Release Notes

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What's New In SpecsIntact v5.7.0.230 since v5.6.0.212

Combine SpecsIntact and External PDFs into a Bookmarked Bid Package Using the New Package Builder

The SI Explorer features a new Package Builder for assembling external and SpecsIntact PDFs into a single, bookmarked PDF bid package. Create a Job's new Imported Files folder and add external PDFs to it by dragging and dropping them onto or copying and pasting them into the Job. Start building a bid package by clicking the new Package Builder button on the SI Explorer's toolbar.

Easily add all SpecsIntact or imported PDFs into a new bid package with a single Package Builder button click, automatically adding the SI Submittal Register immediately after the 01 33 00 Submittal Procedures Section. Create and modify the package layout by adding new bookmarks, nesting PDF files under them, promoting and demoting documents and their bookmarks, or dragging and dropping them inside the Package Builder window. Make changes using the available Package Builder buttons or the context menus available by right-clicking on any item in the layout. Expand or collapse all bookmarks from context menu options, or expand individual bookmarks, and then create a bid package that retains the same layout.

When creating the new package, the Package Builder will automatically retain any existing bookmarks in the PDF documents it assembles, while adding the new ones from the Package Builder's PDF outline. Choose from options to automatically add blank PDF pages as needed for duplex printing, to append document page counts to their PDF bookmarks, or to open PDF bookmarks with an entire page visible (fitting it both vertically and horizontally into the PDF viewer's window). The Package Builder will also optionally check for and warn about any missing or outdated SpecsIntact PDF files before creating the package. The Package Builder will create PDF bid packages in a Job's Exported Files folder, or any other folder specified.

Save any package layout using the Save button, making it easy to recreate bid packages at different project stages, to add and remove documents, or to tweak the document order and layout. To simplify the process of creating bookmarks for commonly used files, the Package Builder can load bookmark titles for PDF files from a comma or pipe-symbol separated text file. Learn more about how the Package Builder can increase your productivity from its help topic available by clicking the Help button.

(PC20240077, PC20240081, PC20240082, PC20240083,

PC20240084, PC20240085, PC20250007, PC20230074)

Search for Synonyms and Antonyms While Editing

Use the SI Editor's new Thesaurus feature to search for synonyms and (optionally) antonyms of any selected word. After selecting a word or positioning your mouse cursor inside it, press the F8 button or select 'Thesaurus lookup... ' from the Editor's Tools menu. Alternatively, right-click on any word and select 'Thesaurus lookup...'. In the Thesaurus dialog, choose an option from the Similar Terms list to substitute it for the original word, or see other possibilities by selecting from the Synonym Categories or Antonym Categories lists.

(PC20250021)

Remove Tailoring Options from Jobs at Final or Bid Review Status

SpecsIntact now supports the option to remove Tailoring tags from the Sections in a Job at either the Final or Bid review status, while preserving the tailored text inside these tags. After using this feature, formerly tailored text will lack Tailoring Options tags and their teal color. Use this feature with caution, as it will prevent any further tailoring of the Job. The 'Remove Tailoring Tags...' menu option is available from the SI Explorer's File menu for all Job Sections or from the Sections menu for one or more selected Sections in Jobs at either the Final or Bid review status.

(PC20250038)

Sort Sections by Section Date in the SpecsIntact Explorer

Clicking the Section Date column header in the SI Explorer will sort all Sections in the SI Explorer's right windowpane first by the Section revision dates, and then (for Sections with the same revision date) by the change dates, if any. Clicking the column header again will reverse the sort order.

(MC20250091)

SpecsIntact Explorer Offers Keyboard Shortcuts to Select and Unselect All Sections

Select all Sections in the SI Explorer's right windowpane using the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + A, or unselect them all using Ctrl + U. Both shortcuts work regardless of which SI Explorer pane has the keyboard focus.

(MC20240039)

Unselect All Sections by Clicking Job or Master Name in SpecsIntact Explorer's Left Pane

Unselect all Sections in the right pane of the SI Explorer by clicking the currently selected Job or Master in the SI Explorer's left windowpane.

(MC20250077)

Use OneDrive Folders for SpecsIntact Working Directories at Own Risk

Users willing to accept the risk of any potential data loss may now create and add SI Working Directories in OneDrive folders. OneDrive has corrupted SpecsIntact data for some SI users, however, and the SpecsIntact

team does not encourage or support it. We strongly encourage backing up all SpecsIntact Jobs frequently if storing them in a OneDrive folder.

