

Release Notes

Applies to: SpecsIntact v5.6.0.212

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What's New In SpecsIntact v5.6.0.212 since [v5.5.0.192](#)

SpecsIntact Editor Features New Dark And Custom Display Themes

The SI Editor features new dark and custom display themes. In addition to the Classic theme with black text on a white background, the SI Editor now has Twilight, Deep Blue, Midnight (high contrast), and Custom themes. Specify custom text and background colors after selecting the Custom theme on the Display and Navigator tab of the SI Editor's Options dialog, available from the SI Editor's Tools menu. Quickly switch between themes from the SI Editor Theme submenu, available on the SI Editor's View menu. When you select a dark theme, the SI Editor will automatically select the new black application look for the SI Editor's Title Bar and Toolbars. Conversely, the SI Editor will choose the default silver application look when you switch from a dark theme to a light-colored one. After selecting a theme, you can change the Application Look to any other option without affecting the theme you selected. The SI Editor has new Black and Light Blue application looks for the Title Bar and Toolbars, in addition to the Silver, Gray, and Blue ones previously available.

(PC20240055)

Address Verification Report Note Text Clarified

The explanatory text accompanying the SpecsIntact Address Verification Report now more clearly describes the reported results.

(PC20250005)

Export Tailoring Options To Excel Format

SpecsIntact can now export Tailoring Options to Excel format. *Choose* the new option **Create spreadsheet file** in the **Export Tailoring Options** dialog to export Tailoring Options for a Job or Master to Excel format. SpecsIntact can export Tailoring Options to Excel format even without Excel being installed on your computer.

(MC20240060)

Export To Excel Format More Quickly And Reliably

SpecsIntact will export Submittal Registers and Tailoring Options to Excel format more quickly and reliably. To do this, the SI Explorer now creates all intermediate Excel files in a local temporary files folder, providing substantial performance improvements for network Jobs and Masters. SpecsIntact will also trim long sheet names to 31 characters to prevent Excel error messages when opening exported files. Additionally, if it encounters errors during the export process, SpecsIntact will provide improved error logging to help identify the issue.

Publish To Word Format While Microsoft Word Is Running

SpecsIntact now supports publishing sections to Word format while Microsoft Word is running.

(MC20250011)

SpecsIntact Downloads UFGS More Reliably And Efficiently

SpecsIntact now downloads new versions of the UFGS to a local user profile folder, rather than to a folder on your default SpecsIntact Working Directory. This will allow SpecsIntact to download new versions of the UFGS more reliably, and also more quickly for users with network Working Directories.

(MC20250003)

Turn Off SpecsIntact Checking For New UFGS Or UMRL And UMSL Versions

SpecsIntact provides new options during the installation process for administrators to turn off SpecsIntact checking for new versions of the UFGS and the UMRL and UMSL. To *turn off SpecsIntact checking* for both the **UFGS** and **UMRL/UMSL** for all users of a computer, *create* registry strings **DisableUFGSUpdateChecks** and **DisableUMRLUpdateChecks** with values of **2** in the following registry key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\SpecsIntact\Settings.

With these registry settings, SpecsIntact will turn off checking for new versions of the UFGS and the UMRL and UMSL after each new SpecsIntact installation.

(MC20250013)

SpecsIntact Positions Windows Correctly After Monitor Removed

The SI Explorer will more reliably display dialog windows whose last position was on a display device that is no longer available, ensuring that these windows are always accessible.

(MC20240076)

Reset SpecsIntact Editor Display Settings To Default Values

The SI Explorer now features an option to reset display settings to default values for the SI Editor. *Choose **Reset Settings...*** from the **SI Explorer's Setup** menu, and then *select* the **Editor view settings** option in the **Reset Settings** dialog. Selecting this option will restore the color of the SI Editor's title and toolbars, buttons available on the SI Editor's tags toolbar, toolbar icon sizes, and menu animations to their default values.

(MC20240074)

SpecsIntact Editor Bracket Replacement Supports Multiple Monitors

The SI Editor bracket replacement tool now supports multiple monitors. It will save and reuse its most recent position on any display device on which you position it.

(MC20240072)

Check References And Open Hyperlinks From Formatted Tables

The SI Editor now supports checking references and browsing to hyperlinks within formatted tables. These options are now available when you *right-click* within a Reference Identifier (RID) or Hyperlink (URL) while editing the table cell in which it appears. A menu option for checking a reference or browsing to a hyperlink is also available when you *right-click* a RID or URL in a table cell not being edited.

(MC20250026)

SpecsIntact Editor Correctly Saves Network Files After Network Disconnects And Reconnects

The SI Editor will now save network files correctly after the network drive has been disconnected and then reconnected. In such cases that previously caused a failure to save, the **SI Editor's Status Bar** will read, **Document saved successfully on second attempt (network connection may be unreliable)**.

(OP20240080)

New Subpart Titles Use Correct Case

When adding new subparts with bracketed, template subpart titles, the SI Editor will now add the template title using the appropriate case for the subpart level (upper case for articles, or title case for other subparts).

