

VidiView R4 - Release brief R4.8

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Summary

Another important release of our medical image management eco system VidiView has been released! VidiView R4.8 – successor of R4.7 released back in November 2019. The focus in the R4.8 release revolves around

- [General] Quality improvements – on all levels
- [Feature] External photography module
- [Feature] New study features in the VidiView Controller
- [Maintenance] A new and improved configuration tool for the server
- [Maintenance] A new eco system configuration model
- [General] Preparation for the future!

Detailed information on major updates

[General] Quality improvements – on all levels

To deliver the functionality and continuity our customers demand from a solution like VidiView, we've spent a lot of time and efforts in an overall, general quality improvement program during the R4.8 development process.

When we speak of quality – we address several areas, such as;

- **Design robustness** – is the design robust enough to deliver the functionality under real use-case circumstances?
- **Design fitness** – if the design fit to address or solve a specific need or problem?
- **Design test-ability** – to what extent is this design testable, and what does the result of these tests tell us?
- **Architectural fitness** – is the architecture suitable for the product or function?
- **Performance fitness** – does the design and architecture deliver the performance we need?

By addressing the above questions, we learn about shortcomings and lack of quality in our product and can effectively address it. Such an assessment should be done on a regular basis but is – due to lack of development resources, sometimes downvoted or downgraded. Feature development is simply more fun, more rewarding and more challenging from an engineering perspective.

This time around we choose to do this work – resulting in many improvements and optimizations. Most does not meet the eye – all improve the general outcome of long-term usage!



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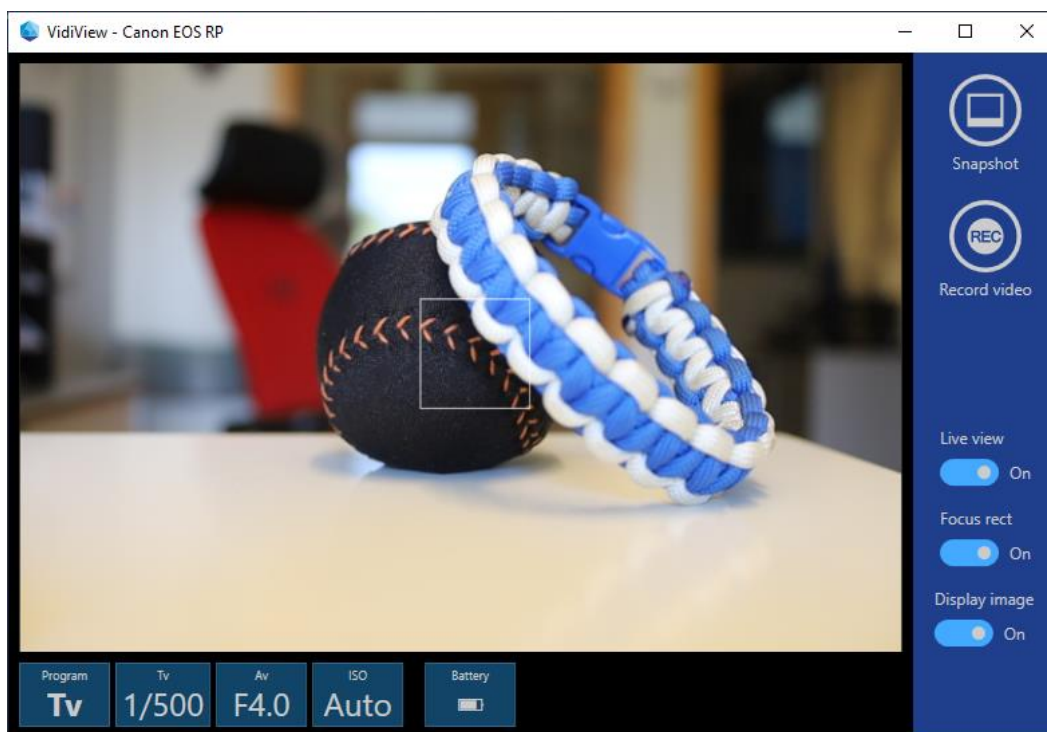
[Feature] External photography module

To better facilitate special needs for photography with external camera equipment such as Canon EOS-cameras we've developed a new module for these use cases. Using the VidiView Client application and a connected Canon EOS camera you can control and use the camera from the client-application.

