

Release Notes

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What's New In SpecsIntact v5.2.0.128 since [v5.1.0.106](#)

SpecsIntact Lite Replaces SI ThinApp Version

SpecsIntact Lite offers nearly complete SpecsIntact functionality without an installation, replacing the SI ThinApp version. SpecsIntact Lite works more reliably with better feature support than SI ThinApp, and it uses only the same software files a traditional SI Installation provides. SI Lite provides all SpecsIntact features except native PDF publishing using the SpecsIntact PDF printer. You can install the SI PDF Printer manually for full SpecsIntact support, however. To make this easier, SpecsIntact provides a new menu option to install the SpecsIntact PDF printer automatically, which is available from the SI Explorer's **Setup** menu. Windows *may require elevated privileges* to install the SI PDF printer, but SpecsIntact offers the options to try it both with and without elevation. To obtain SpecsIntact Lite, choose the **SpecsIntact Lite** option at the top of our Download Form, available at the following location: <https://si.ksc.nasa.gov/sidownloads/siversion/sidown.htm>. Instructions for using SI Lite are included in the downloaded zip format file.

(CR 09-019, SPECSI-4066, SPECSI-4067, SPECSI-4070, SPECSI-4071, and SPECSI-4083)

New SpecsIntact Software Usage Agreement

Accepting a SpecsIntact User Agreement is now a requirement for installing SpecsIntact or running SpecsIntact Lite. The new agreement defines the terms that govern SpecsIntact usage. As before, SpecsIntact and the Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) are available free of charge.

(SPECSI-4094)

New Section Reference Wizard

The SpecsIntact Editor features a new Section Reference Wizard for referencing other Sections from the current project or any available Master. After adding a new Section reference, the wizard will check for that Section in your Job or Master, offering to add it automatically if it is not already present. The SI Editor will display the Section Reference Wizard whenever adding new Section Reference (SRF) tags. *Optionally* disable the Section Reference Wizard in the Editor's **Options** dialog, available from the **Tools** menu: On the **Edit** tab, *uncheck* the option, **Use Submittal and Section Reference Wizards**.

(CR 16-010)

Copy And Paste Multiple Formatted Table Cells

The SI Editor now supports copying multiple formatted table cells and pasting them into other SI tables, or into other applications, such as Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and Word tables. After selecting multiple table cells in the SI Editor, type **Ctrl-C** to copy the cells with embedded tags, or **Ctrl-E** to copy them without tags.

Paste the cells into another SI table in several ways, including any one of these:

1. *Click* in the table cell where you want to start pasting, *press* the **Esc** (Escape) key to cancel the cell edit, and then *type* **Ctrl-V** to paste the copied cells.
2. *Select* the cells to replace in the destination table, and then *type* **Ctrl-V**. This method replaces at most the selected cells, even when pasting more cells than were selected.
3. While editing in the destination table, *right-click* in a table cell OTHER THAN THE ONE BEING EDITED, and *select* the **Paste** menu option.
4. The Editor supports **undoing** or **redoing** the pasting of formatted table cells, and applies Revisions when in use. The Editor also supports pasting tabular data copied from other applications, such as Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and Word tables.

(CR 12-005)

Set Row Heights And Column Widths For Formatted Tables

The SI Editor now features the ability to specify the height for one or more table rows, and the width for one or more columns, automatically resizing the table as needed.

To set the height for all rows in a table, *right-click* on the table, *select* the **Row Height...** menu option, type in the new height, and then *select* the **OK** button. Set the heights for only some rows by selecting them first, and then following the same steps. The Editor will apply the same height for all specified rows, except that it may adjust the final table row height to fit the table evenly within the lines of the surrounding Section.

Set the widths for one or more columns in a similar manner, but *choose* the **Column Width...** menu option instead. The Editor will set the same width for all specified columns, subject to the available margins.

Both the **Row Height...** and **Column Width...** menu options are also available from the Editor's main **Table** menu. The width units are 1/96th of an inch, so the added widths of all columns in a full-page (6.5-inch wide) table would be approximately 624.

(CR 13-007)

New Editor Keyboard Shortcut F2 Repeats Last Tag Insertion

The SI Editor will repeat the previous tag insertion when the **F2** key is *pressed*. The F2 keyboard shortcut will work for most SI tags, including the LST and ITM tags with negative indentation. It will not repeat the insertion of Tailoring tags, however, and all normal tag rules still apply.

(CR 10-008)

Editor Keyboard Shortcut To Remove All Revisions Now Ctrl-L

The keyboard shortcut to remove all Revisions in the SI Editor is now **Ctrl-L** instead of Ctrl-A.

(SPEC SI-4013)

SI Welcome Dialog Streamlines New User Experience

For new users, SpecsIntact will display a single welcome dialog offering the most commonly used SI options. From this dialog, SI users can choose to create a new Working Directory in their Documents folder,

automatically download and connect the UFGS master, allow SpecsIntact to count them, and create Desktop shortcuts for the SpecsIntact Explorer and Editor. Alternatively, users can still choose each option individually, as in previous SI versions.

(SPECSI-4067, SPECSI-4070, SPECSI-4071, and SPECSI-4083)

New SI Versions Offer To Create Desktop Shortcuts

When first run, new versions of SpecsIntact will offer to create automatically Desktop shortcuts for the SpecsIntact Explorer and SI Editor.

