

# Release Notes

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**Applies to: SpecsIntact v5.5.0.192**

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**What's New In SpecsIntact v5.5.0.192 since [v5.4.0.156](#)**

## Assign Specifiers For Individual Sections

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SpecsIntact now features the ability to assign specifiers for individual sections. Division specifiers are still available in the Job or Master properties, but individual section specifiers will take precedence over division specifiers. Both section and division specifiers will appear in the SI Explorer's main window when displaying the optional Specifier column. From the SI Explorer's **View** menu, *select* **Columns...** to *select or change display columns*.

To assign a section specifier in the SI Explorer, *right-click* on any **section** in a Job or Master, and *select* **Section Properties...** In the specifier field, *select* an **existing name** in the drop-down list or *type* a **new name**. *Click* **OK** and then *select* **Yes** to save the changes when prompted to do so. If no division specifier yet exists, SpecsIntact will ask if you wish to use the new specifier as your division specifier instead of the section specifier. *Select* **No** to use the new specifier just for the section you selected. If you typed in a new name not yet in your list of global specifiers, SpecsIntact will ask if you wish to add the new name to your global specifiers. *View* and *edit* your global specifiers on the **Specifiers** tab of the SI Explorer's **Options** dialog, available from the **Setup** menu.

(PC20230056)

## Search For Text In Job Or Master Names, Titles, And Properties

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Search all Jobs or Masters for text in their names, titles, or other project properties using the new Find Jobs and Find Masters commands in the SI Explorer. With any Job selected, *select* **Find Jobs...** from the **File** menu to *open* the new **Find Jobs** dialog. *Type* in the text to **search for**, *select* from the available **search options**, and then *click* **OK** to begin searching. Allow ample time to search through Jobs or Masters on a network drive, especially when working over slower VPN connections. When finished searching, the SI Explorer will create a temporary virtual 'Result Files' folder with all Jobs or Masters containing the search term.

(PC20230076)

## Print Or Publish Double-Spaced

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Optionally double-space when printing or publishing for easier markup. *Check* the option **Double-space lines** on the **Options** tab of the SI Explorer's Print Processing dialog to print or publish all sections and other files double-spaced.

(PC20230053)

## SpecsIntact Editor Supports Touch Screen Scrolling And Zooming

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The SI Editor now supports scrolling and zooming using a touch screen display. The SI Explorer already supported vertical touch scrolling, so both SI applications now support this capability. The Editor relies on Windows to interpret touch gestures, which generally does so consistently with such gestures on phones or tablets: Scroll **vertically** with an *up* or *down* motion, such as by *dragging* a finger **vertically** across the display. **Zoom out** by *dragging together two fingers* originally positioned apart from each other, or **zoom in** by *dragging apart two fingers*. For **horizontal** scrolling, Windows best interprets the request when *swiped* from **top right** to **bottom left** rather than from right to left, and vice versa.

(PC20230070)

## New UND, ITA, BLD, And CTR Tags For Text Attributes And Centering

SpecsIntact features new UND, ITA, BLD, and CTR tags to underline, italicize, embolden, and center text. The older HL1, HL2, HL3, and HL4 tags will still work, but the SI Editor will use the new tags when adding new centering or text attributes. SpecsIntact version 5.5 or later is required to use these new font attributes and center tags, however. To support older versions of SpecsIntact, continue using the old tags instead of the new ones by adding the line 'USENEWFONTMODIFIERS=0' to the [SIEditor] section of the SpecsIntact initialization file specsxml.ini. Contact SpecsIntact support for help finding or editing this file, and be sure to delete the line (or change it to 'USENEWFONTMODIFIERS=1') when all users have SpecsIntact v5.5.

Convert all HL1, HL2, HL3, and HL4 tags in a Job or Master to the new BLD, CTR, ITA, and CTR tags: From the **SI Explorer's Process** menu, *select* **Convert Font Attribute and Center Tags to BLD, UND, ITA and CTR...** *Select* the option to **back up** the project first, *saving* the **backup** where you can find it again, and then *choose* **OK** when prompted to confirm your selections for updating tags. The Explorer will create a virtual 'Result Files' folder with all the sections in which it found old tags and converted them to the new ones.

(PC20230054)

## Open Hyperlinked Sections Using Preferred View Settings

When opening a section by following a hyperlink from a processed report file, the SI Editor will now open the section using your preferred view settings, regardless of the display settings used during print processing. If the Editor searches for and finds text while following the hyperlink, however, it would not hide this text to match your preferred view settings. Consequently, your initial view settings might differ from your preferred ones if your preferred view settings would hide the text the Editor needs to display.

(PC20230057)

## SpecsIntact No Longer Creates Duplicate Reference Report

SpecsIntact no longer uses or creates the Duplicate Reference Report when performing reference verification during print processing.