(MC20250018)

Back Up Supplemental Address List with Supplemental Reference List

SpecsIntact now automatically includes a Supplemental Address List if it exists when backing up and restoring the Supplemental Reference List. The option to back up the Supplemental Reference and Address Lists is available on the Backup SI Documents tab of the SI Explorer's Backup and Restore dialog.

(MC20250068)

SpecsIntact Editor Supports High Density Monitors

The SI Editor now supports high density monitors, with substantially improved display of the icons it uses for hidden Specifier Notes and in the Section Navigator, Reference Wizard, and Section Reference Wizard.

(MC20250040)

Specifier Note Window Uses Same Font Size as Main Editing Window

The SI Editor now uses the same font size in its Specifier Notes windows as it does in its main editing window. Enlarging or reducing the size of the text in the main window will have the same effect on text in the Specifier Notes windows.

(MC20250019)

Zoom to 100% Text Size in SpecsIntact Editor

Zoom text to 100% of its actual size using the new SI Editor menu option 'Zoom to 100 Percent.' This command is available from the SI Editor's View menu, or by using the keyboard shortcut Alt + 1.

(MC20250067)

Hint Text Available for Tailored Reference Identifiers and When Mouse Hovers over Beginning RID and SUB Tags

The SI Editor will now display reference title and status hint text when the mouse cursor hovers over tailored Reference Identifiers, just as it does for non-tailored Reference Identifiers. The SI Editor will also now display this hint text when the mouse cursor hovers over beginning Reference Identifier (RID) tags, and will display hint text with the status of a submittal when the mouse hovers over beginning Submittal Item (SUB) tags.

(MC20250020 and MC20250085)

SpecsIntact Editor Eliminates Hint Text Flicker

The SI Editor displays hint text windows further from the mouse position to prevent the hint text from concealing the mouse cursor, eliminating flicker that sometimes previously occurred. The SI Editor displays such hint text when the mouse hovers over Submittal Items, Reference Identifiers, Tailoring Options, subpart titles, and hyperlinks.

(MC20250039)

SpecsIntact Editor Creates New Submittal and Reference Articles Matching the UFGS

The text and notes that the SI Editor adds when creating new Submittal or Reference Articles will now match those in the current UFGS.

(MC20250037)

Submittals Created from Uppercase Subpart Titles Added to Submittal Article Using Title Case

When adding to the Submittal Article a submittal created by adding Submittal Item tags around an uppercase subpart title, the SI Editor will now add the submittal using title case.

(MC20250092)

SpecsIntact Editor Checks for Submittals Preceding Submittal Article

When checking a submittal in the Submittal Article to see if it appears elsewhere in the text, the SI Editor now checks the beginning of the Section preceding the Submittal Article.

(OP20260005)

SpecsIntact Editor Includes Table Header Heights when Validating for Table Rows Too High to Fit on a Page

The SI Editor more accurately validates table rows to see if they are too high to fit on a single page, now including the height of any table header rows, which print on each page.

(MC20250094)

Bracket Replacement Position Retained on Monitors with Negative Screen Coordinates

The SI Editor will now save and reuse the last position of its Bracket Replacement tool on monitors with negative screen coordinates, such as those positioned above or to the left of the primary display monitor.

(OP20260006)

Check Submittals and Open Section References in Tables

The SI Editor now supports the options to check submittals and open Section references in formatted tables, both while editing a table cell and from the context menu available by right-clicking on a table that is not being edited.

(MC20250027)

Text Selection Improved when Double Clicking Tag While Editing Table Cell

Double clicking a tag inside a table cell while editing that cell will no longer cause the SI Editor to highlight only a portion of the tag. This change will help prevent inadvertent partial deletions of tags in table cells.

(MC20250086)

SpecsIntact Menus More Consistent

Menus in the SI Explorer and SI Editor are more consistent internally and with each other as follows:

- For consistency with the SI Editor, the SI Explorer now uses a 'Print Setup...' menu item to select a default printer and change printer properties and page options.

(MC20250073)

- Menu items in both the SI Editor and Explorer for submitting UFGS Criteria Change Requests now consistently read 'Submit a UFGS CCR...'.

(MC20250082)

- SI Editor menus for inserting a new table column after the currently selected column now consistently identify the column after which the new column would be inserted.

(OP20250060)

- The SI Explorer menu for searching again in Sections found during a prior search correctly uses only a single ellipsis.