(MC20240079)

SpecsIntact Editor Spelling Check Recognizes More Technical Terms

The SI Editor includes a new spelling dictionary for technical terms, allowing it to identify as correctly spelled technical terms that it previously suggested might be misspelled.

(MC20250017)

SpecsIntact Editor Saves User Preferences For Viewing Colors And For TXT, LST, And ITM Indentation Amount

The SI Editor will now save and reuse the user setting to display or hide font colors while editing. Likewise, the SI Editor will also save and reuse the most recent indentation amount for TXT, LST and ITM tags.

(MC20250012)

Submittal Wizard Correctly Updates Submittal Articles When Other Subpart Titles End With Submittals

The SI Editor's Submittal Wizard will correctly add Submittal Items to section Submittal Articles even where subparts whose titles end with the word "Submittals" precede the Submittal Articles.

(OP20240064)

Ordered Lists Number Correctly Following Redlined List Items

When printing and publishing with redlines visible, SpecsIntact correctly numbers automatically ordered lists that follow lists ending with redlined list items.

(OP20250063)

SpecsIntact Supports Masters With Commas In Folder Path

SpecsIntact Masters in folders with names containing commas will now process correctly. Users are still encouraged to avoid the use of commas in Master and Working Directory paths.

(MC20250016)

Sections Without Titles Appear In Project Tables Of Contents

SpecsIntact will now list any sections missing titles (SCN tags) in the project tables of contents. Section titles are still required, and the SI Editor will continue to validate for and warn of any sections missing section title tags.

(MC20250015)

SpecsIntact Correctly Reports Inability To Check For Newer UFGS Versions

When unable to check for newer versions of the UFGS due to network connectivity issues, SpecsIntact will consistently report correctly that it was unable to check. The SI Explorer will no longer issue conflicting messages for checks for newer versions of the UFGS initiated from the SI Explorer's Help menu.

(OP20250006)

Project Names With Underscores Appear Correctly In SpecsIntact Explorer Menus

Project names with underscores will now appear correctly in SI Explorer context menus that show the project name.

(OP20250014)

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Assign Specifiers For Individual Sections

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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SpecsIntact Features New Supplemental Address List To Automatically Add Local Reference Address To Section 01 42 00 'Sources For Reference Publications' For New Jobs

SpecsIntact features a new **Supplemental Address List** to automate the process of adding local reference addresses to the UFGS 01 42 00 'Sources for Reference Publications' Section for new **Jobs**. When creating a new Job from the UFGS, SpecsIntact will now add to the UFGS 01 42 00 Section the addresses for local reference-issuing organizations saved in the Supplemental Address List. Create, edit, and manage the new Supplemental Address List from the newly redesigned 'Supplemental References' tab of the Reference Processing dialog, available from the SI Explorer's Process menu.

SpecsIntact automates creating a new Supplemental Address List from any local Master whose 01 42 00 'Sources for Reference Publications' Section contains addresses for local references issuing organizations. Create the list from a **Master** Section with organization addresses alphabetized by organization name (as is the UFGS 01 42 00) to alphabetize your Job 01 42 00 Sections and avoid duplicate addresses. SpecsIntact also allows you to create a new, empty **Supplemental Address List**, to which you can manually add your local reference addresses.

To create a new Supplemental Address List:

- With any Job (or Master) selected in the SI Explorer, choose the '**Reference Processing for...**' option from the **Process** menu.
- Select the **Supplemental References** tab.
- With **Supplemental Address List** selected at the top of the dialog, select the **Generate new list** option.
- Select any local Master whose Section 01 42 00 includes properly tagged (REF, ORG, and OAD tags) local reference organization addresses. If alphabetized, this Master Section 01 42 00 can also include UFGS (non-local) addresses, which SpecsIntact will automatically exclude. Alternatively, choose {none} to create an empty list to which you can manually add reference organization addresses.
- Click the **OK** button to create a new Supplemental Address List. If you created a new list from a Master 01 42 00 Section, SpecsIntact will indicate the number of addresses it added to the new list.

SpecsIntact stores the Supplemental Address List in the same folder as the existing Supplemental Reference List, so moving one of these files moves them both. Manage both files from the same **Supplemental References** tab of the SI Explorer's Reference Processing dialog.

(CR 16-005)

Streamlined SpecsIntact Executable Installation

SpecsIntact 5.4.0 features a streamlined executable installation that is simpler, faster, and more reliable, while also providing a more elegant interface.

(SPEC5I-4245)

Use New Section Summary Comments To Manage Section Editing

Highlight important Section information in the new summary comments, which you can add and change from the **Comments** tab of the SI Explorer's **Section Properties** dialog. Section summary comments are also an optional display column in the Explorer. To view all Section summary comments for Jobs or Masters: With any Job or Master selected in the SI Explorer, choose the '**Columns...**' option from the Explorer's **View** menu, and then select the **Summary** column option at the bottom of the available display columns.

(CR 07-004)

Use Revisions When Renaming Sections

When renaming a Section, the SI Explorer now offers the option to **Use Revisions** for all changes, both in the renamed Section and in any Job or Master Sections that reference it.