Images are stored directly in the application (not in the camera memory card) and the images are put directly into an examination prepared with patient and exam data. The result is a safe and controlled workflow where superior image quality is paired with superb safety and effectiveness.

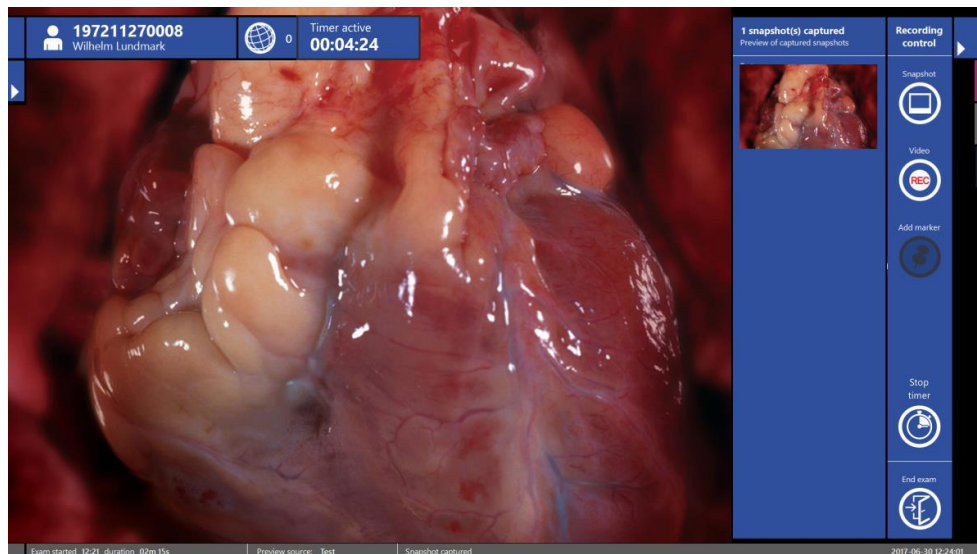
The use case with professional photography equipment is common within

- Dentistry and oral surgery
- Colposcopy
- Microscopy
- Various skin conditions (dermatology)
- Plastic surgery

