



CERF's Up!

The newsletter for CERF Users

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Greetings CERF Friends!

We hope your summer is off to a great start! We are happy to confirm that the official release of [CERF 4.0](#) will be announced very soon. CERF 4.0 features many significant upgrades including a rich web ELN client, offline access, built-in spreadsheet capability, enhanced Iron Mountain Archiving functionality, SOP management, even faster performance and much more. Our new iPad client for CERF supports your organization on the go allowing you to work wherever the wind takes you this summer! Enjoy the weather and enjoy our summer newsletter edition. We appreciate your business and are always looking for ways to serve you better – so please [contact us](#) with your feedback!



Cheers,

Your [Rescentris](#) Team – Your CERF Experts!

Employee Spotlight

Get to know your Rescentris team:

Wolfgang Rumpf

- CERF Product Specialist
- ELN Promoter
- Smart, witty, AND charming



Wolfgang has been working on ELNs - both as a developer and a user - since 1990, when he developed his own ELN in Hypercard to help him with doctoral research in Molecular Phylogenetics. Since then he has become a product specialist for the Rescentris [CERF](#) Electronic Lab Notebook. If you have seen a [CERF product demo](#) or a [CERF training video](#), chances are you have heard him. Wolfgang is strongly committed to the advancement of ELN technologies that promote collaborative research strategies.

Learn more about Wolfgang and read updates on his blog, "[My ELN Life](#)."

Excerpt from Dr. Rumpf's Blog:

Two hundred years ago it was okay to work more or less in isolation, recording all of your information in paper notebooks. After ten years you'd present your data to the Royal Society and publish and you were essentially done with that phase of the project. Now fast forward two hundred years. Things have changed - science is a business, an industry. It's competitive in terms of funding, of patenting, of productizing. Even an academic lab can frequently find itself in competition with some other lab for limited grant resources, or for the credit for The Big Find. So it's more important than ever to stand on those giant's shoulders - to see further, and to do it faster, and in real time.



Barb's FAQ Corner

I've noticed that on the new version of CERF, there is something called, "Filing Cabinets" – What is this?

Starting with CERF 4.0, "Projects" have been changed to "Filing Cabinets" to better reflect their purpose in the CERF tree. "Filing Cabinets" are accessible the same way that "Projects" were in the past, there has simply been a name change.

Is there an easy way to revert back to an older version of a file?

You can always go back to a previous version if a document is under version control. All previous versions are available from the Version History pane (in the Resource Info tab). The file on the Notebook page or in the CERF tree points to the most recent version created from that location. You can drag a copy of the version you need from the Version History to a File Cabinet or Folder located in the CERF Tree. You can also right-click on a version within the Version History to perform actions permitted by your access role.

News & Updates

Enhanced performance with CERF Version 4.0!

We are very excited to offer CERF 4.0 to our existing customers at no cost! CERF 4.0 is a significant upgrade and includes these tremendous features:

- **Full Offline Access** (*check-out documents, work with them offline and later synchronize to CERF Server*)
- **Feature Rich Web Client** (*perform many of the same functions previously performed using the CERF Client using a common web browser*)
- **Built-in Spreadsheet** (*no need to use Excel for many laboratory calculations*)
- **Controlled Documents** (*extending SOP/Training functionality to include document expirations and controlled workflows*)
- **Auto-Save Text Entries** (*user definable auto save feature for text entries*)
- **Screenshot Integration** (*enables users to easily add additional information to proprietary file formats without built-in viewers in CERF*)
- **CERF Client Interface Upgrades** (*unified client interface to support easier navigation of MyCERF and Info Panel as well support for diverse clients including web browsers and iPad*)
- **Enhanced SaaS Offering** (*enabling efficient geographically distributed project collaboration*)
- **Distributed Data Storage** (*choose what types of documents, experiments or projects are stored in various repositories*)
- **Easy Tagging and Annotation** (*making it even easier to organize and find important information*)
- **Packaged file handling** (*pack up a set of files, such a computational results, as a single launchable record*)
- **Iron Mountain File Archive Integration** (*ability to send files to Iron Mountain for permanent Archiving*)
- **And many more features ...**

With these great optional components:

- **iPad Client** (*enabling remote work and other novel mobile interactions*)
- **Chemistry Module** (*enables inline structure viewing, creating, and editing, plus robust searching for matching/similar structures and substructures across the database of all your experiments*)
- **Inventory Management Module** (*CERF now keeps track of both your experiments and the materials and resources you use to conduct them!*)

Beyond our World Class Application, we provide *World Class Customer Support*. You still have your support contract in place don't you? For a limited time, existing CERF Customers with outdated CERF versions can simply extend their CERF Support Contract and receive CERF 4.0 Free! CERF 4.0 is due out very soon so don't miss out!