(CR 06-011)

SpecsIntact Supports Loss Of Display Monitor While Running

The SpecsIntact Explorer better supports disconnecting display monitors it uses while it is running. Disconnecting a monitor used for a SpecsIntact dialog with the SI Explorer active will no longer cause the next invocation of that dialog to display off screen (leaving the Explorer apparently unresponsive).

(SPECISI-4323 AND SPECISI-4328)

New Option To Use Section Headers And Footers For Reports And Project Table Of Contents

SpecsIntact now features the option to use user-specified Section headers and footers for reports and project table of contents. To do this, select the option **Use the above headers and footers for reports and project TOCs** on the **Header/Footer** tab of the SI Explorer's **Print Processing** dialog.

(CR 07-012 and CR 15-002)

SI Editor Retains And Reuses Previous Zoom Setting

The SpecsIntact Editor now saves its last selected zoom setting, reusing this setting when opening a new Section.

(SPECISI-4332)

Editor Automatically Completes Typed Tailoring Options And Scrolls Listed Options Into View

When adding new Tailoring Options, the SI Editor will automatically and unintrusively supply the next matching option (if any) in the list of previously used Tailoring Options, while also scrolling the list to bring into view the matching option. Press the Delete or Backspace key to remove the Editor's suggested test, or type a new letter to bring up the next match in the list.

(CR 16-014)

Editor Retains Vertical Scroll Position When Undeleting Redlines

When undeleting redlined revisions, the SI Editor now maintains unchanged its vertical scrolling position.

(CR 16-014)

Editor Validates For Reference Identifiers And Submittal Items With Too Many Characters

When validating a Section, the SI Editor now checks the lengths of all Reference Identifiers (RID tags) and Submittal Items (SUB tags), listing in the validation log file any with too many characters to print correctly.

(CR 09-016)

Editor Adds Brackets Around Sample Text Inserted With New Tags

When adding sample text for new parts, subparts, references, ordered list items, and other tags, the Editor now encloses the sample text in brackets. This change makes it easier to find sample text inadvertently left in Sections, as this text will now appear in the SpecsIntact Bracket Verification Report.

(CR 06-005)

SI Editor Remove Tags Command (Ctrl+M) Available While Editing Formatted Tables

The SI Editor keyboard shortcut to remove tags (Ctrl+M) is now available when editing inside a formatted table cell.

(SPECSI-4093)

Future UFGS May Support Enhanced Submittal Reconciliation

SpecsIntact supports additional markup options for the **01 33 00 Submittal procedures Section**, including a new **SDNUMBER attribute** for Submittal (SBM) tags. With a properly tagged 01 33 00 Submittal Procedures Section, SpecsIntact Submittal Reconciliation will remove from the Section any text whose Submittal Description Number is unused.

(SPECSI-4220, SPECSI-4221, SPECSI-4261, SPECSI-4272, and SPECSI-4319)

SI Explorer Correctly Handles Saved Section Comments

In the Section Properties dialog, the SI Explorer will prompt to save only Section comments that have been modified, and will display comments only for the Section to which they apply.

(SPECSI-4249)

Formatted Tables Published To Word In Correct Locations

When Publishing UFGS Sections with tabular headers to Word format, SpecsIntact will insert formatted tables in the correct locations in the published Word files.

(SPECSI-4250)

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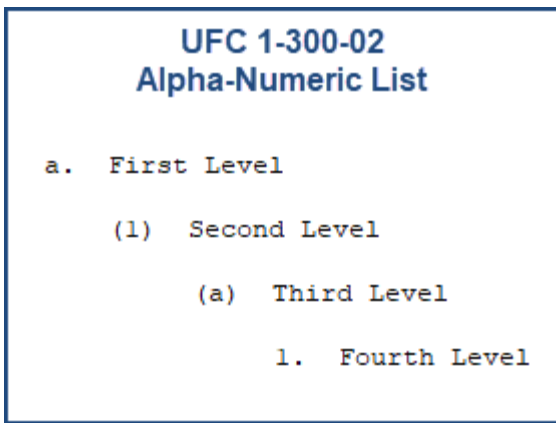
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SpecsIntact Automates Multi-Level Ordered Lists

SpecsIntact 5.3 features multi-level ordered lists that renumber and re-letter automatically. Create a new ordered list or add a new item to an existing list by *clicking* the **Ordered List** button on the **SI Editor's Tagsbar**. After adding one list item, *press* the **Enter and F2** keys (F2 repeats the last tag insertion) to add more list items quickly. While editing an item's text, increase its indentation by pressing the Tab key, or decrease indentation from the Editor's **Format** menu or the **Attributes** sub-menu of the **right-click** context menu.

SpecsIntact automatically orders lists according to UFC 1-300-02 format, with four levels of indentation as shown below:



The new tags automate SI ordered lists, an OLI tag surrounds each list item, and an OLG tag to group OLI items together into a single list. *Pressing* the Editor's **Ordered List** button adds surrounding OLG tags when needed for new list already enclosed in OLG tags.

