DataStation Version 3.5 Release Notes

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About the Release Notes

The Release Notes are a comprehensive user guide for the latest release of DataStation. Unlike a traditional release notes document that includes only a simple list of enhancements, the DataStation Release Notes give you everything you need to get up and running with the new features and enhancements in the latest release.

What's Included in the Release Notes

For every new major enhancement, the Release Notes provide:

- A brief, high-level description of the functionality
- Implementation tips to help you get started with setup and administration
- Best practice tips to help you maximize the benefit of the functionality
- Complete end-to-end instructions on how to set up and use the functionality

Let the Release Notes be your guide to success with the latest release from datastation.com!

Your Feedback Matters

We know how important the Release Notes, online help, and documentation are to your company's success with DataStation.

To continually improve the content we deliver to you, we want to know what works and what doesn't. Let us know!

- Support email—Use the email of your DataStation Account Manager to submit your suggestions, corrections, and feedback about the documentation. Let us know what you think!
- Your ideas—We're listening to your ideas too. Version 3.5 includes some of your top ideas.

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Summary of Version 3.5 Features and Impact on DataStation Users

Version 3.5 features will not compromise the usual way of working, as they are designed to increase user experience incrementally.

The following tables summarize the Version 3.5 features and their impact on users.

Review the feature details for the applicable DataStation Editions: Idea Station, Launch Station and Market Station.

General Enhancements

System wide features

Feature	Automatically visible to all users. No setup required.	Automatically visible to all administrators. No setup required.	Not automatically visible. Feature is available but requires some setup.	Contact DataStation to enable this feature.
User chooser remodel	✅			
Online Document viewer	✅			
Feed and application redesign	✅			
Discussions feature replacing Groups	✅			

Idea Station Enhancements

Ideas

Feature	Automatically visible to all users. No setup required.	Automatically visible to all administrators. No setup required.	Not automatically visible. Feature is available but requires some setup.	Contact DataStation to enable this feature.
Campaign enhancements	✅			
Send to approval action	✅			
Scoring auto decision	✅			
Reviewers send back to rework	✅			
All ideas listing	✅			
Multiple idea export to pdf				✅
Idea linking improvement	✅			

Launch Station Enhancements

Projects

Feature	Automatically visible to all users. No setup required.	Automatically visible to all administrators. No setup required.	Not automatically visible. Feature is available but requires some setup.	Contact DataStation to enable this feature.
Stage progress feature	✅			
Assignment / Task expand / collapse all	✅			
Linking of projects	✅			
PM notified status	✅			
Comments and Files on Stage Routing	✅			
Reviewers access to inactive projects	✅			

Browser Support

DataStation supports the following browsers:

Browser	Comments
Windows® Internet Explorer® versions 6, 7, 8, and 9	DataStation.com strongly recommends using Internet Explorer version 9 over versions 6, 7, and 8. Apply all Microsoft® hotfixes. Internet Explorer 6 is not supported for certain features, or they might have degraded functionality. The compatibility view feature in Internet Explorer 8 and 9 is not supported in DataStation.
Mozilla® Firefox®, versions 3 and above, most recent stable version	DataStation.com recommends using Firefox for best performance and makes every effort to test and support the most recent version.
Google® ChromeTM, most recent stable version	Google Chrome applies updates automatically. DataStation.com makes every effort to test and support the most recent version. There are no configuration recommendations for Chrome.
Apple® Safari® version 5.1.x	Supported on Windows XP and Mac OS X version 10.4 and later. There are no configuration recommendations for Safari.

Some third-party Web browser plug-ins and extensions can interfere with the functionality of DataStation. If you experience malfunctions or inconsistent behavior with DataStation, disable all of the Web browser's plug-ins and extensions and try again.
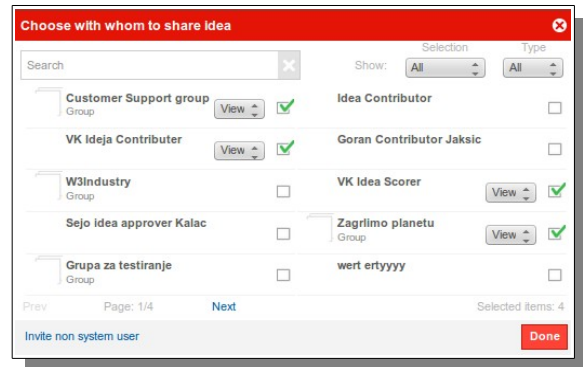
DataStation Platform

System wide features

Available in: **All** Editions

User chooser remodel

You asked for it! Version 3.5 addresses this improvement with input from our clients.