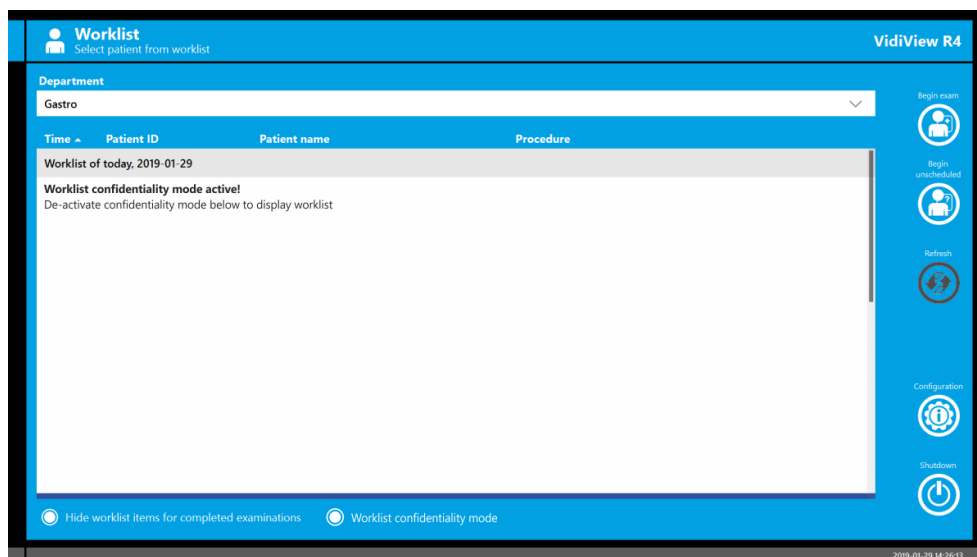


[Feature] New examination features in the VidiView Controller

Two new asked-for features for the VidiView Controller module are a **timer-function during examinations** and a **confidentiality mode for the worklist**. Here you are!



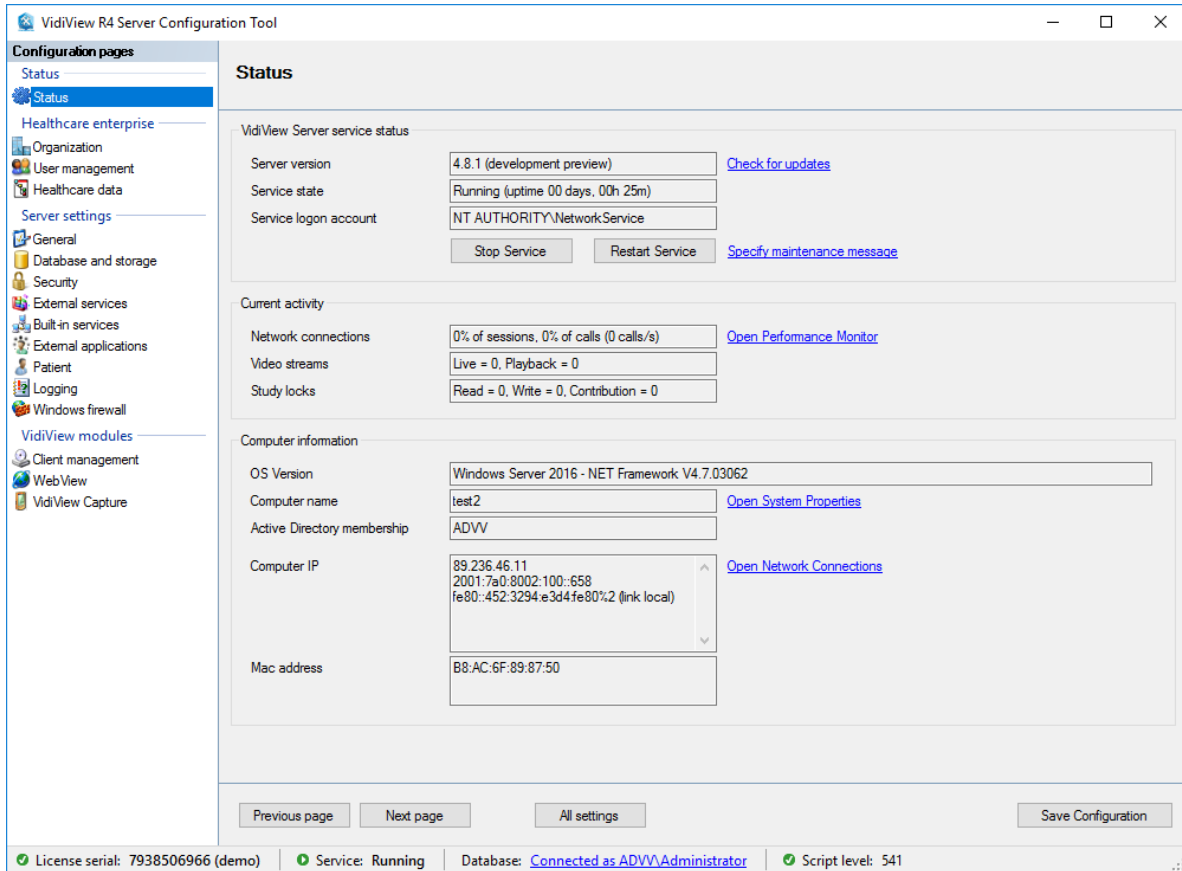
The new timer function is basically a digital stop watch for timing certain part of an examination. A press on the button activates a timer at the top of the screen. Another press stops the timer. Yet another press resets and restarts the timer. Plain and simple – and very often asked for!