SpecsIntact users and master text preparers can convert most manual lists in a Job or Master to use the new automatically ordering lists. From the SI Explorer's **Process** Menu, *select* **Convert Manual Lists to Order Automatically...** then follow the prompts. SI will convert only those lists (LST and ITM tags) adhering to UFC 1-300-02 ordered list tagging standards).

BEFORE using the new ordered lists or converting any Job or Master to use them, ALL SpecsIntact users **MUST** have SI version 5.3. **DO NOT** use or convert to these automatic lists unless all affected users have already upgraded to SpecsIntact 5.3.

Conversions to the new ordered lists are final, and cannot be undone. SpecsIntact offers no conversion back to the older manual lists. For this reason, we strongly urge backing up a Job or Master before converting its Sections to use automatically ordered lists.

By default, SI will offer to back up a Job or Master before the conversion, but this prompt is optional, and might be turned off. Ensure that SI prompts to back up Job or Master before deleting it or reformatting its Sections is *checked* in the **Options** dialog, which is available from the SI Explorer's **Setup** Menu.

Update Job Or Master References To Latest UFGS Standards Without Losing Unlisted Or Supplemental References

SpecsIntact now offers the option to update Job or Master references to the latest reference standards, while also preserving any unlisted or supplemental references.

By default, SpecsIntact offers to update Job or Master references from the Unified Master Reference List (UMRL), which contains all references used in the UFGS. SpecsIntact first saves all Job or Master References List (UMRL), which contains all references used in the UFGS. SpecsIntact first saves all Job or Master references, to ensure that it can preserve any references not in the UMRL (or other specified list). SpecsIntact next removes the existing references and then replaces them with the latest versions from the UMRL. After this, SpecsIntact will add back any missing references, first from the Supplemental Reference List (if available), and then from the previously saved Job or Master references.

To use this feature, *select* **Reference Processing for Job...** (or for Master) from the **SI Explorer's Process menu** while working in a Job or Master. Then, under the **Action** group, *select* the radio option to **Generate new Reference Articles but preserve unlisted references**. SpecsIntact selects the Unified Master Reference List (UMRL) as a source reference list by default, and *we recommend keeping it selected*. For experienced master text preparers, other Masters with available reference lists are offered as the source for reference updates.

By default, SI will offer to back up a Job or Master before generating new Reference Articles, but this prompt is optional, and might be turned off. Ensure that SI prompts to back up before the conversion by verifying that the option **Prompt to back up Job or Master before deleting it or reformatting its Sections** is checked in the **Options** dialog, which is available from the **SI Explorer's Setup menu**.

After the optional backup prompt, SpecsIntact will state that it must first remove the existing References in the Reference Articles before generating new ones *click OK* to proceed and update your References to the latest standards, while preserving any supplemental and unlisted references.

(CR 02-019)

Enter Key Pressed Before Ending Tag In SI Editor Adds New Line After Tag; Use Shift Enter To Add New Line Before Ending Tag

Pressing the **Enter** key with the cursor immediately in front of the ending tag will now add a new line *after* the ending tag, rather than before it. Hold down the **Shift** key while *pressing Enter* to add the new line *before* the ending tag (the previous Editor functionality).

SpecsIntact tags rarely include new lines inside them, so this new feature will save time while editing most SpecsIntact content. Users who would rather keep the older functionality can still do so, however. From the Editor's **Tools** menu, *select* **Options...** and then the **Edit** tab. *Uncheck* the option **Enter key pressed at end of tag closes that tag**, and then *press* the **OK** button.

(SPECSI-4125 and SPECSI-4126)

Zoom In The SI Editor By Turning Mouse Wheel While Holding Ctrl Key

Zooming in or out while editing a Section in the SI Editor is easier now. Using a mouse with a wheel, turn the mouse wheel while *holding* the **Ctrl** key to **zoom in or out** as appropriate (consistently with other Windows applications that support this feature).

(SPEC-4214)

SpecsIntact Editor Automatically Re Selects Last-Used Printer

Printing a **draft** copy to PDF format or a printer is easier in the SI Editor, as it will automatically reselect the last printer used in it.

(CR 16-006)

Open Referenced Sections Or Hyperlinks While Editing In Table

The SI Editor now offers an easier way to open a referenced Section while editing the reference for it in the cell or a formatted table. Likewise, easily open a URL hyperlink while editing it in a table cell. To do this, *right-click* inside the **Section reference** or **hyperlink** while editing it in a table cell, and *select* **Open Referenced Section** or **Browse to Hyperlink**, as appropriate.

(SPEC-4209)

Notes Valid Inside Submittal Tags

Specifier notes are now valid inside Submittals (SBM) tags. The **UFGS 01 33 00 Submittal Procedures Section** now validates correctly with specifier notes visible.

(SPEC-4223)

SpecsIntact Prints And Publishes Only Selected Reports

SpecsIntact prints and publishes only those reports selected on the **Reports** tab of the SI Explorer's **Print Processing** dialog. Printing or publishing the Submittal Register, or reconciling References, Submittals, or Addresses will not automatically print or publish unselected reports. These features still automatically generate verification reports in the **Processed Files** folder, but SpecsIntact will no longer print or publish them unless selected.