(PC20230052)

## SpecsIntact Explorer Displays Disclaimer Statement

When the SI Explorer opens, it now displays a disclaimer statement summarizing terms of SpecsIntact's U.S. Army Corps of Engineers license agreement. You can prevent this from recurring by *selecting* the option **Don't show this again**, which will remain effective until the next new SpecsIntact software installation. View the

disclaimer statement or resume displaying it on startup by *selecting* the **Show Disclaimer** button in the **About SpecsIntact** dialog, available from the **SI Explorer's Help** menu.

(MC20240057)

## **Publish To Word Faster With More Options, And From DoD Computers With Office Security Restrictions**

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SpecsIntact v5.5 publishes sections to Word format faster, with improved support for formatted tables, and even with Microsoft Office security restrictions common for DoD users. To do this, SpecsIntact first publishes the sections to PDF, and then uses Microsoft Word to convert to and save the PDF files in Word format. Project and section tables of contents will be included in the published Word files if they are included in the published PDF sections. Some formerly unavailable options are also now supported for published Word sections, including the option to show tags and the option to show only tailoring tags while hiding other tags. The new print processing option to double-space lines works when publishing to Word, and published Word tables will now show the same text colors as the tables in the original sections. When combining all sections into a single Word document, SpecsIntact will start with the combined PDF document PUBLISH.pdf, creating the combined Word file as PUBLISH.docx.

(PM20230041)

## **Export Submittal Register To Spreadsheet Format Without Excel**

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SpecsIntact now exports Submittal Registers to spreadsheet format without using Microsoft Excel. This allows SpecsIntact to export Submittal Registers to Excel spreadsheet format regardless of any Microsoft Office security restrictions, and even without having Excel installed.

(PM20230029)

## **Use Underscores And Hyphens In Job And Master Names**

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Job and Master names may now contain hyphens and underscores. SpecsIntact will continue to prohibit other punctuation characters in Job and Master names, however, and the SI Explorer will better prevent the use of such characters when renaming a Job or Master while restoring it from a backup.

(MC20240015 and MC20240020)

## **SpecsIntact Prevents Working Directories Under OneDrive**

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Because Microsoft OneDrive does not provide data integrity adequate for remotely sharing SpecsIntact projects, the SI Explorer will now prevent the creation of new SI working directories under OneDrive. This restriction does not affect shared network drives or other remote file sharing tools.

(PM20240010)

## **Easily Revert To Default SpecsIntact Initialization Settings**

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The SI Explorer features a new option to reverse unwanted changes to SpecsIntact settings by deleting SpecsIntact initialization files and restoring them to their default settings. From the **SI Explorer's Setup** menu, *choose* the **Reset Settings...** menu option, and then *select* the option for **Initialization (ini) files**. *Pressing OK*

will cause the Explorer to confirm that you want to restore your initialization files to default values – *choose Yes* to restore these files to their **default settings**.

(MC20230039)

## SpecsIntact Supports Windows 11 High Contrast Desert Theme

SpecsIntact supports the light Windows 11 contrast Desert theme, as the SI Explorer will now adjust colors as needed to keep text legible using this theme.

(MC20240061)

## SpecsIntact Supports Windows High Contrast Dark Themes

The SI Editor now supports dark Windows high contrast themes. Both the SI Editor and SI Explorer will now display lighter text and colors to stand out more against these dark window themes.

(RT20240041)

## SpecsIntact Editor Offers Improved Keyboard Navigation In Reference Wizard And Other Dialog Boxes

The SI Editor provides more intuitive tab navigation to all editable controls in the Reference Wizard and other dialog boxes. Use the **Tab** key to *move forward* between dialog box controls, and **Shift + Tab** to *move backwards*. *Move between and select radio options* using the **up** and **down arrow** keys, and *select options in a drop-down list* using the **left** and **right arrow** keys.

(MC20240042)

## Reference Wizard Can Insert Multiple References Simultaneously

The SI Editor's **Reference Wizard** once again supports multiple selections when adding references to an existing reference organization in a section's Reference Article (the 'References' subpart). *Hold down* the **Shift** or **Control** key while *selecting reference identifiers* to *choose* more than one. When you *click OK* the Editor will add the new reference identifiers and titles in the order in which they appeared in the Reference Wizard.

(PM20230038)

## SpecsIntact Editor Checks For Submittal Items Outside Submittal Article

To help ensure that submittal items appear as required in text outside the Submittal Article (the 'Submittals' subpart), the SI Editor can now check submittal items inside the Submittal Article to see if they occur elsewhere in the section. *Right-click* on any **submittal item** inside the Submittal Article, and *select* the option **Check Submittal...** to see if the submittal appears elsewhere in the text. As before, checking a submittal item outside the Submittal Article will indicate whether that item is found inside the Submittal Article. The Editor, however, will no longer offer to check submittal items or references inside report files.