Your patience is rewarded! Usability difficulties in choosing users and groups to whom to share ideas and items across the platform is resolved. Now, whole list of people and groups are presented, allowing users to easily browse through them ans apply their selection.
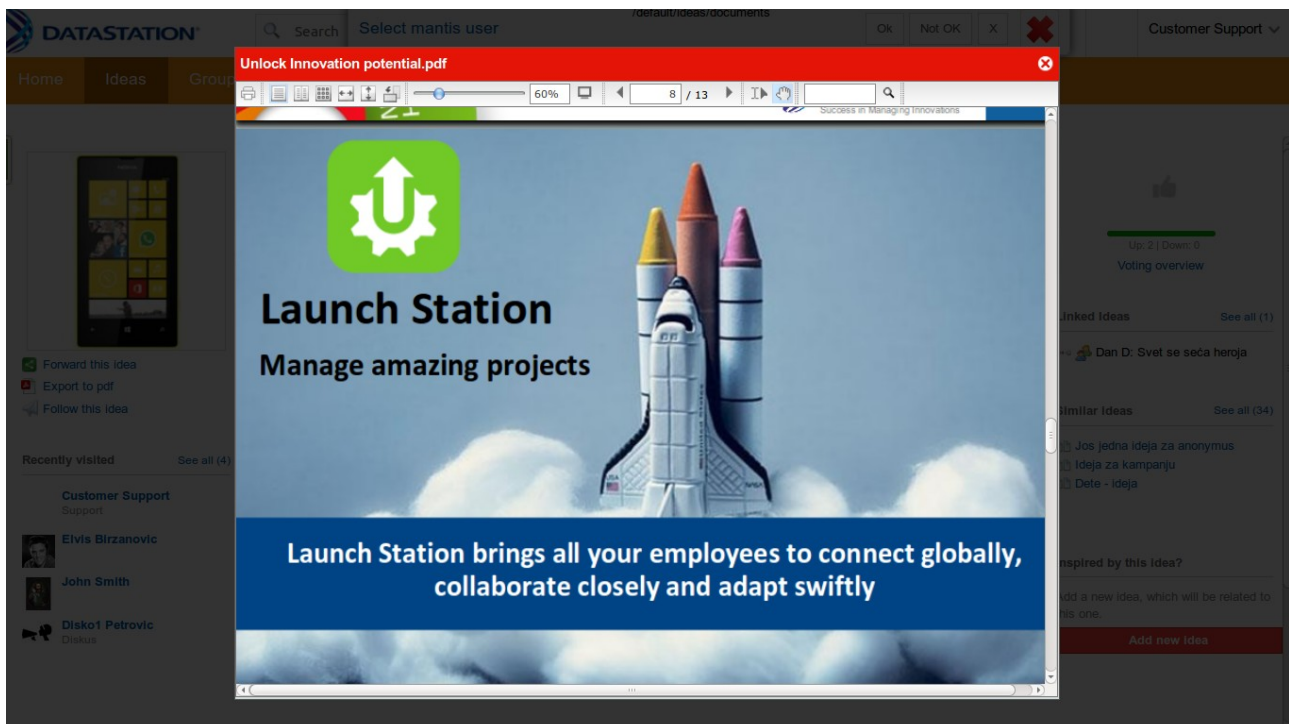
Online Document viewer

You asked for it! Version 3.5 addresses this improvement with input from our clients.