(CR 02-020)

SpecsIntact Adds Bookmarks (Hyperlinks) From Project Table Of Contents To Sections When Publishing Them To PDF Format

When publishing Sections and Job (or Master) tables of contents to PDF format with bookmarking, SpecsIntact will automatically add bookmarks from these PDF tables of contents to the PDF Sections. These bookmarks will work only in a PDF viewer that supports Bookmarks, such as Adobe Reader or Acrobat.

(SPEC-4196)

SpecsIntact Help Topics Open In Default Browser

SpecsIntact now opens all integrated help topics in the default web browser, rather than a dedicated help window. These help topics are still local files, so they will load quickly with or without internet access. This change eliminates error messages when closing the software after accessing a help topic.

(SPEC-4019 and SPEC-4239)

SpecsIntact Master Reference Processing Works Correctly

Master text preparers can remove all references and generate new Reference Articles. This feature was unavailable in SpecsIntact 5.2.

(SPECSI-4170)

SpecsIntact Explorer More Reliable

The SI Explorer works more reliably while connecting a new version of the Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS), as well as in other situations.

(SPECSI-4212)

SpecsIntact Editor More Reliably Saves Hidden, Tailored Tables

The SI Editor more reliably saves hidden, tailored tables, as it no longer sometimes fails when doing this.

(SPECSI-4193)

SpecsIntact Editor More Reliable When Printing

The SI Editor is more reliable, especially when printing draft copies of Sections and during draft print preview.

(SPECSI-4155 and SPECSI-4222)

Editor Pastes Tag Attributes Into Formatted Tables

When copying and pasting tags with attributes (TAI and URL) into a table cell from outside it, the SI Editor now pastes the full tag with attributes.

(SPECSI-4210)

Editor Correctly Ends Attribute-Justified Text When Printing

The SI Editor correctly resumes left justification after printing tags that are right or center-justified via tag attributes.

(SPECSI-4147)

SpecsIntact Reports Errors Processing Write-Locked Files

SpecsIntact correctly indicates when a Section cannot be processed because it is write-locked.

(SPECSI-4215)

SpecsIntact Prints/Publishes Attributes When Showing Tags

When printing or publishing to PDF with tags showing, SpecsIntact correctly prints/publishes tag attributes for tags that have them.

(SPECSI-4175)

Reconciliation Options Correctly Disabled For Masters

SpecsIntact correctly disables Address, Reference, and Submittal Reconciliation in the **Print Processing** dialog for Masters, to which these reconciliation options do not apply.

(SPECSI-4216)

SpecsIntact Installation Clarifies Need To Not Cancel

The SpecsIntact executable installation reminds users not to cancel until the installation has finished.

(SPECSI-4108)

Release Notes

Applies to: SpecsIntact v5.2.1.132

Released: March 16, 2021 (Maintenance Release)

What's New In SpecsIntact v5.2.1.132 since [v5.2.0.128](#)

SpecsIntact Editor Saves And Validates Sections Correctly

The SpecsIntact Editor correctly validates and saves Sections that contain formatted tables in atypical locations, such as prior to Part 1.

(SPECSI-4143)

Release Notes

Applies to: SpecsIntact v5.2.0.128

Released: February 25, 2021

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.

(SPECSEI-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.

(SPECSEI-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.

(SPECSEI-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.

(SPECSEI-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.

(SPECSE-3997)

Release Notes

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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.

(SPEC SI-2811, SPEC SI-3399, and SPEC SI-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.

(SPEC SI-3957)

Release Notes

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What's New In SpecsIntact v5.0.0.098

New Installation Options

Two alternative options are now available for installing SpecsIntact. For administrators who manage SpecsIntact installations for multiple customers, SpecsIntact now features a new Windows Installer (MSI) installation package for better integration with software deployment tools. SpecsIntact also features its traditional installation package, but the network and workstation installations are no longer available. Both installation packages support only local installations.

As with previous versions, the traditional SpecsIntact 5 installation supports installing same or newer versions over existing SpecsIntact installations; and it also supports side-by-side installations of different SpecsIntact versions. The new MSI installation package does not support these options, as it requires that previous SpecsIntact MSI installations be removed before installing newer versions. We recommend NOT installing SpecsIntact 5 over a previous version of SpecsIntact 4.6.2 or earlier. If you wish to have both SpecsIntact 5 and an earlier version of SpecsIntact installed, install SpecsIntact 5 to a different folder location than the earlier SpecsIntact version.

We also recommend NOT mixing the MSI and traditional SpecsIntact installations on the same computer. If you wish to switch from the SpecsIntact MSI installation to the traditional SI installation, or vice versa, we recommend uninstalling the previous version first, and then installing the alternative version.

For those who choose to install the SpecsIntact PDF printer, SpecsIntact now supplies a PostScript printer driver published by Microsoft. Windows may prompt for permission to install this driver during the installation process.

(CR 11-008 and SPECSI-3499)

SpecsIntact Explorer

The SpecsIntact Explorer has a new look and feel, with many new productivity-enhancing features.

