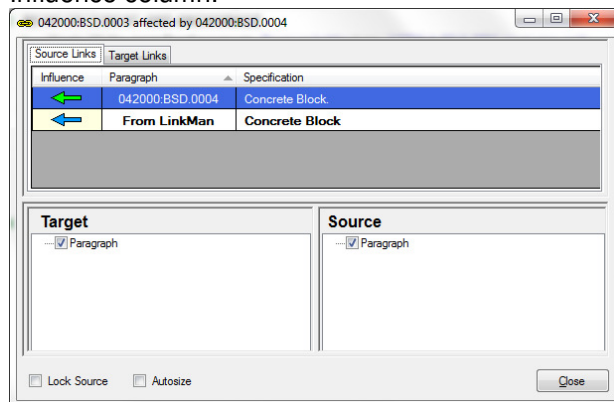


SpecLink-E:

- These notes are for version 4.0.4.0 SpecLink-E (winter 2011).

What has changed since SLE release 3.3.2.0**Changes to existing features:**

- The All Text Draft and the Master Text Only reports now display the selected choices with an underline. All choices still appear in italics, with the underlining added to the choice that is currently selected.
- If Print in Color is selected in the Print dialog box, the three draft reports now preview and print the choices in blue, green or red (for fill-ins).
- The strike-out function has been moved from the Styles dialog box to the Font group on the Format tab, and may be used on individual words or paragraphs.
- Server Maintenance has been moved to the SLE Support Utilities application. There is a new tab in the Support Utility called Maintenance from which the Server Maintenance may be started. This is available from a Standalone or Server installation. You may now schedule the time for the nightly Server maintenance. If you run any of the functions in SLE Support Utilities, the BSD Server will be automatically stopped and restarted when the function has completed.
- The Customer entered Project ID is now visible in the Open Project dialog box, as well as in the Delete Project dialog box. It is called Customer ID in this dialog box.
- Project Location is now available as a keyword in the Header/footer dialog box.
- The Printer Properties button has been removed from the Print Dialog box. You can now select Duplex and Collate from the SLE Print dialog box, when those are valid options for your selected printer.
- *Select All* has been added to the Unlock Documents dialog box.
- LinkMan-E links are now visible in the SLE Links dialog box. LME links have a blue arrow in the Influence column.



- Corporate users can now sort the users by column in the Assign System Roles dialog box, making it easier to find specific users.
- You will no longer be able to suppress the Update Reminder dialog box for projects that continue to have un-updated paragraphs in them.

Improvements

- Choices with fill-ins (blue or green) will now retain formatting (bolding, underlining, etc.) correctly.
- We have enabled Control+A as a way to select all lines in a header or footer, to copy it into another tab or to apply a different font. To select all lines in the header or footer, click somewhere in the header or footer and then hold the Control key and click on A. Use Control + C to copy all lines to the clipboard and then click on another tab, and use Control + V to paste all lines into the next tab.
- Corrected choices where commas were making the syntax incorrect.
- Resolved Hierarchy Lock issues when multiple users are working in the same project.

- Newly added user defined tags can now be applied immediately.
- We have re-enabled the Undo command after pasting paragraphs from Word or other applications.
- Verify Document Sequencing is now not available for a section if multiple windows are open for that section.
- Resolved an issue where Apply was not available when opening a non-updated project.
- Resolved an issue where some renamed sections were not appearing correctly in the Automated Table of Contents report.
- Corrected issue where the autonumbers did not appear in all Compare reports.
- Other miscellaneous anomalies have been addressed.
- The *Help* file has been updated to reflect changes in the software.

Please note:

- Service Pack 1 for SQL Server 2008 R2 is available. **We recommend that all users apply all important Windows updates on both server and client machines.**

Installation:

- Read the installation document, available on our [Download Center](#), before installing SpecLink-E. This application requires online registration using an Electronic Invoice ID (EID) to establish a connection for Internet-based data updating of your Master database. To receive an EID via e-mail, contact Technical Support at support@bsdsoftlink.com or 1-800-266-7732.
- Do not perform this update installation while others are using the software.
- The Update Installation makes a backup of all databases as part of the installation.

Hardware and Software Requirements

- SpecLink-E runs on 32-bit and 64-bit Microsoft Windows environments on Intel-based personal computers. The hardware and software requirements to operate the software are listed below.
- As with any Windows-based application, faster system components and more system memory enable faster performance.
- The speed of the server disk drive is important since the server portion of SpecLink-E is based on a relational database.
- Use of a higher resolution video card and monitor enables more information to be displayed on the screen.
- Printers with higher resolution typically do a better job of printing your specifications and often print faster as well.
- An Internet connection is required for all installations.

Recommended server configuration

- Intel-compatible dual- or quad-core processor, 2 GHz or better
- Windows™ Server 2008 or Windows 2003 Server
- 4 GB of memory available to SLE, with one or more high performance disk drives
- 10 GB minimum available disk space
- XGA or higher resolution monitor
- DVD reader (Corporate Edition only)

Note: A preferred server platform would use a 64-bit operating system, 8 GB of RAM, and a quad core or equivalent processor.

