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Overview

The Deltek Specpoint 1.6 Release Notes for A/E Professional Firm Users contain a summary of the following updates:

- New Features
- Enhancements
- Software Issues Resolved

The scope of these release notes covers release version 1.6.

Release 1.6

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New Features

This section includes summaries of the new features in this release.

Office Master Import and Management

You can now import office masters into Specpoint to integrate your organization’s content as a baseline for your projects. An office master is a custom specification which contains guidelines or standards that are recognized as effective ways to prepare and present project requirements and convey a clear understanding to all stakeholders. Office masters enable a firm to preserve its knowledge and use the firm's best practices to enable success in future projects. Typically, a custom office master builds upon industry guide specifications, such as MasterSpec, and integrates custom families, properties, and requirements.

The workflow for office master import and management consists of the following general steps:

1. Assign members to your firm’s office master access group.
2. Import office master families into Specpoint.
3. Publish the imported office master families to be used in projects.
4. Continue to maintain and manage MasterSpec and/or published office master families.

Office master import uses the same content converter as project-level import. When you import content from outside the platform, the platform converter reads the imported content based on Specpoint's baseline formatting and content structure. Specpoint converts the eligible content into their respective content items, such as families, product types, parts, articles, paragraphs, and product type properties. The converter enables you to continue working on the imported project content in the same way that you work on content that is native to the platform.

Office Master Access Group

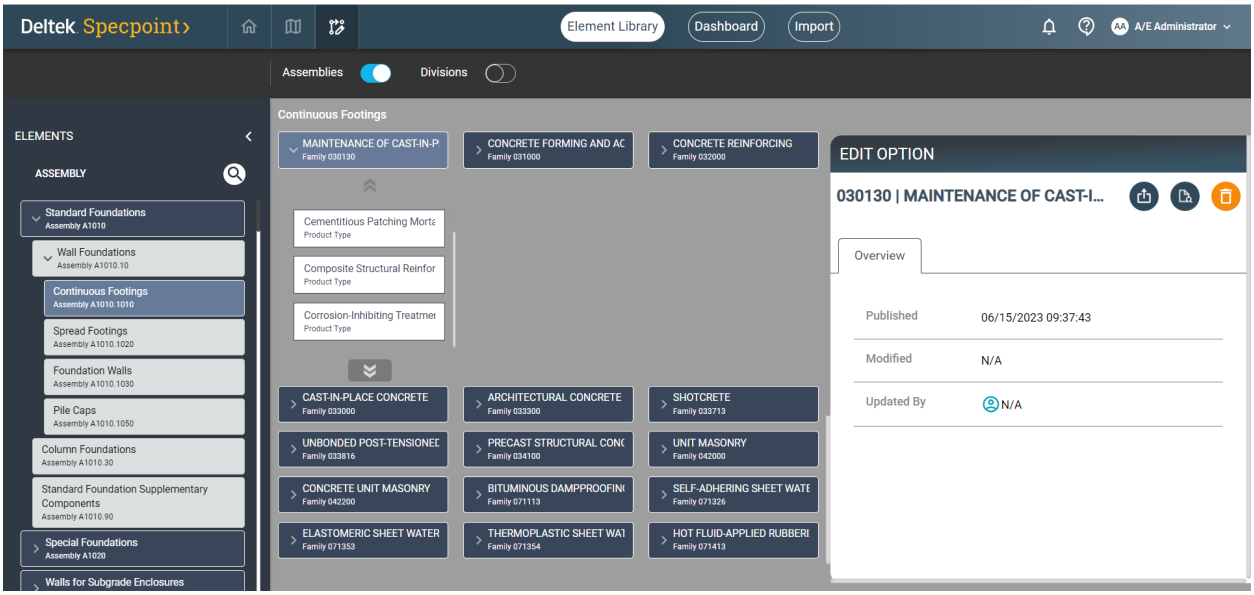
Specpoint limits access to the office master import features to only the office master access group. You can use this access group to allow only your firm’s experienced and qualified design professionals to import families from office masters into the element library. This enables you to control office master imports, which affect all your firm's projects.