(CR 09-019)

Resizable Dialog Boxes

The SpecsIntact Explorer now features many resizable dialog boxes, including the Add Sections dialog. Look for the dotted gripper in the lower right corner of a dialog box, and drag this gripper to resize the dialog.

(CR 04-029)

New Toolbar Buttons

The SI Explorer features a new toolbar with larger, more visible buttons and explanatory text.

(CR 09-019)

Drag And Drop From SpecsIntact Explorer To Desktop, Windows Explorer Or Other Applications

The SI Explorer now permits dragging and dropping Sections and other SpecsIntact documents to the desktop or other Windows applications, such as the Windows/File Explorer, an Outlook E-mail message, or the SpecsIntact Editor.

(CR 07-006, SPECSI-3283 and SPECSI-3284)

New Color Choices For Job, Master, And Document Icons

SpecsIntact now supports a large number of color choices for Job, Master, and document icons. To select a new color, *right-click* on any icon in the SI Explorer, and select the **Icon Color for...** menu item. *Choose a default color*, or **Custom Colors**, and then the drop-down arrow next to the currently selected color for many more color choices.

(CR 09-019)

Optionally Redline When Tailoring In The SI Explorer

The SpecsIntact Explorer now features the option to redline Tailoring Options instead of deleting them. *Select* the option to **Use Revisions** when tailoring to enable this feature.

(CR 01-040 and CR 09-013)

Print With Tailoring Tags Visible But Other Tags Hidden

SpecsIntact now features the option to print Tailoring tags only, while hiding other tags. To use this feature, *unselect* the **Tags** option and *select* the option **Tailoring tags** (when hiding tags)' in the **Show** group box on the **Options** tab of the **Print Processing** dialog.

(CR 971008 and 15-006)

SpecsIntact Sorts Reference Identifiers In Natural Order

SpecsIntact now sorts Reference Identifiers (RIDs) in natural, alphanumeric order when adding them to Section Reference Articles or Reference lists. For example, using this new natural order sort, NFPA 70 would appear before NFPA 101, because 70 is a lower number than 101. The SI Editor will also display RIDs in this same natural order in the Reference Wizard.

(CR 02-025 and CR 03-036)

New Attachment List Report

SpecsIntact now offers a report of all attachments (designated with **ATT** tags) in a Job or Master. *Select the **Attachment List** option on the **Reports** tab of the **Print Processing** dialog to produce this report.*

(CR 11-018)

SpecsIntact Reports Duplicate Submittal Items In Text For Masters

On the Submittal Verification Report for Masters, SpecsIntact now reports Submittal items appearing multiple times in the text of any one Section. This new verification feature will be available for Jobs in a future SpecsIntact release.

(CR 10-002)

Export And Access Tailoring Options Or Submittal Register Data Easily

Export Tailoring Options and Submittal Register data more easily in SpecsIntact 5. Both options are available from the context menu available by right-clicking on any Job or Master. The SI Explorer will now display these exported files in the Exported Files folder under the corresponding Job or Master.

(CR 11-009)

Export Search Results To HTML Table

After performing a search or replacement, the SI Explorer now permits exporting the search results to a tabular, formatted HTML file. This option is available from the File menu, and from the context menu available by *right-clicking* on a Job or Master. The SI Explorer will display these exported files in the Exported Files folder under the corresponding Job or Master.

(CR 15-004)

Optionally Exclude Redlines And Notes When Searching And Replacing In SI Explorer

Optionally exclude redlines and notes when searching and replacing text in the SpecsIntact Explorer. *Select these options in the new **Search and Replace** dialog, available from the **File** menu, or by *right-clicking* on any **Job** or **Master**.*

(CR 16-003 and CR 10-019)

SpecsIntact Displays Number Of Search Occurrences In Each Section

SpecsIntact now displays the number of occurrences of a search term in each Section in which the term occurs. This option is available by default. To select or unselect it, search for a term in any Job or Master. In the search results in the right pane of the SI Explorer, *right-click* and *select* the **Column Headers...** menu item, and then in the **Column Headers for Results Files** dialog, *choose* the **Occurrences** option, and then *click* **OK**.

(CR 16-007)

Editor Defaults To Most Recent Explorer Or Editor Search Term

When searching or replacing in the SI Editor, the default search term will be the most-recently-used search term in either the SI Explorer or Editor.

Search For Tags By Attribute Value In SI Editor

The SI Editor now permits searching for tags that contain user-specified attributes, such as, for example, searching for Tailoring Option tags that contain only the 'ARMY,' 'NAVY,' or 'NASA' attribute.

(CR 08-006)

Ignore Tags Searching In SI Editor With Tags Visible

The SI Editor now permits ignoring tags when searching for text, even when tags are visible. *Select* the option to **Ignore tags** in the Editor's **Find** dialog to use this feature. This option is selected automatically when tags are hidden, and is not available when replacing text.

(CR 11-001)

Open Windows Explorer At Any Job Or Master Folder

SpecsIntact makes it easy to open Windows Explorer at any Job or Master. *Right-click* on a **Job** or **Master folder** or **subfolder** in the left pane of the SI Explorer, and *select* **Open in Windows Explorer** at the bottom of the context menu.

