

Release Notes

Applies to: SpecsIntact v5.1.0.106

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What's New In SpecsIntact v5.1.0.106 since [v5.0.0.098](#)

SpecsIntact Is Faster

SpecsIntact is faster, especially when accessing network Working Directories and Jobs and Masters residing on them in the SI Explorer. To improve performance, SpecsIntact 5.1 stores more information in project lists of Sections (pull tables) than did previous SpecsIntact versions. After use by SpecsIntact 5.1, Jobs and Masters opened in SpecsIntact Explorer 4.x (or as sources in the Add Sections dialog of SpecsIntact 5.0) will display additional characters in the Section titles, and may not work correctly in some cases. To eliminate this issue in SpecsIntact 5.0, simply select the Job or Master in the SI 5.0 Explorer before adding Sections from it, OR add Sections by dragging and dropping them rather than through the Add Sections dialog. In **SI 4.x**, regenerate the pull table: **Select Release Processing** from the **Process** menu, ensure that the option **Project List of Sections (Pull Table)** is selected, and then *click OK*.

To provide full compatibility with older SpecsIntact versions while sacrificing performance, SI 5.1 users can disable SpecsIntact Job and Master optimization. In the Options dialog available from the **Setup** menu, *uncheck* the option, **Optimize performance for network Jobs and Masters** to create pull tables compatible with earlier versions of SpecsIntact. Doing this will greatly reduce SpecsIntact performance, however, so we do not recommend this, especially if you access Jobs and Masters on network Working Directories. To improve performance, the SI Explorer will not read titles and other data for Jobs located on network Working Directories until you select the Job, or mouse over it in the left pane of the SI Explorer. Until read, Job titles will display "(Select Job to See Job Title)." Although this provides substantial performance benefits, you can disable this option to force SpecsIntact to read information for all Jobs when opening network Working Directories. To disable this performance feature, uncheck the option, "Optimize performance for network Working Directories" in the Options dialog available from the Setup menu. Doing this will greatly reduce SpecsIntact performance, however, so we do not recommend this, especially if you access Jobs and Masters on network Working Directories.

The SpecsIntact Explorer is faster to complete numerous operations with connected network Working Directories and projects, including:

- Opening or refreshing the SI Explorer
- Selecting/opening a Job or Master
- Creating new Jobs and Masters
- Deleting Jobs and Masters
- Renaming Jobs and Masters
- Duplicating Jobs and Masters
- Backing up and restoring Jobs and Masters
- Specifying properties for Jobs and Masters
- Changing PDF or Word folders for Jobs and Masters

- Loading the Connect Masters dialog
- Adding Sections
- Deleting Sections
- Executing Revisions
- Renaming Sections
- Tailoring Sections
- Specifying SpecsIntact options

The SpecsIntact Editor is faster at saving Sections with formatted tables, especially in network locations.

(SPECSI-3721, SPECSI-3796, SPECSI-3797, SPECSI-3798, SPECSI-3799, SPECSI-3800, SPECSI-3813, SPECSI-3858, SPECSI-3862, SPECSI-3865, SPECSI-3867, SPECSI-3868, and SPECSI-3880)

Master Preparers Should Disable Network Job And Master Performance Feature For SI 5.0 And 4.X Users

Master text preparers with customers still using SpecsIntact 5.0 or earlier should disable SpecsIntact network Job and Master optimization until all users have upgraded to SpecsIntact 5.1 or later. In the **Options** dialog available from the SI Explorer's **Setup** menu, *uncheck* the option, **Optimize performance for network Jobs and Masters** to create project lists of Sections (pull tables) compatible with earlier versions of SpecsIntact. Doing this will greatly reduce SpecsIntact performance for network Jobs and Masters, however, and somewhat reduce performance for local Jobs and Masters. We recommend re-enabling this option once all users have upgraded to SpecsIntact 5.1 or later.

Users of earlier versions of SpecsIntact who receive Masters generated with this new SI 5.1 performance feature can eliminate issues caused by it, however. In SpecsIntact 5.0, simply select the Master in the SI 5.0 Explorer before adding Sections from it, or add Sections by dragging and dropping them rather than through the Add Sections dialog. In SI 4.x, regenerate the pull table for the Master: Select the Master in **SI 4.x**, and then *select* **Release Processing** from the **Process** menu; ensure that the option **Project List of Sections (Pull Table)** is selected, and then click 'OK.' SpecsIntact 4.x and 5.0 users need to complete these steps only one time, as long as the Master is not accessed again using SpecsIntact 5.1.

(SPECSI-3721, SPECSI-3796, and SPECSI-3880)

SpecsIntact Accessibility Improved

The SpecsIntact Explorer features better keyboard navigation and an improved appearance for those using a Windows high contrast setting.

(SPECSI-3053, SPECSI-3370, and SPECSI-3516)

Drag-And-Drop Or Copy Files From SpecsIntact Explorer

Drag and drop or copy and paste Sections or other files from the SpecsIntact Explorer to other Windows applications that support this capability, such as the Windows Desktop and File Explorer, and Outlook mail messages. Copy and paste selected files and Sections using the standard **Windows keyboard shortcuts Ctrl-C** and **Ctrl-V** respectively, or *select* the new **Copy** command from the **Sections** menu.