Yes! Now you don't have to download the file to preview it, you can do it directly from the tool. Just apply the magnifying glass option on the document itself and Online document viewer will do the rest.
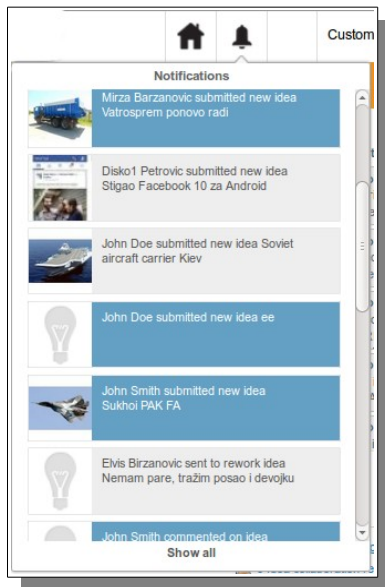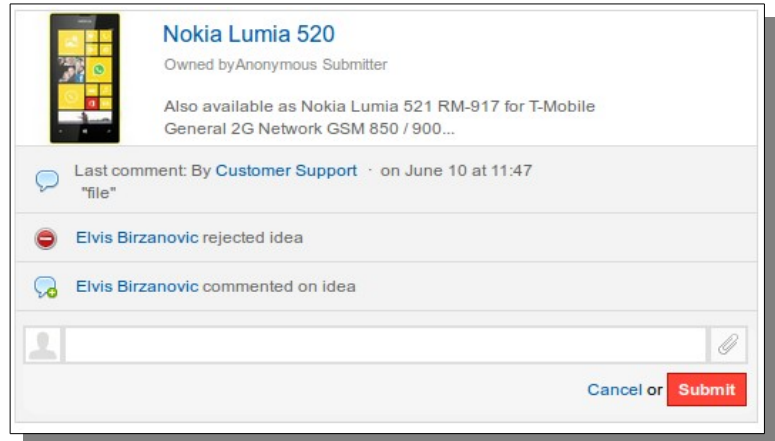
Feed and application redesign

Design of the recently added feed notifications is now visually and functionally improved.

On notification box, you can Vote on idea, toggle comment field on/off, add comment, file or embed posts, add it to favorite or Unfollow the idea/project from the top right options.

Location: Home page feed, Idea dashboard and limited version on the Projects dashboard.

We also added two intuitive options to help you keep up with overall work on DataStation platform.
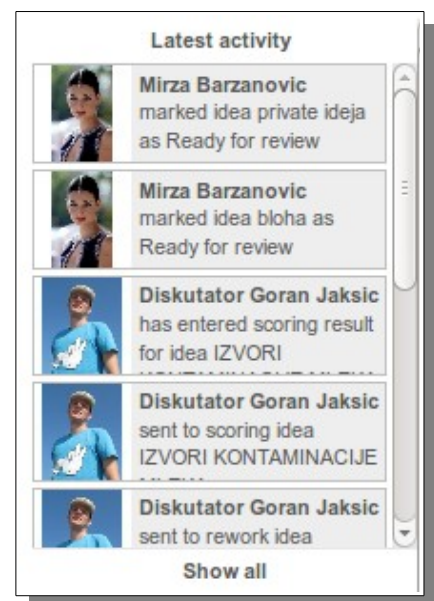

Notifier

Familiar option to follow through what happened on the ideas and projects. Notifier is located on the DataStation header and from there you can access it and review what recently happened on the items you followed or left a personal mark. We added images and highlighted items that you haven't visited yet.

Location: Upper right corner of the screen, on the DataStation system header

Ticker

Also familiar option that will present you with fresh information tied to overall system activities, not only the ones you were engaged on. Images added with Show all clickthrough option to the rest of the secondary notifications.

Location: Right portion of the screen, below header

Discussions feature replacing Groups

 Release 3.5 Crown Jewel Feature!

Congratulations! With this feature you gain the ability to turn specific discussions to ideas! Discussion feature is replacing Groups feature. What was known as discussion on the Group is now Topic on Discussion feature. All Groups functionalities are kept, only now we have plenty of space to use modern architecture of Discussion feature to gain new possibilities. Major one and instantly available is option to turn whole Discussion into idea, transferring all topics and comments onto the Ideas Collaboration tab.

Discussions can be public and private with invitation only and approval processes.

Enjoy!

Idea Station Enhancements

Ideas

Available in: **All** Editions

Campaign enhancements

When you access one campaign you will be directly transferred to whats most important – ideas collected. On the campaigns overview page, number of ideas is represented with lightbulb highlight.

Send to approval action

Following Send to Review and Send to Scoring actions, we added manual action for Send to Approval. This will send ideas to Waiting approval listing under Action items.

Scoring auto decision

Brilliant upgrade of the Scoring step. Now with this powerful feature you have possibility to design what decisions will be automatically triggered by specific score range.

Example:

1-2 – Rejected

2-4 – On hold

4-6 – Return to rework

6-8 – Send to waiting approval listing

above 8 - Approve

Reviewers send back to rework

Reviewers are reforged! Their impact as first line of filtering ideas now is strengthened with the option to Send ideas back to rework. Now they can send back and forward idea and attach a feedback to it.