Only administrators and authors can be part of your firm's office master access group. The office master access group does not have a user limit. On the User Management page, administrators can assign any number of your firm's eligible users as office master access group members.

Element Library

Use the element library to view and manage both MasterSpec elements and published office master elements, which your firm's projects use as baseline content within Specpoint.

The element library provides you with an inventory of all MasterSpec elements and all published office master elements. For your custom office master content, this allows you to see your approved proprietary families that are currently in use as well as the MasterSpec families that your office master families override.

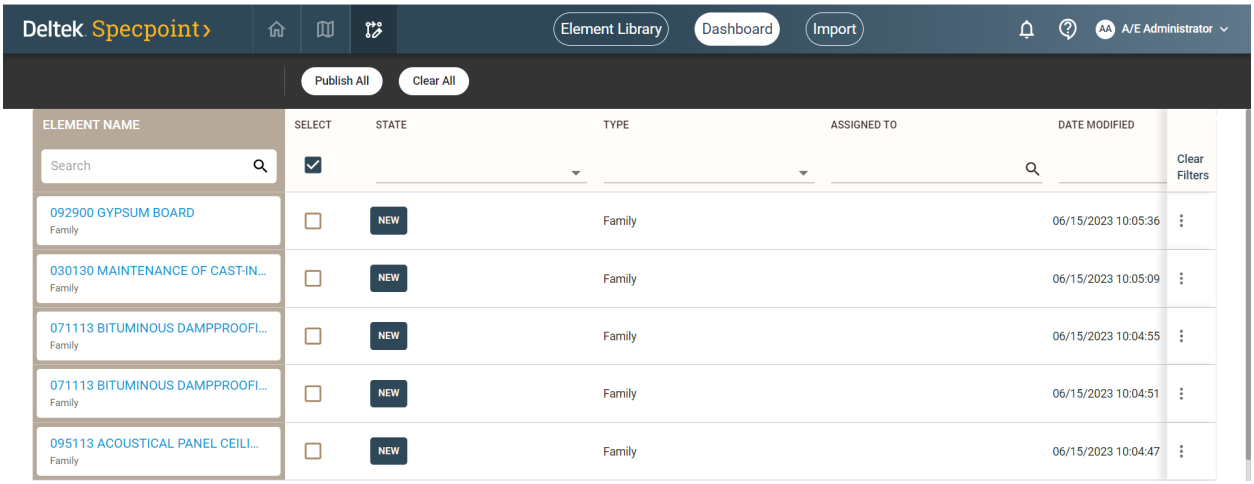


In the element library, the following features are available:

Feature	Description
View Options	These are options that enable you to work in the following views: ▪ **Assemblies** : Activate the Assembly view and use the UniFormat® content structure. ▪ **Divisions** : Activate the Divisions view and use the MasterFormat® content structure.
Elements Pane	This pane enables you to select an assembly or division element. This selection loads the assembly's families or the division's sections into the element library.
Families	This lists the available families/sections based on your selected assembly or division in the Elements pane. This includes both MasterSpec families and published office master families. When reviewing the available families, you can click a family to view its product types and related information.
Edit Option Pane	For the selected family, this pane displays the following information: ▪ **Published** ▪ **Modified** ▪ **Updated** This pane also provides you with the following options: ▪ **Export** ▪ **Delete**

Office Master Dashboard

Use this dashboard to publish imported office master families to the element library and to all your firm's projects. The office master dashboard displays unpublished imported office master families as pending work items.



After you import families from your custom office masters, you must publish these families to use them as the current baseline content in all your firm's projects. This dashboard serves as a layer of approval and finalization for imported families and prevents incorrect imports to spill to all your firm's projects.

Use this dashboard to perform the following actions:

- View all imported families and related information.
- Search for or filter imported families.
- Publish imported families.
- Delete imported families.