(CR 07-006, SPECSI-3360, SPECSI-3623, and SPECSI-3724)

Save And Display User Name Of Last Section Editor

SpecsIntact now offers the option to save the Windows user name of the last person to edit a Section and to display this user name in the SI Explorer. To save all last user names for people editing a Job or Master, each person working on it needs to enable the option to **Save user name in Section Properties when saving Sections** in the SI Explorer's **Options** dialog, or the option **Save user name in Section properties** on the **Save** tab of the SI Editor's **Options** dialog. With this option enabled, the Editor will save the user name of the last person to save Sections. Likewise, the SI Explorer will also do so when making significant changes to Sections, such as executing Revisions, removing English or Metric units, and making text replacements. To display the last editor in the SI Explorer, *select* the **Last Edited By** column in the **Select Columns** dialog. To remove all saved last user names, *select* the option **Delete all Section properties** during release processing for a Job or Master.

(CR 17-002, SPECSI-2760, SPECSI-2761, SPECSI-3428, SPECSI-3429, SPECSI-3430, SPECSI-3431, SPECSI-3569, SPECSI-3570, SPECSI-3571, SPECSI-3678, SPECSI-3693, SPECSI-3740, SPECSI-3777, SPECSI-3778, and SPECSI-3779)

Select Tailoring Options From Default Or Primary Master

When adding new Tailoring Options in a Master that is not the default, the SI Editor now displays a second tab with a list of the Options used in the default Master. If adding Tailoring Options to a Section in a Job, the second tab will display the Options used in the Job's primary Master. If the default or primary Master does not yet have a list of Tailoring Options, the Editor will also offer to create the list. Master text preparers can also create the Tailoring Option list automatically during release processing by selecting the 'Tailoring Option List' option.

(CR 12-009, SPECSI-3377, SPECSI-3378, SPECSI-3379, SPECSI-3627, SPECSI-3636, SPECSI-3637, SPECSI-3774, and SPECSI-3775)

Relocate Section Templates

SpecsIntact now permits storing SI Section and Document templates in a folder other than the default Working Directory. To change the location, choose the 'Change' button next to the new Templates folder location on the 'File Locations' tab of the SI Explorer's Options dialog.

(CR 02-037, SPECSI-2034, SPECSI-3639, SPECSI-3640, SPECSI-3641, SPECSI-3655, and SPECSI-3656)

Reset File Locations To Default Values

SpecsIntact now offers the option to reset all file locations to their default values. To do this, select the 'File locations' option in the 'Reset Settings' dialog, available from the SI Explorer's Setup menu.

(SPECSI-3773)

SpecsIntact Offers To Open Third-Party Location For Sections

For Jobs or Masters with Sections managed outside SpecsIntact, the SI Explorer will offer and optionally attempt to open a third party file location for the Sections when initially opening the Job or Master. SpecsIntact will do this automatically for Jobs and Masters designated with a remote

location, and with the option selected, "Sections are stored remotely in the following location:" This option is available on the Options tab of the Job or Master Properties dialog.

(CR 15-003, SPECSI-3247)

Double-Click To Open Section In Attachment List

In the SI Editor, double-click a Section in the Attachment List report (ATTACHMT.RPT in the Process Files folder) to automatically open the Section and position to the listed attachment. You can also access this feature by selecting "Open Referenced Section" from the context menu after positioning in the referenced Section number.

(CR 11-018, SPECSI-3368)

Exported Tailoring Option List Includes Preparing Activity

Exported Tailoring Option lists will now include a column showing the Preparing Activity for each Section.

(CR 11-004 and SPECSI-3375)

Backup Option Available Before Removing English Or Metric Units

SpecsIntact will first offer the option of backing up a Job or Master before removing English or Metric units from its Sections.

(CR 08-003 and SPECSI-3498)

SI Explorer Error Messages Written To User Profile Folder

The SI Explorer will now write error messages to the file ErrorLog.log in the AppData roaming profile folder instead of the SpecsIntact software folder. For most users, this will be the C:\Users\USER_NAME\AppData\Roaming\SpecsIntact\ErrorLog folder.

(SPECSI-3953)

Editor Shows Submittal Hints

When the mouse cursor hovers over a Submittal item, the Editor will now indicate whether the item appears in the Submittal Article and if so, the Submittal Description number(s) and approval requirements for the Submittal item.

(SPECSI-3540)

Editor Uses Highlighted Text As Default URL

The SI Editor will now automatically use highlighted text as the default URL attribute when adding URL tags.

(CR 12-011 and SPECSI-3369)

Close Editor Document With Keyboard Shortcut Ctrl-W

Typing the new keyboard shortcut Ctrl-W will close the currently active document in the SpecsIntact Editor.

Undo, Redo, And Select All Available Editing Header And Footer

The options to undo, redo, and select all text are now available when editing headers and footers in the Header/Footer tab of the Print Processing dialog.

(SPECISI-2811, SPECISI-3399, and SPECISI-3405)

Read-Only Attributes Removed For Added Sections

When adding Sections to Jobs or Masters via the Add Sections dialog, SpecsIntact will now remove any read-only attributes on the Sections.

(SPECISI-3957)

Technical Support Information

Users are encouraged to visit the SpecsIntact Website's [Support & Help Center](#) for access to all of our User Tools, including [eLearning](#) (video tutorials), printable Guides, Knowledge Base containing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Technical Notes and Release Notes, and Web-Based Help.

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