All ideas listing

Listing showing all ideas regardless of state with intelligent filtering options to shortlist the selection to the ones you are searching for.

Multiple idea export to pdf

We create feature that can help you create collections of ideas and convert them to pdf for offline evaluations.

Idea linking improvement

Scope of the ideas that can be linked is widened with all ideas regardless of state, except deleted ones.

Launch Station Enhancements

Projects

Available in: **All** Editions

Stage progress feature

 You asked for it! Version 3.5 addresses this improvement with input from our clients.

Heads up! Now you have option to track the progress of the whole stage on the Stage view.
From this page you can monitor following data:

- Mandatory activities
- Stage activities
- Stage completeness
- Stage time

Assignment / Task expand / collapse all

Usability improvement of the Assignment and Task view. Simple, yet beautiful.

Project to project linking

Option to link projects between themselves.

On project view page, there is a link just below originating from idea, that would take users to new page which will offer all active, parked, archived and finished projects. Projects that appear on the listing are visible to the user performing the action. Only project managers (and PU) will be able to link projects. It's now possible to link one project to different projects with different types of links.

PM notified status

 You asked for it! Version 3.5 addresses this improvement with input from our clients.

Was PM notified or not? No doubt anymore, status is clearly shown on the Stage view.

Comments and Files on Stage Routing

Exact functional requirements from current Gate routing replicated on Stage too.

Reviewers access to inactive projects

Why not? They should and now they do have access to all that is relevant for their work. Congratulations.
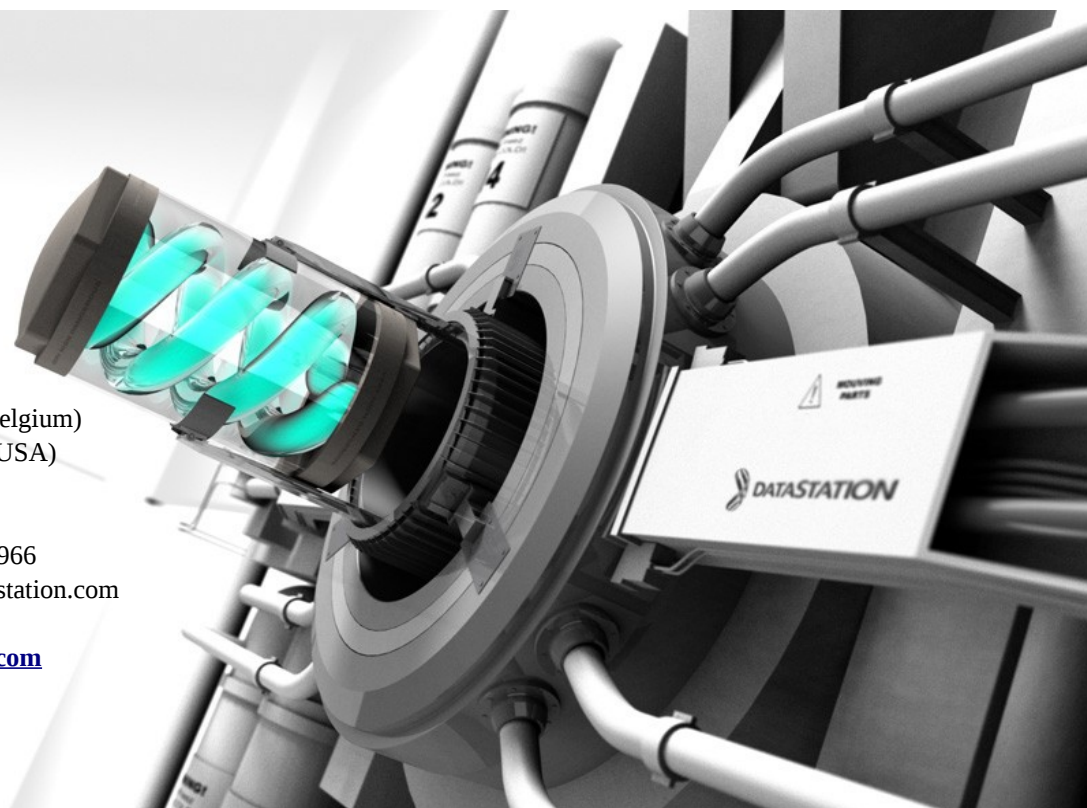
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