Recommended client configuration

- Intel-compatible processor, 2 GHz or better
- Windows™ 7, Vista or XP
- 2 GB of RAM or more
- 1 GB of available disk space

- XGA or higher resolution monitor
- Laser printer
- Internet Explorer 8.0 or higher

Recommended laptop or standalone configuration (which will run both server and client applications)

- Intel-compatible processor, 2 GHz or better
- Windows™ 7, Vista or XP
- 4 GB or more RAM
- 10 GB minimum available disk space
- XGA or higher resolution monitor
- Laser printer
- Internet Explorer 8.0 or higher

Note: A preferred server platform would use a 64-bit operating system, 8 GB of RAM, and a dual core or equivalent processor.

Ways to get started:

1. Watch the 5-part SpecLink-E demo, available on the DVD browser and on-line at http://www.bsdssoftlink.com/speclink/sle_demo/sle_demo.htm.
2. Sign up for an online webinar by emailing support@bsdssoftlink.com.
3. Review the Help file, available from within the software (press F1).
4. Review the written documentation, available in PDF format from the DVD and online.

Notes on Copy from SpecLink+:

- You can Copy from SpecLink+ any SpecLink+ project that has been opened in the SpecLink+ Fall 2004 version or later. We recommend that you also update these projects, but this is not mandatory. See below for information on Copying from SpecLink+ non-updated SpecLink+ projects. Note that you do not need to have a SL+ license to install the current SL+ version and update projects.
- **Copy from SpecLink+ can be a lengthy process. It is best to perform this function when no one else is using the software.**
- If your SpecLink+ project has never been switched to MasterFormat 2004, *Copy from SpecLink+* will automatically do that for you (leaving your SpecLink+ project intact). If you have user-added sections that were added in the MasterFormat 95 hierarchy, those sections will be brought into your SpecLink-E project in the *Unassigned Sections* folder in the Front End tab.

Notes on Update with Projects copied from SpecLink+:

Every effort has been made to ensure that your SpecLink+ project prints exactly the same in SpecLink-E as it did in SpecLink+, even though the master versions of unused text will be updated.

If your SpecLink+ project has not been updated to the latest edition of SpecLink+, you will not be able to automatically delete removed master paragraphs, or subsequently use the updating tools like "Update Publication References," "Update Manufacturer References," or "Compare to Master." In addition, updates other than new paragraphs will not be marked in rust for easy identification. All the new and old data is still there, but the longer it has been since the project was updated, the longer it will take to review the pending changes. Therefore, in projects that you want to keep up-to-date with the BSD master -- such as ongoing projects or "office masters" -- **we highly recommend that you update your project in SpecLink+ winter 2011/2012 before copying it into SpecLink-E.**

If the project has not been updated to the latest edition of SpecLink+, the "Copy from SpecLink+" function will perform an update process like the SpecLink+ update process, with the following exceptions:

- Older master paragraphs that did not have a user-modification will now consist of a user-modified master paragraph with the old text as the user modification over the new master text. These will not be marked in rust -- they will be identifiable only by their blue user-modified icon. (If an older master paragraph DOES have a user-modification, the user text will be inserted as a new paragraph below the original paragraph. The original paragraph will now show the current master text and will be marked in rust as a new paragraph.)

Some examples are:

- Reference standards citations that have changed since your last update.
 - Manufacturer name listings that have changed since your last update.
 - Other text modifications since your last update.
- Deleted master paragraphs will be converted to user paragraphs as usual, but will not be marked in rust. If they were selected in the project, they will still be selected, and vice versa. However, they will now be highlighted by an olive green color in the status columns for your review of their continuing relevance.
 - Updates consisting of new paragraphs or new sections will be added to the project but not automatically selected, as usual. New paragraphs will be marked in rust.
 - Deleted master sections will be converted to user sections, as usual.
 - For more details about how the updating process works, please see the Help topic "Update Project to Current Master."

Errors, problems, miscellaneous:

- If you have any projects that will not Copy from SpecLink+ to SpecLink-E, make sure you have opened them in the Fall 2004 version of SpecLink+ or later. If you still have problems, please e-mail them to us at support@bsdsoftlink.com. See Notes on Update above.
- If the *Document Hierarchy*, *Project Templates*, or *Summary Info* dialog box gets locked, you can unlock it by using the *Unlock Documents* function in the *System Manager* group on the Tools tab.
- If you have problems opening or printing a section, or if you have any difficulty in selecting text affected by an update, check in all open sections and use *Verify Document Sequencing* on the Tools tab.
- If you are having trouble of any kind, call BSD Tech Support at 800-266-7732.

SpecLink-E will not support:

1. MasterFormat 95
2. Meter Mode
3. Linking to Word documents
4. Copying PerSpective and Short Form data to SpecLink-E