(MC20240014 and MC20240023)

## SpecsIntact Editor Supports Increased Zooming

To better support high resolution monitors, the SI Editor will now zoom in to enlarge text more than was possible in prior versions. Also, the Editor will more reliably save and reuse the last zoom setting for non-section documents, such as report files.

(MC20240004)

## **SpecsIntact Supports Longer Reference Titles And Editor Validates For Overly Long Ones**

SpecsIntact will now correctly process reference titles containing up to 400 characters. Also, when validating a section, the SI Editor now reports reference titles that exceed this length. Double-clicking on such a validation log entry will cause the Editor to position to and highlight the beginning of the overly long reference title.

(MC20230050)

## **Submittal Wizard Preserves Upper Case For Acronyms**

The SI Editor's Submittal Wizard will now keep upper case acronyms in all upper case when adding them to a section's Submittal Article.

(MC20240003)

## **Exported Tailoring Options File Includes Job Location And Contract Number**

Exported project tailoring options files will now show the location and contract numbers if these values are available in the Job properties.

(MC20240026)

## **SpecsIntact Explorer Menus Open To The Right**

Menus in the SI Explorer will once again open to the right instead of the left. This change works around recent Windows updates that caused most SI Explorer menus to open to the left.

(MC20240025)

## **Master Sections Verified To Fifth Level**

SpecsIntact will now verify all five levels of section numbers for section references in Masters. The SpecsIntact Section Verification Report will now report any missing referenced sections even if another section matching the first four levels of the referenced number is present in the Master. This change does not affect Jobs, for which SpecsIntact will continue to ignore fifth level section numbers during section reference verification.

(MC20230069)

## **Verify Brackets In Deeply Nested Subparts In Master Sections**

When verifying brackets in Masters, SpecsIntact will now correctly process sections with deeply nested subparts.

(OP20230040)

## **Exported Submittal Register Paragraph Numbers Consistent With Printed/Published Ones**

For consistency with printed and published Submittal Registers, SpecsIntact will now export Submittal Registers using paragraph numbers that reflect reference and submittal reconciliation. Most Jobs process and publish using these reconciliations, with paragraph numbers sometimes changing, for example, if the Reference Article is removed during reconciliation. Exported Submittal Registers for Jobs will now use these same reconciled paragraph numbers as do the printed/published versions.

(MC20230065)

## **SpecsIntact Explorer Replaces All Instances Of Search Term**

When performing replacements in sections using the Search and Replace feature, the SI Explorer will now consistently replace all occurrences of the search term.

(OP20230045)

## **SpecsIntact Updates Numbers In Headers Consistently When Renaming Sections**

When renaming sections, SpecsIntact will now consistently update section numbers inside section headers.

(OP20230031)

## **Hyperlinks To Sections From Project Tables Of Contents Work Consistently**

When publishing to PDF format, hyperlinks from the project tables of contents to sections will now work consistently, regardless of whether showing or hiding section dates.

(OP20230082)

## **SpecsIntact Lite Editor Updates UMRL And UMSL**

The SI Lite version of the SI Editor will now correctly obtain and install new versions of the Unified Master Reference List (UMRL) and Unified Master Submittal List (UMSL) upon request.

(OP20230061)

## **SpecsIntact Publishes Large Jobs To Combined PDF File**

SpecsIntact will correctly publish large Jobs to a single, combined PDF file even when all sections contain numerous formatted tables.

(PM20240009)

## **Submittal Procedures Section 01 33 00 Table Of Contents Correctly Publishes To PDF Format**

SpecsIntact will publish to PDF format without duplicated lines in the table of contents for the Submittal Procedures Section 01 33 00.

(OP20240002)

## **Submittal And Reference Reconciliation Options Work Independently**

The submittal and reference reconciliation options in the SI Explorer's Print Processing dialog correctly function independently of each other. Changes to one will not affect the other.

(OP20230066)

## Double-Clicking Column Headers In Section And Document Templates Dialogs Works Correctly

Double-clicking column headers in the SI Explorer's Section Templates and Document Templates dialog boxes will no longer cause the SI Explorer to fail.

(OP20230079)

## Redlined Addresses Correctly Excluded During Address Verification

When verifying the existence of reference organization addresses in the Sources for Reference Publications Section 01 42 00, SpecsIntact will now correctly exclude any redlined addresses in that section. We recommend against editing that section, however, as SpecsIntact will automatically delete from it any unneeded addresses when reconciling addresses during print processing.

(OP20240021)

## SpecsIntact Removes Caret Symbols From Section Properties

To prevent processing errors, the SI Explorer will prohibit the use of caret symbols (^) in section properties. For the same reason, the SI Editor will now validate for and warn about caret symbols in section titles, dates, and scopes. Avoid using caret symbols in sections and section properties to help ensure that Jobs and Masters process correctly.

(PM20240006)

## 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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