(SPECSI-4066)

Menu Option To Install SpecsIntact PDF Automatically

The SpecsIntact Explorer features a new menu option to install the SpecsIntact PDF printer automatically for SI Lite users or anyone needing to reinstall it. From the **Setup** menu of the SI Explorer, *select Install SpecsIntact PDF Printer...* SpecsIntact offers the option to install the printer either with or without elevated privileges (Microsoft Windows typically requires elevated privileges to install the printer, but the installation may succeed without elevation if the printer driver is already available). For installed SI versions, this new menu option works only if the SI PDF feature was included during a previous installation.

(SPECSI-4069)

Project Tables Of Contents Include Section Dates

Project tables of contents created with SI 5.2 will display Section dates between the Section number and title, as do Master tables of contents. The dates will appear whenever showing Section dates during print processing (the option to Show Section dates is available on the Options tab of the SI Explorer Print Processing dialog).

(CR 15-010, SPECSI-4020, and SPECSI-4021)

Future UFGS Section Dates Will Show Change Information

An upcoming UFGS release will include both Section dates and Change dates in the Section date (DTE) tags for those Sections having Change information. When showing Section dates during print processing, Change dates will be visible in the Sections and in all tables of contents. The Change information will also appear in the SI Explorer's optional Section Date column.

(CR 15-010, SPECSI-4009, SPECSI-4010, SPECSI-4021, and SPECSI-4030)

SpecsIntact Will Issue Warning If Incompatible With New UFGS

When offering the option to download a newer UFGS version, SpecsIntact will now issue a warning if the new UFGS requires newer SI software. The warning, which will state the minimum SpecsIntact version required for the new UFGS, will be available in SpecsIntact 5.2 and future versions.

(CR 12-001)

SI Explorer Displays Job Columns Correctly In Right Pane

The SpecsIntact Explorer will consistently display the correct columns when showing all Jobs in its right windowpane, even after actions that formerly removed all columns but the Job name.

(SPECSI-3795)

New SI Installations Support Disabling Checks For New Software

Administrators installing SpecsIntact can disable for all users on a computer SpecsIntact's automatic checks for newer SI software. To prevent SpecsIntact from automatically checking for new SI software, do the following when installing SpecsIntact:

1. Create the following registry key(s):
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\SpecsIntact\Settings.
2. In the **Settings** key, *create a new string value* **DisableSoftwareUpdateChecks.**
3. *Edit* this string, *assigning* it the value **2**

When the newly installed SpecsIntact software runs for the first time, it will turn off automatic checking for new SI software.

(CR 18-0001)

Run Multiple Instances Of SI Explorer On Windows Server

Multiple instances of the SpecsIntact Explorer will now run simultaneously on Windows terminal servers and other Windows server operating systems. Enable this feature manually for other Windows versions as follows:

1. *Create* the following *registry key(s)*:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\SpecsIntact\Settings
2. In the *Settings* key, *create* a new string value **AllowMultipleInstances**
3. *Edit* this string, *assigning* it the value **true** (lower case) Multiple instances of the SI Explorer will now run simultaneously.

(SPECSI-4064)

MSI Installations Uninstall Previous Versions

To simplify upgrading, the SpecsIntact MSI installation will automatically uninstall a previous SpecsIntact MSI installation before installing the new software.

(SPECSI-4075)

SI Explorer Saves Setting For Identical Tailoring Options

When tailoring in the SI Explorer, SpecsIntact will now save and reuse the setting to apply a selection in one Section to identical Tailoring Options in other tailored Sections.

(SPECSI-4103)

SpecsIntact Prevents Most Punctuation In Working Directories

SpecsIntact will no longer add new Working Directories containing punctuation other than underscores, spaces, periods, and hyphens. Existing Working Directories with punctuation will be unaffected unless added again; but

we strongly recommend renaming and reconnecting them to avoid errors publishing to PDF format.

(SPECSI-3998)

SI Explorer Search More Reliable

The SI Explorer will search Sections more reliably and consistently by removing carriage returns from text before searching for it.

(SPECSI-4095)

Add Sections Dialog Defaults To Job Primary Master

When adding Sections to a Job via the Add Sections dialog, SpecsIntact will initially display Sections from the Job's primary Master, rather than from the SI default Master (if different).

(SPECSI-4097)

Submittal Procedures Section Tailored In New Job

When creating a new Job and adding the Submittal Procedures Section 01 33 00 automatically, SpecsIntact will now offer to tailor this Section along with any other added Sections.

(SPECSI-3876)

Redlined Submittal Descriptions Processed Correctly

SpecsIntact will correctly process redlined Submittal Descriptions in the Submittal Procedures Section, eliminating erroneous Submittal Verification Report listings.

(SPECSI-3994)

Prompt To Reload Changed Network Job Or Master Clarified

The SI Explorer prompt to reload a network Job or Master whose contents have changed is easier to understand.

(SPECSI-3995)

Double-Clicking Column Headers In SI Explorer Works Correctly

Double-clicking a column header will no longer cause the SI Explorer to open a selected Section.

(SPECSI-3229)

Editor Displays Tailoring Options For Masters With Long Names

When adding Tailoring Options, the SI Editor will correctly display the available options for Masters with longer names. Also, for a Section that is not in a Job or Master, the Editor will correctly disable the second tab in the Add Tailoring Options dialog.

(SPECSI-3992 and SPECSI-3993)

Undo Context Command Available To Undo Added Sections

The SI Explorer once again features an **Undo** command to cancel adding or overwriting Sections in the **Contents of Job** window in the **Add Sections** dialog. Before *selecting* **OK** after *choosing* a Section to add or overwrite, *right-click* the **added Section** in the **Contents of Job** window to see this command option.

(SPEC SI-3997)

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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