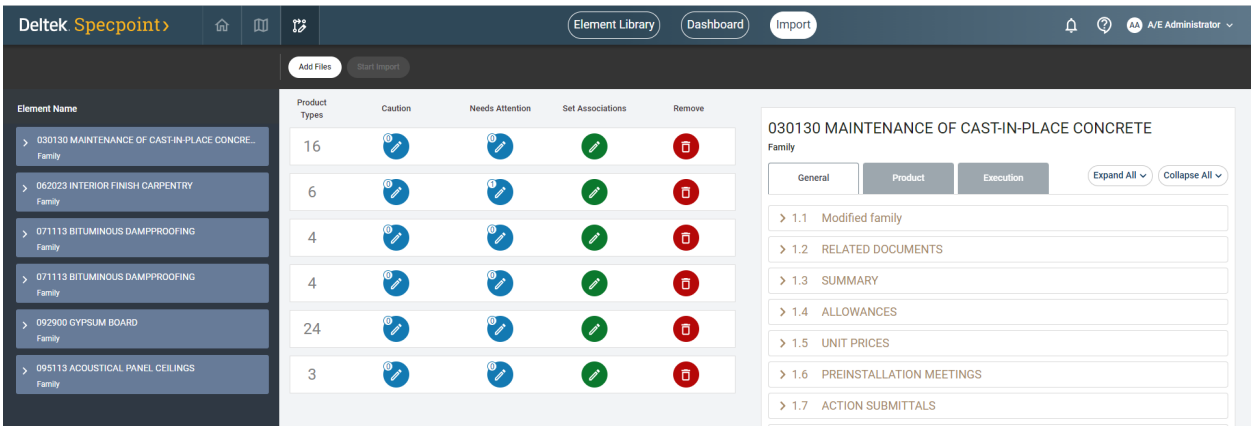
Office Master Import Page

Use this page to import custom content into your A/E firm's element library and office master dashboard. This page allows you to manage imported content, set associations, and preview uploaded content.

The Office Master Import page's features are similar to the Import page's on the project level, except that this page neither imports the file directly into a specific project nor limits the imported file for use in other projects. This similarity applies to all windows accessible from this page, such as:

- Caution Window
- Needs Attention Window
- Set Associations Window

To add the imported families into your projects, publish these families in the office master dashboard.



On this page, the following items are available:

Item	Description
Import Options	These are general options for importing families and product types.
Uploaded Elements Pane	This pane displays your uploaded and imported files, and previews information for each file, such as its family name, product types, date of import, caution items, and errors that need attention.
Import Preview Pane	This pane displays the articles and paragraphs of an uploaded office master family in a similar view to the project workspace.

Caution Window

You can use this window to review the minor issues within an uploaded office master family.

When you upload content that contains minor issues or deviations from the baseline content format, the Specpoint converter tags these issues as caution items. The Caution window provides you with a list of articles with warning items that you should revise in your uploaded content and re-upload to Specpoint. These revisions are recommended but not required.

You can also use this window to download a reference file for the family and see the differences in content through tracked changes.

Needs Attention Window

You can use this window to review the major errors within an uploaded office master family.

When you upload content that contains major issues or deviations from the baseline content format, the Specpoint converter tags these issues as error items. This window provides you with a list of articles with error items that you must revise in your uploaded content and re-upload to Specpoint. These revisions are required.

You can also use this window to download a reference file for the family and see the differences in content through tracked changes.

Set Associations Window

The Set Associations window displays all available assemblies, families, and product types in an element tree that is a representation of the element tree in the Project Elements pane of the project workspace.

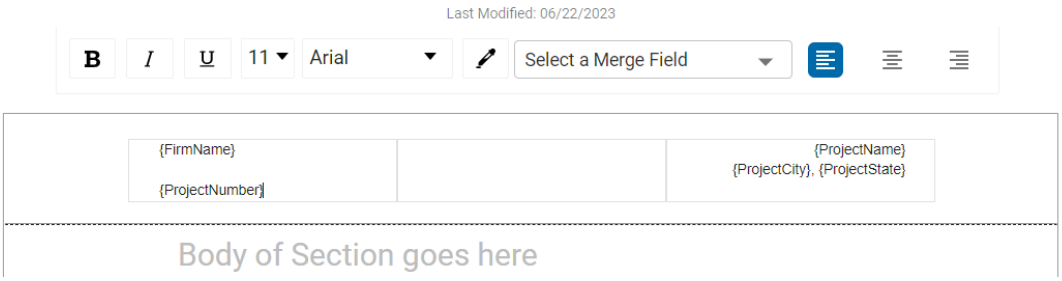
Use this window to select a lowest-level assembly element and set a target position for your imported family and/or product type. Specpoint will import the uploaded office master family and/or product types under the selected assembly.