The worklist confidentiality mode is used to hide the worklist, otherwise displayed on the VidiView Controller before examination start. The worklist contains patient data and could under certain circumstances be visible to the patient. To minimize the risk of patient data exposure this feature can be used. The mode is turned on/off at using the button below the worklist.

[Maintenance] A new and improved configuration tool for the server

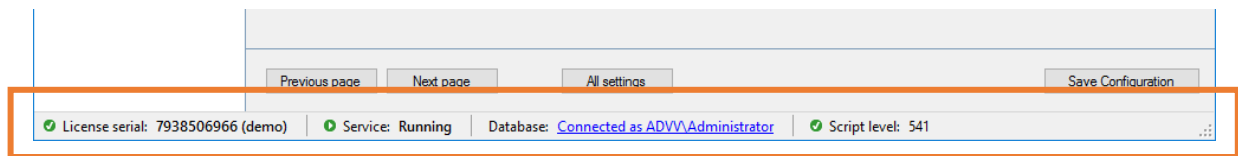
With the release of R4.8 we introduce an updated design for the VidiView Server Configuration Tool. This update is partly to address logistic and logical shortcomings in the old configuration tool where the order of which the config options was displayed was no longer logical. Partly to address the introduction of the new confirmation framework model (more on this update in the next topic).



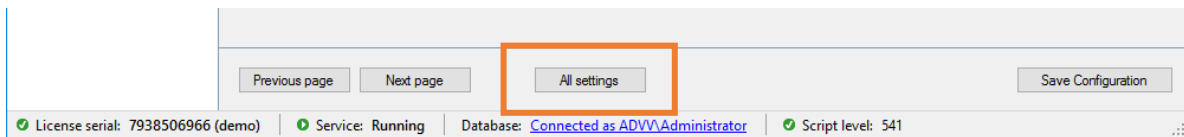
The new config tool design is arranged in for sections.

- **Status** – general status of the server
- **Healthcare enterprise** – your enterprises data (users, departments and diagnostic meta-data)
- **Server settings** – all settings unique for this server
- **VidiView modules** – your modules in the eco system (such as clients, web-viewers and capture units)

We feel these sections better represent the configuration flow for most users of the system.



Apart from the new sections, we've moved down some relevant information in the bottom-bar of the window. License, service state, database connection information and database version is displayed here.



We also introduced a new config section called 'All settings'. This new section is accessed through the 'All settings'-button at the bottom of the config tool GUI. Please see next topic for more information).

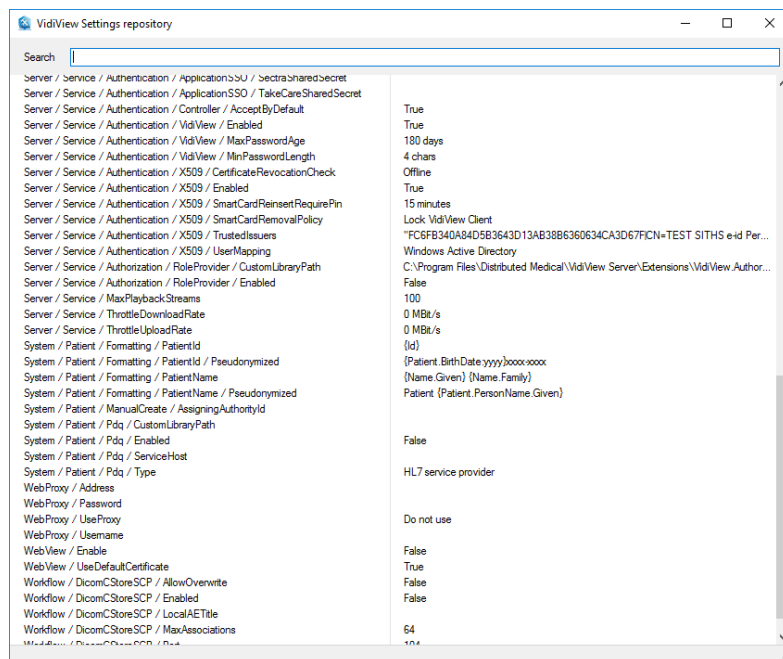
Part of these changes are made in an attempt to prepare the product, the eco system and the system administrators for the coming update to VidView R5 and the maintenance model of the new generation.

