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We Have a Blog!

Just one version of the truth ... please!

Posted on January 3, 2013 by Dennis Stroud



One of the most ubiquitous documents in a Construction office is the common spreadsheet. Spreadsheets are used for everything: estimating, budgets, forecast, tracking of submittal – production statistics – performance metrics and other types of critical events and data, and even used to create Pay Applications and invoicing ... and this is just the tip of the iceberg.

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It is no surprise why the spreadsheet is popular. The functionality of modern spreadsheet applications empowers even the novice users to develop effective tools to apply to specific

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sfPMS V4.3 Compatibility

If you are thinking of upgrading to sfPMS V4.3, consider that V4.3 is compatible with the following:

Server

- Microsoft .NET 4.5 and IIS7 for IIS (Windows 2008 or later required) on web server.

Client

- **Windows Workstation**
 - Internet Explorer Version 8 (or higher) with a Java plug-in, or Google Chrome
 - Acrobat Reader Version 8 (or higher)
 - Windows XP (SP3), Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8
- **Windows Workstation with Spitfire/Microsoft Office Integration**
 - Internet Explorer Version 8 (or higher) with a Java plug-in
 - Acrobat Reader Version 8 (or higher)
 - Microsoft Office 2007 or Office 2010 16-bit (Word, Excel, and Tools: Document Imaging/Scanning)
 - Windows XP (SP3), Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8
 - .NET 3.5 and .NET 4 Full
- **Android or iPad Tablets**
 - Google Chrome Browser

INBOX							
Description	DocNo	Type	Project	Due	Status	Company	Priority
Changed Lateral Size and Spec's	1001	RFI	GC-003	5/9/2014	Open	Able Electric Corp	High
Able Electric	AB01	Vendor	-	11/21/2015	Open	Able Electric	Low

PROJECT LIST							
Select	Project Name	Location	Description	Start	Completion	Status	Schedule
	City Hall Renovation GC-006	121 N La Salle St Chicago, IL 60602 (map)	This set of existing buildings was renovated including seismic, mechanical, electrical and inside renovations. Includes a...	4/10/2012	11/30/2012	Completion	On Schedule
	Fabrikam Manufacturing Facility GC-005	3500 Lemay Avenue St. Louis, MO 63118 (map)	Acme completed the build out of 32,000 SF of space containing 20,000 SF of raised floor with technology in floor...	4/9/2012	2/25/2013	Buildout	Ahead of Schedule
	Western Plaza GC-004	400 Pine Street Seattle, WA 98101 (map)	Acme recently completed the approximately 608,403 SF three level, Western Plaza mixed use project. Located...	2/7/2012	1/15/2013	Awarded	On Schedule
	Palms Shopping Center GC-007	3300 E Expressway 83 McAllen, TX 78501 (map)	This multiple phased project expanded the existing mall from 1 million SF to 1.3 million SF while in operation. Includes...	1/11/2012	12/19/2012	Punchlisting	Minor Delay

New Rules in V4.3

The following rules have been added to sfPMS V4.3:

BudgetConfig | NetZero:subtype (See [KBA-01176](#))

This rule specifies (yes/no) whether budget revisions should be prevented from posting unless it is a net zero change to the project. In other words, if you want only net zero budget changes to be posted, you would set this rule to .

DocCopyConfig | AttendeeFilter

DocCopyConfig | AttributeFilter (See [KBA-01530](#))

These rules indicate which Attendee or Attribute rows on a document (if any) to copy to a new document. You can indicate no rows, all rows or only certain marked rows.

ProjectConfig | BMapFrom

ProjectConfig | BMapStart

ProjectConfig | BMapLen (See [KBA-01536](#))

These rules are used for advanced team mapping by indicating where to map from (PROJECT, DIVISIONID or CUSTOMERID), the starting position in the “map from” and how many characters to extract. This information is used with the following ProjectTeam rule.

ProjectTeam | BMapValue (See [KBA-01536](#))

This rule takes the result of the **ProjectConfig | BMap** rules (above) and associates that with a specific email address of a contact to be added to a project team list. For example, *useremail* could be associated with projects that start with a **GC** Project ID so that the contact with *useremail* will be added to the team list of all projects that start with **GC**.

RouteConfig | ImpliedResponse:x (See [KBA-01391](#))

This rule specifies the ResponseCode that should be used automatically as the Rsp on a route row with no manually selected Rsp, when the route row status is changed to the indicated Route Status. In other words, you can have Spitfire automatically change the Rsp to **Approved** when the route status is changed to **Responded**.

Rule Group	Filter Info	Type	Description
RouteConfig	DocTypeKey	String	Allows customization of routing options

RULE ENTRIES

RULE NAME: i
 WARNINGS ONLY
 DOC TYPE: SITE ONLY

AutoStage	Rule	Filter Value	Result Value
	ImpliedResponse:A		A

CODE SET

SET NAME LIKE: []

Set Name	Set Type	Flag
RouteStatus	RouteStatusList	OnAdd

SET NAME: RouteStatus
 CODE LIKE: []
 DESCR LIKE: []
 DOC TYPE:

Code	Description	OnAdd
A	Responded	X

CODE SET

SET NAME LIKE: ResponseCode

Set Name	Set Type
ResponseCode	DocTypeSubcodes

SET NAME: ResponseCode
 CODE LIKE: []
 DESCR LIKE: []
 DOC TYPE:

Doc Type	Code	Description
	0	Approved

Spitfire Q&A: Assembled PDF Output

Q: I have a number of files that I want assembled into one PDF file so I can print it out. I used to use the Output to PDF option to do this, but since upgrading, cannot find this option anymore. How else can I do this?