Enhancements

This section includes summaries of the enhancements made to existing features in this release.

Entering New Header & Footer Lines

You can now create new lines in your header & footer templates by pressing ENTER. The header & footer editor of the Format page processes the ENTER key similar to other text processing applications.



For example:

- Press ENTER at the end of a line to create a new line below the current line.
- Press ENTER at the beginning of a line to push the current line down and create a new line above the current line.
- Press ENTER in the middle of a line to split the text of the line into two lines.
- Press BACKSPACE in an empty line to delete the line.

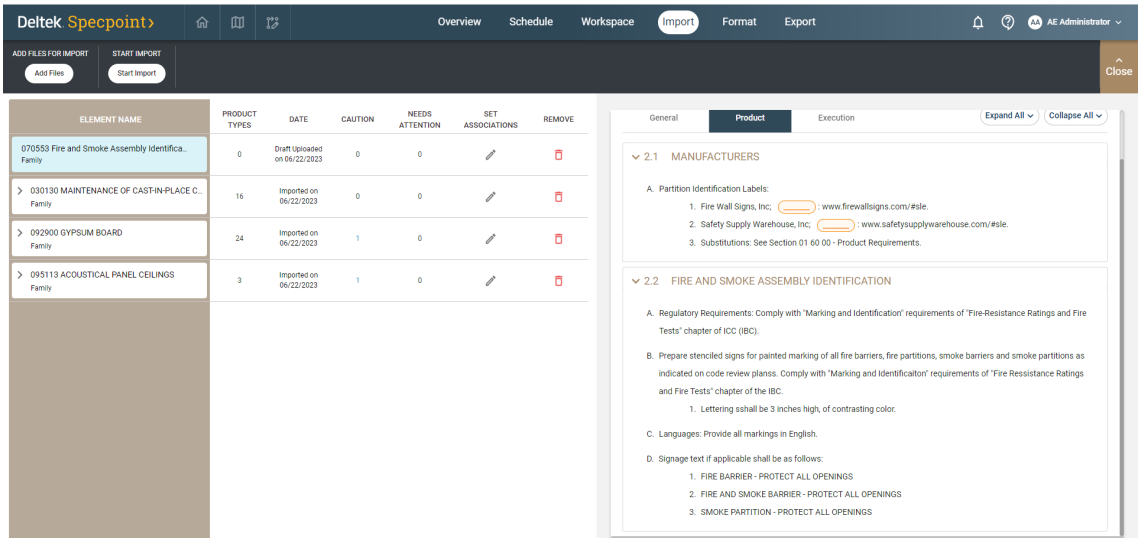
Software Issues Resolved

This section includes summaries of the resolved software issues in this release.

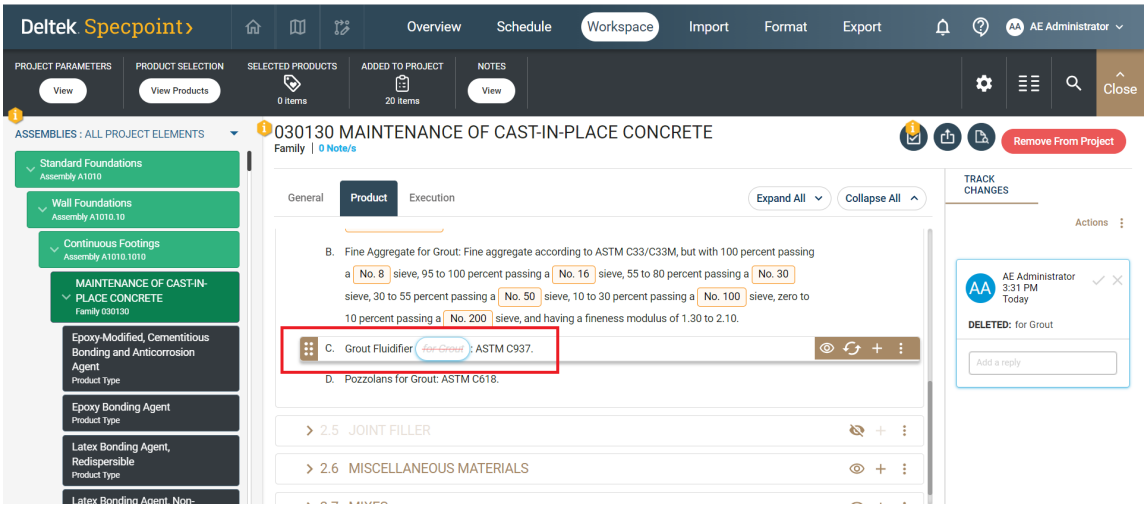
Content Issues with Project-Level Imports