(OP20250074)

SpecsIntact Explorer Suggests Parent Folder as Working Directory if Subfolder Selected

When offered a subfolder of an SI Working Directory (such as the Jobs folder) while adding a new Working Directory, the SI Explorer will automatically suggest the parent folder instead, to help ensure that the Working Directory is added correctly.

(MC20250087)

SpecsIntact Software Change Request Form Updated

The SI Explorer features an updated Software Change Request form. The selectable installation types in the form are the three current SpecsIntact installation types, 'Executable', 'MSI', and 'SI Lite'. The SI Explorer will automatically select the correct installation type for you; change it only if you are submitting a problem report from another computer on which SpecsIntact was installed differently. The new Change Request form also omits a fax number field, and includes other improvements and corrections.

(MC20250081)

New UFGS Style Section Templates Use Current UFGS Header and Name Requirement Clarified

When creating a new Section template with a UFGS style header, the SI Explorer will now use a tabular header for consistency with the current UFGS. Also, a red asterisk now follows the Name: label in the New Section Template dialog to indicate that it is a required field.

(MC20250079 and MC20250083)

Submittal and Reference Reconciliation Options Disabled if Affected Sections Not Present

The SI Explorer print processing options for submittal and reference reconciliation will be disabled and unavailable if the Sections to which they apply are not available in a Job. These are Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and Section 01 42 00 SOURCE FOR REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS, respectively.

(MC20250069)

New Update Button on Specifiers Tab of Options Dialog

A new Update button replaces the former Edit button on the Specifiers tab of the SI Explorer's Options dialog. The new name more accurately reflects the button's function, which is unchanged from the previous button. The SI Explorer enables the Update button when you select a name to edit in the list of specifiers. Press the Update button to complete the changes and update the list of specifiers with the new name.

(MC20250065)

New SI Document Template Window Sized Appropriately and Better Handles Duplicate Names

The SI Explorer's New SI Document Template window is now sized more appropriately for its content. Also, when a user specifies the name of an existing SI Document template as the name of a new template, the SI Explorer will now keep the window active after warning about the duplicate name, to allow creating the template with a different name.

(MC20250078)

Create New Job or Master from Subfolder of Another Job or Master

The SI Explorer now supports creating a new Job or Master by clicking the applicable button on the SI Explorer's toolbar while viewing a subfolder of an existing Job or Master. Attempting to do this in prior SpecsIntact versions produced an error that caused the SI Explorer to fail.

(OP20250084)

Font Attributes Display Correctly Following Redlines, Additions, and Hyperlinks

The SI Editor correctly displays font attributes for multiple, nested tags with attributes that enclose redlines, additions, or hyperlinks. For example, a tailored note paragraph will use bold, teal colored text both before and after redlines or additions that appear inside the paragraph.

(OP20250088)

Reset SpecsIntact Settings with Extra Keys in SpecsIntact Registry Data

SI Explorer commands to reset SpecsIntact settings will now work correctly even for SI registry settings that contain non-SpecsIntact registry subkeys.

(OP20250031)

Help Topics Available When Converting to Automatic Numbering and When Converting to New Font Attribute and Center Tags

Help topics are now available for the SI Explorer commands to convert Sections to use automatic paragraph numbering and to convert font attribute and center tags to BLD, UND, ITA, and CTR. Access these help topics from the Help buttons on the Confirm Selections dialogs that the SI Explorer displays before completing these two commands.

(OP20260004)

SpecsIntact Exports Submittal Register and Tailoring More Reliably

Microsoft Excel will now correctly open Submittal Register and Tailoring Option data that SpecsIntact exports to Excel format for Jobs with ampersands or other special characters in the title, location, or contract number, or with multiple ampersands or other special characters in a Submittal Item.

(OP20260003)

SpecsIntact Editor Prints Closing Subpart Tags Correctly

The SI Editor will now correctly print closing subpart tags when printing a draft copy of a Section with tags visible.

(OP20250034)

SpecsIntact Editor Opens Hyperlinks and Checks References More Reliably While Editing Table Cells

The SI Editor will now more reliably open hyperlinks and check references in formatted tables while editing the table cells that contain them.

(OP20260002)

Instructions Corrected in Specifiers Tab When Creating a New Master

The instructions on the Specifiers tab of the Create New Master dialog no longer reference divisions in a Job.

(OP20250072)

SpecsIntact v5.7 MSI Installation Uninstalls v5.6 Version

The SpecsIntact v5.7 MSI installation will automatically uninstall an existing 5.6 MSI version as part of its installation process.

(PM20250062)