(CR 09-019)

Move Back And Forward In SpecsIntact Explorer

You can now move back and forward to previously selected Job and Master folders in the SpecsIntact Explorer. *Click* on the **Back** and **Forward** buttons at the top of the left pane of the SI Explorer, or *right-click* in the left pane, and *choose* either **Go Back** or **Go Forward**. The 'Go Forward' command will be active only while you are actively going back, and neither command will be active when you first start the SI Explorer.

(CR 17-005)

Previously Tailored Options Automatically Selected For Subsequent Tailoring

The SI Explorer will automatically save and reuse any previous tailoring selections for a Job or Master. Options previously selected for tailoring will be selected automatically for tailoring each time the Explorer displays the Tailoring Options dialog for the same Job or Master.

(CR 06-020)

Quickly Locate Any Section, Document, Job, Or Master In SpecsIntact Explorer

You may now locate a Section by typing the first digits of the number in the text field at the top right of the SpecsIntact Explorer. Use this feature to navigate more quickly within large Jobs and Masters. You can also use this feature to find any other document, Job, or Master when these items are visible in the right pane of the SI Explorer.

(CR 15-005 and SPECSI-2979)

Add A Final Blank Page To Sections Ending On Odd Page Numbers

To better support double-sided printing, you may now optionally add a final blank page to any Sections or Section tables of contents that end on odd page numbers. To select this option for any Job or Master, *choose Insert blank pages for double-sided printing* on the **Options** tab of the **Print/Processing** dialog.

(CR 09-026)

Headers And Footers Easier To Customize

Customize headers and footers more easily using separate left, center, and right-justified editing fields. SpecsIntact no longer requires or supports the special pipe symbol (|) as a delimiter separating the separately justified portions of header and footer lines.

(CR 16-008)

Remove English Or Metric Units

SpecsIntact now permits removing unused English or Metric units for any Section, or from an entire Job or Master. To do this, *select* the **Remove English/Metric Units** command from the **File** menu (for entire Jobs and Masters) or from the **Sections** menu (for one or more selected Sections). For Jobs using only one unit of measure, SpecsIntact permits removing only the unused units of measure.

(CR 08-003)

Publish Sections To Most Current Word Open XML Format

When publishing Sections to Word format, SpecsIntact will now create these files in the most current Microsoft Open XML (.docx) format. SpecsIntact will still display and allow editing of edit older (.doc) Word files, but will no longer create them.

(CR 12-002)

New Dialog For Folder And File Browsing

When browsing for files or folders, SpecsIntact now features a more modern browse dialog consistent with Windows standards.

(CR 01-023)

SpecsIntact Saves And Reuses Most Recent SI Printer Selection

Each time it starts, SpecsIntact will automatically select the most recently used SpecsIntact printer, making it easier to pick the correct printer for SpecsIntact printing and publishing. The first time SpecsIntact 5 starts, it will select the default Windows printer automatically. SpecsIntact will also now issue a warning if no default printer exists.

(CR 16-006)

Copy PDF Files To External Folder

When publishing Sections to PDF format, you may now save a copy of the PDF documents to an external folder. Specify this folder on the **PDF Publish** tab of the **Print Processing** dialog, by *checking* the option, **Save copies to this folder**, and then browsing to any folder on your computer

(SPEC SI-2762)

New Section Comments In Section Properties Dialog

Add and review comments for a Section in the Section Properties dialog, on the new Comments tab. The SI Explorer will automatically prepend to any new Section comment the date and user's computer login name, if available. When duplicating a Job or Master, you will now be able to choose whether you also wish to duplicate the Section comments.

(CR 06-018, SPEC SI-2841, and SPEC SI-3075)

Customizable Review Status In Job Properties

The review status for a Job on the Schedule tab of the Job properties dialog is now customizable. Choose one of the traditional status options from the Review Status/Amendment Level dropdown, or choose the bottom, blank option, and then type in a custom status or amendment level.

(CR 03-001)

Submit CCR For UFGS Section From SI Explorer Or Editor

SpecsIntact now makes it easy to submit a Criteria Change Request (CCR) for a UFGS Section. After selecting a UFGS Section in the right pane of the SI Explorer, select the option to 'Submit a UFGS CCR...' from the Tools menu, or from the context menu available by right-clicking on the Section. Alternatively, click the 'Submit CCR' button in the Section Properties dialog box. In the SI Editor, select the option to 'Submit UFGS CCR for Section' from the Help menu while editing the Section. Either option will direct your default web browser to the appropriate CCR page for the UFGS Section. If selected for a non-UFGS Section, these options will display the UFGS page on the Whole Building Design Guide website.

(CR 10-020)

View Change And Revision History For UFGS Section From SI Explorer Or Editor

SpecsIntact also now makes it easy to view the Change/Revision history for a UFGS Section. After selecting a UFGS Section in the right pane of the SI Explorer, *select* the option **Change/Revision History...** from the **Sections** menu or from the **context** menu available by *right-clicking* on the **Section**. In the SI Editor, *select* the option **Changes/Revisions for Section** from the **Help** menu while editing the Section. Either option will direct your default web browser to the appropriate Change/Revision page for the UFGS Section. If selected for a non-UFGS Section, or from the **Help** menu in the SI Explorer, these options will display the main UFGS Changes and Revisions page on the Whole Building Design Guide website.