Bug 1940661 and 1940727: Some families and product types that you imported at the project level included a combination of the following issues:

- The imported family or product type has missing content. Some content from the file were not available in the project workspace or any preview.



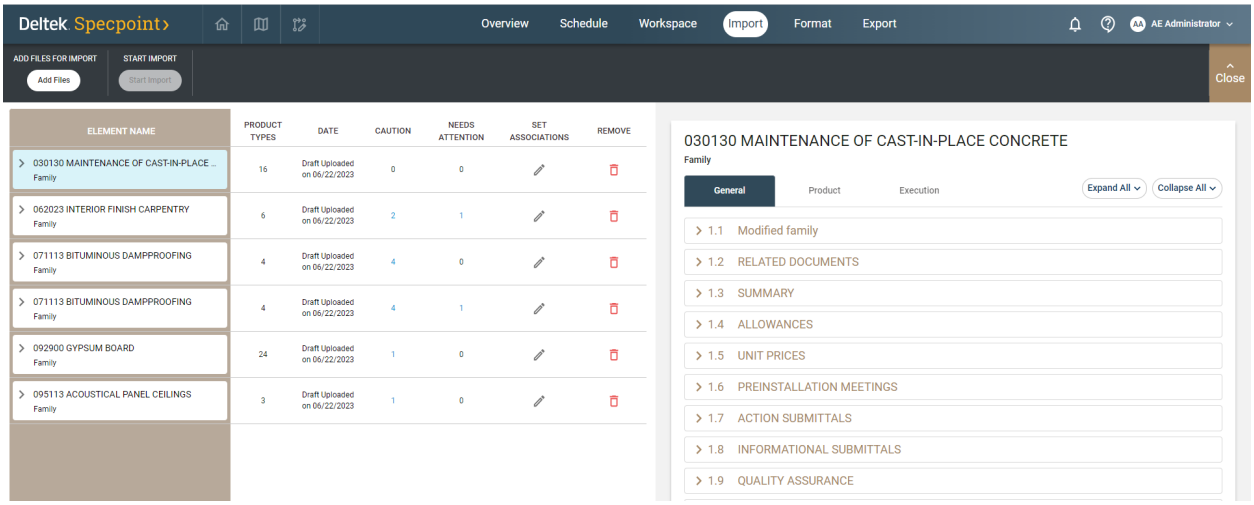
- You were unable to edit any content item, such as paragraphs and articles, in the imported element.
- You were unable to edit the property keys/titles of paragraphs in the imported family or product type.



You should be able to edit property keys of baseline content within an imported family or product type.