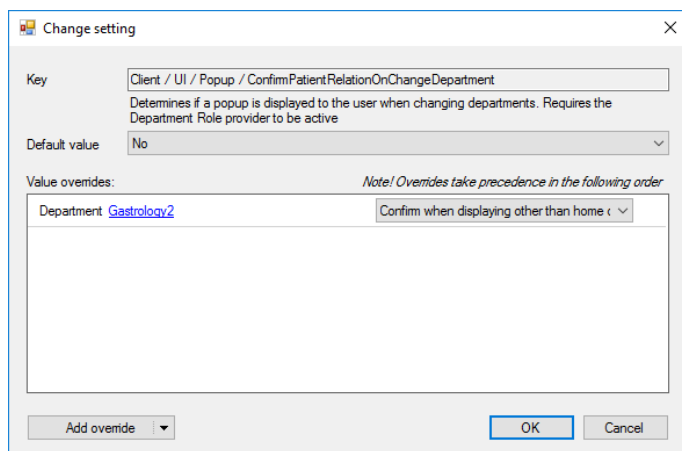
[Maintenance] A new eco system configuration model

The VidView eco system is already very customizable and flexible. The product is design to fit anything from a small "4-room endoscopy clinic" to an "enterprise wide, 5 hospitals, 25 rooms each plus mobile documentation" type of setup. This is one of the biggest strengths of the product and eco system.

To meet new demands from customer already using the eco system extensively, we've modeled, designed and implemented a new model for configuration. This model is a multi-tier, very flexible configuration model which allows for every detail of the system to be tailored to exact needs.

This is mainly accomplished by the use of a matrix-type of config model where a default value for everything is configured in the server settings. Later overrides can be configured for a specific config parameter, based on





- Department
- User
- User group
- Role

This will enable the configuration of the system to meet very specific scenarios – not possible in earlier versions of the system.

This change, however small it may appear, is groundbreaking for the product and relies on a new API model between all components of the system to function.

It is our belief that this change will enable asked-for flexibility when it comes to configuration in large and enterprise-wide deployments.

[General] Preparation for the future!

Since late 2019 we have designed a new architecture, planned and evaluated new technologies within our domain, examined and mapped current and predicted future customer needs and tried to forecast future imaging tech trends in the medical field.

All of these activities have been conducted in an effort to plan for and make up a foundation for the next generation of VidiView - VidiView R5.

Parallel with this work a regulatory preparation for the new EU directive MDR (Medical Device Directive) has been made. Whatever work and effort put into the R5 project needs to be in line with MDR. A complex and sometimes unknown territory – yet to be release into the wild by the European Union and the corresponding national authorities.

What to expect in the coming release of VidiView?

In the first release of the new generation R5 we plan to introduce the following features

- Working with multiple studies of the same patient in parallel in a better, more convenient way making way for effective collaboration between client applications
- P-i-P view in the client application during conferencing
- Further development in the anatomy (body) mapping toolkit

The current, overall focus for the product development is heading towards user collaboration, specific workflow support and usability.



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