removes part of the object; resulting in no bleed
ENFP-13060	Fill to Stroke failure
ENFP-13130	Check number of spot colors also counts process colors in a NChannel
ENFP-13097	Enfocus Cloud resource sharing log files
ENFP-13100	Fill to stroke does not work well on the attached file