(SPEC SI-3137)

Open UFGS Web Page From SI Explorer

You can now open the UFGS page on the Whole Building Design Guide website in your default web browser by *selecting* the option, **Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS)** from the SI Explorer's **Help** menu.

Default File Name For Exporting Submittal Register Data Is UFGS4288

When exporting Submittal Register data, the SI Explorer will initially choose a default file name of UFGS4288, but will also save and reuse the last file name chosen.

(CR 03-016)

SpecsIntact Adjusts For Missing Working Directories

To better support mobile computing, SpecsIntact will now detect and temporarily disconnect any missing Working Directories, reconnecting them when they become available again. Once SI automatically reconnects them, the Working Directories will function normally. SpecsIntact will still require at least one Working Directory at all times, so having work more effortlessly.

(CR 09-019)

SpecsIntact Adjusts For Missing Masters

To better support mobile computing, SpecsIntact will now detect and temporarily disconnect any missing Masters, reconnecting them when they become available again. Once SI automatically reconnects them, the Masters will function normally. SpecsIntact will still require at least one default Master at all times, so having a local Master will be required to take advantage of this feature.

(09-019)

SpecsIntact Saves Supplemental Reference File For Offline Use

SpecsIntact now will automatically save a copy of the Supplemental Reference file for use when the primary Supplemental Reference file is unavailable. Each time it starts, SpecsIntact will make a copy of the main Supplemental Reference file, if available, or use the local cached copy if the main file is unavailable.

(CR 09-019)

Check For New UFGS Versions Without Checking For New Software

SpecsIntact now permits checking for newer versions of the Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) without also checking for new SpecsIntact software. These two checks are now independently configurable from the **General** tab of the **Options** dialog, available from the **Setup** menu.

(CR 09-019)

Create Sections From Section Templates In Default Or Primary Master

SpecsIntact now supports creating new Sections from Section templates contained in Masters. SpecsIntact will automatically make available any Section templates in the primary master for a Job, or the default Master for any Master. In conjunction with this, you can now copy existing Section templates to any Master.

(CR 14-004, SPECSE-3051, and SPECSE-3052)

SI Editor Displays Tags And Notes After Each UFGS Release

After each new UFGS release and SpecsIntact software installation, the Editor will automatically display tags and specifier notes the first time it opens a Section. After this, the Editor's tags and notes display will remain as you set them. Also, if opening a Section from Windows Explorer, rather than from a Job or Master, the Editor will automatically turn on the use of Revisions the first time it opens a Section after a UFGS release or new SI installation. Job and Master Revisions settings will always override the Editor's Revisions setting, however, so this change will not apply if opening a Section from a Job or Master using the SI Explorer.

(CR 16-004)

Restore Print Settings To Default Values When Renaming Or Duplicating Job Or Master

When renaming or duplicating a Job or Master, SpecsIntact now features the options to restore print settings to default values.

(CR 01-041)

More Job Cover Page Formats

SpecsIntact now supports Job cover pages in PDF or Word file formats, in addition to the native SpecsIntact and RTF formats available in previous versions of SpecsIntact.

(CR 09-006)

Job And Master Option To Identify Remote Section Location

To better support third-party file management applications, SpecsIntact now provides an option to specify the location of Job or Master Section files being stored remotely outside SpecsIntact. When you enter a remote location for a Job's or Master's Sections, SpecsIntact will offer to try to open this location to verify that it is accessible. Specify a remote Section location on the Options tab of the Job or Master Properties dialog box.

(CR 15-003 and CR 15-008)

Processed Files Are Read-Only

SpecsIntact now creates processed files as read-only, to prevent accidental editing of these temporary intermediate files.

(CR 07-010)

Single Change Request Folder For Each User Independent Of Working Directories

For simplicity and consistency, SpecsIntact now stores all saved Change Requests under a user's roaming profile (e.g., C:\Users\USER_NAME\AppData\Roaming\SpecsIntact\Template\Comment Archive). When SI 5 first starts, it will attempt to copy all saved Change Requests to this folder, and will then automatically save additional ones there.

(CR 02-036)

Optionally Disable Submittal Wizard

The SpecsIntact Editor now features an option to disable the Submittal Wizard when inserting new submittals. The SpecsIntact team strongly recommends the use of the Submittal Wizard, but you may disable it by *unchecking* the option, **Use Submittal Wizard for inserting submittals**, on the **Edit**' tab of the **Options** dialog, available from the Editor's **Tools** menu.

(SPECSI-2892)

More Consistent Mouse-Over Hint Text

SpecsIntact now features more consistent mouse-over hint text. Pause your mouse cursor over most controls in any dialog to display applicable hints.

(CR 04-021)

SI Explorer Indicates Locked Sections During Replacement

The SpecsIntact Explorer will now report Sections where errors occur during search and replace operations. The Explorer will no longer fail when attempting to replace terms in locked Sections.

(SPECSI-2828)