Gold Support Member?



Even better! [Contact Rescentris](#) for CERF 4.0 installation priority now!

Simply contact your Account Representative to learn more about this limited time offer. We look forward to hearing from you.

Also enjoy...

Rescentris Early Technology Access Program

Be part of our growing team of contributors, setting the course for new features and functionality within the product you have grown to love and trust.

The [CERF Early Technology Access Program](#) allows Gold Support customers to preview upcoming releases and partner with Rescentris in our product development process. Currently, this program allows customers to review pre-release builds of experimental features for CERF 4.X, as well as the chemical substructure search and molecular visualization module, and the highly anticipated CERF iPad client. Participants can also be among the first to try our new lab inventory management system which utilizes industry-leading RDF data and semantic web technologies. Contact your account manager today to access these and other top secret technologies available only to program participants!

Coupons and Giveaways!



Thanks to all the contestants who entered our recent online Academic/Non-Profit Giveaway and our Bio-It World booth giveaway!

By simply telling Rescentris how they could benefit from the award winning ELN in their laboratory, an Academic lab won CERF! Interested? Simply send along your [online application](#)*!

*Must be an Academic or Non-Profit lab that is not a current Rescentris customer to be eligible.

See if your lab wins our next quarterly academic/non-profit giveaway in our next newsletter or learn about the lucky winners.

CERF Academic Giveaway

Congratulations to **The Levenson Lab at Rush University Medical Center**, our most recent Academic/Non-Profit giveaway! They will receive 5 free CERF Licenses and support for a year from Rescentris. The Levenson lab focuses their research on Oncology, Biomarkers, Neurobiology, and Drug Resistance. See more about their lab at www.bio-markers.org.

Get what you need!

Prior participants, don't worry if your lab didn't win this time around, simply [register](#) for the next Academic/Non-profit Giveaway for your chance to win!



Barb's FAQ Corner continued...

I've been versioning a document in CERF and now I'd like to email it to someone who is not a CERF user in my organization. What is the best way to do this?

The simplest way to do this is to export the document to your local filesystem. Open the My CERF tab and select the Local Filesystem pane. Navigate to find a directory on your filesystem, select it, and then click on Add to Favorites. Now you have a location where you can quickly transfer copies of files that are stored in CERF. The file you want to export must be in a collection that is mounted (displayed) in the CERF Tree. Simply drag the document from the CERF Tree to the directory in your Favorites in the Local Filesystem pane. Now you can attach the file to an email; the original file and its audit trail are secure in CERF.

If you would like to see your questions answered in our next issue, [email Barb](#).

Rescentris at Work for YOU!

Dedicated iPad client for CERF

CERF ELN is the first to offer a [dedicated Apple iPad client application](#) as well as an iPhone client to support researchers on the go. These clients allow scientists and engineers to take their lab notebooks and data with them as they work and access their information using the iPad's elegant touch-based interface. Data are secured in the Rescentris 21CFR11-compliant servers hosted behind the firewall or in SaaS systems.

"Security Considerations for Today's Electronic Lab Notebooks" published in *Scientific Computing*

Rescentris President Jeff Spitzner and other industry experts share insights about various aspects of ELNs in the latest Scientific Computing Q & A session. The discussion highlights electronic signatures, time/date stamping, and ELN security in general. [Click here](#) to read full article.

Customer Appreciation

Additional CERF seats for FREE!

Do you know of another lab that would benefit from CERF? Let us know. Any user who refers us to someone who purchases CERF (new customers only) will receive an additional CERF seat for their own organization.

Tell us what you like most about CERF by becoming one of the premier researchers featured on our Testimonials page. Enjoy fame, friends, and food...well maybe not food...unless you want something from our lab! Submit your thoughts to us and see what others are saying about CERF on our [Testimonials page](#).

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