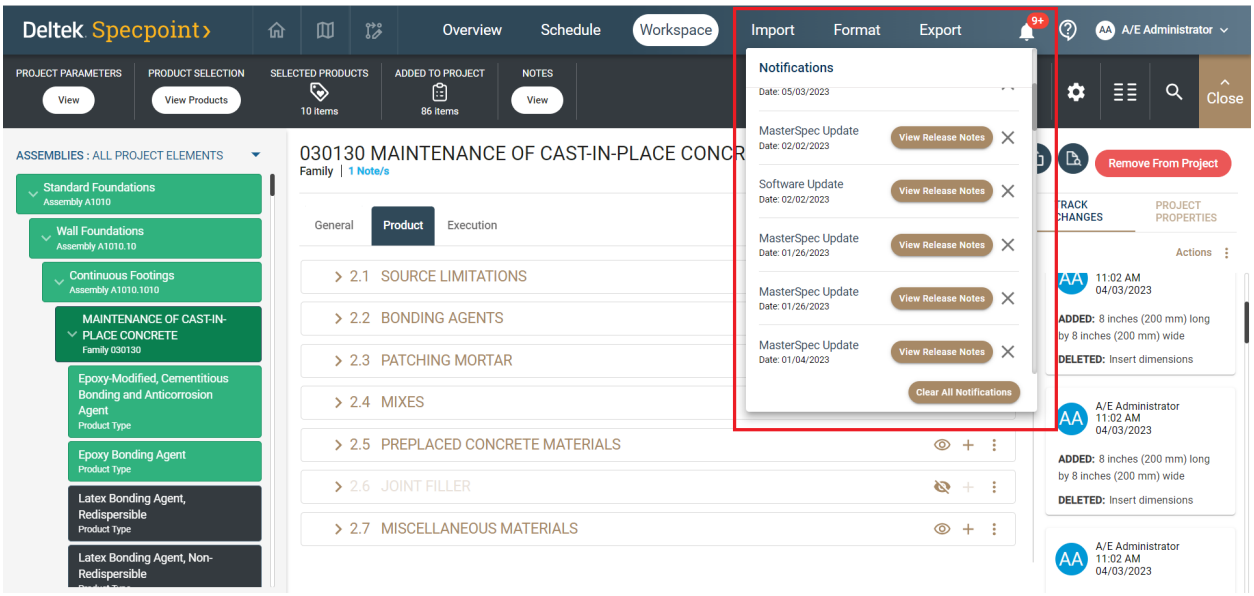
Incorrect Order for Imported Files

Bug 1940728: The Import page for a given project did not display the uploaded and imported families in the correct order. This page should display the families based on their family numbers.



MasterSpec Updates

Bug 1897514: When you clicked a notification item from the notification menu ( ), the platform opened a blank browser tab instead of a tab containing the correct document.



Appendix: For Additional Information

Specpoint Customer Assistance Program

To access Specpoint FAQ and training videos, register for the Specpoint Customer Assistance Program.

Deltek Support Center

The Deltek Support Center is a support website for Deltek customers who purchase an Ongoing Support Plan (OSP).

The following are some of the many options that the Deltek Support Center provides:

- Search for product documentation, such as release notes, install guides, technical information, online help topics, and white papers
- Ask questions, exchange ideas, and share knowledge with other Deltek customers through the Deltek Support Center Community
- Access Cloud-specific documents and forums
- Download the latest versions of your Deltek products
- Search Deltek's knowledge base
- Submit a support case and check on its progress
- Transfer requested files to a Deltek Customer Success analyst
- Subscribe to Deltek communications about your products and services
- Receive alerts of new Deltek releases and hot fixes
- Initiate a Chat to submit a question to a Deltek Customer Success analyst online

Attention: For more information regarding Deltek Support Center, refer to the online help available from the website.

Access Deltek Support Center

To access the Deltek Support Center:

1. Go to https://deltek.custhelp.com.
2. Enter your Deltek Support Center **Username** and **Password**.
3. Click **Login**.

Note: If you forget your username or password, you can click the **Need Help?** button on the login screen for help.

Available Documentation for this Release

The following table lists the Deltek documentation available for this release. Except where noted, all the user guides and quick reference guides listed in this table are available for download from the Deltek Support Center.

Document Name	Description
Deltek Specpoint 1.5 Cumulative Release Notes for A/E Users	These release notes are cumulative and contain a summary of the new features, enhancements, and resolved software issues in earlier releases or hotfixes.
Deltek Specpoint 1.0 Release Notes for A/E Users	These release notes contain a summary of the key features for the first release of Specpoint.
Deltek Specpoint Help for A/E Users	This guide contains descriptions of and procedural information about features included in Specpoint. You can access this guide from Specpoint's help menu.
Deltek Specpoint SaaS Administrator Guide	This guide contains descriptions of and procedural information about features that are available for administrators who are responsible for the initial activation and ongoing management of Specpoint.

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