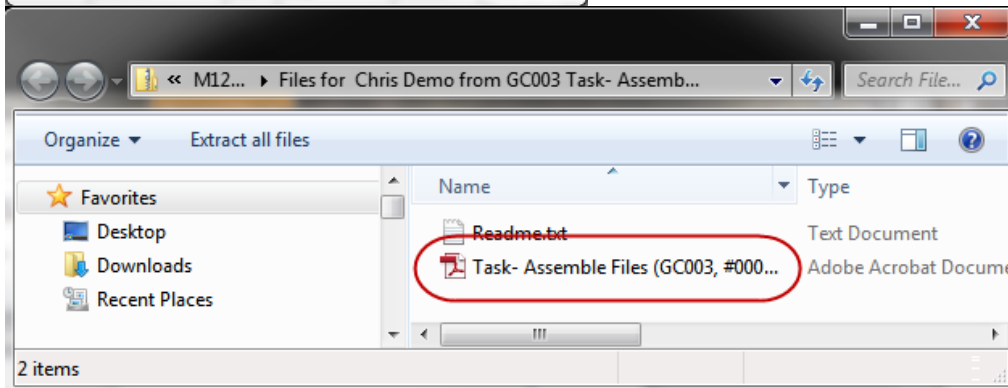
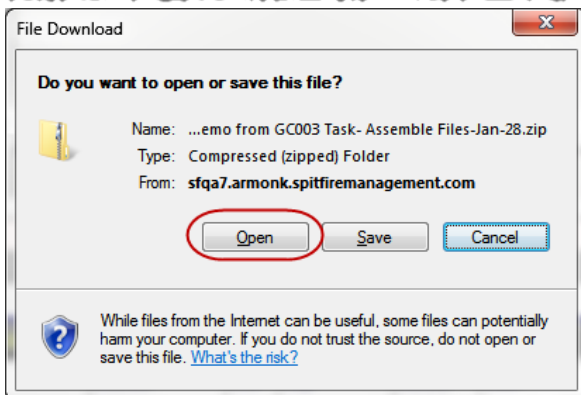
A: The Output to PDF option was retired in sfPMS V4.2. You can still get the results you want, however:

1. Create or use a document, such as Task.
2. Attach all the files that you want in your output to this document.
3. Change all the Incl options to **Assemble**:

Attachments		Route Detail			
	Name	Size	Note	Item	Incl
	Floor12.jpg	456KB			Assemble
	Floor2.jpg	136KB			Assemble
	Floor21.jpg	316KB			Assemble
	Safety OSHA Notice # 1243.doc	345KB			Assemble

4. Route the document to someone. You can route the document to yourself.
Note: if you route the document to yourself, close and reopen the document.
5. You can now use the “view routed content” icon to view and print the assembled PDF file.

Attachments		Route Detail		
	Seq	To	Status	Ins
	1	Chris Demo (Superintendent)	Responded	
	2	Chris Demo (Superintendent)	Pending	



Have You Read?

The following guide has been updated for sPMS V4.3 since January 1:

[Overview Guide](#)

[Focus on Batch Processing](#)

Tweets and Retweets

Tweets

The screenshot shows a Twitter feed with several tweets. The top tweet is from Spiffire Management (@sPMS) asking if users are relying on email too much. Below it is a tweet from ReedConstructionData (@ReedConstData) about law firms. Then a tweet from AECOM (@aecom) about a HINT tool. Next is a tweet from Spiffire Management (@sPMS) about LEED news. Then another from ReedConstructionData (@ReedConstData) about union membership. Then a tweet from ConstructionExecutiv (@ConstructionMag) about cost control. Then another from ReedConstructionData (@ReedConstData) about a survey. The bottom tweet is from Spiffire Management (@sPMS) about a photo gallery of construction workers.

Follow @sPMS on Twitter!

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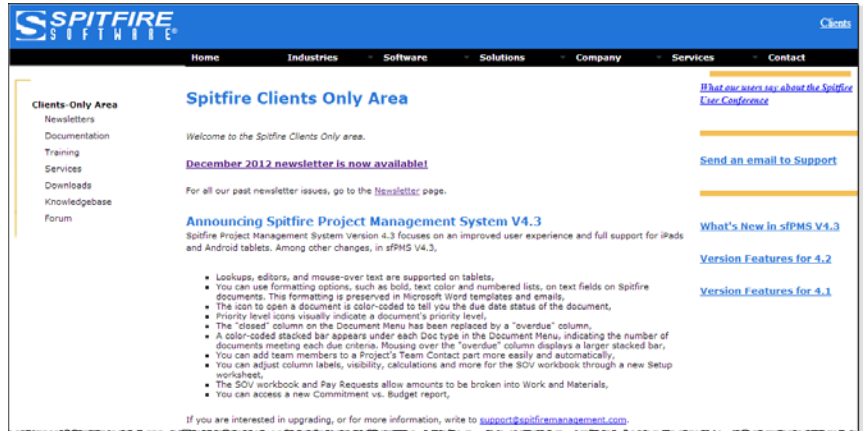
training@spitfiremanagement.com

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Your Clients Area



The [Clients area on our website](#) includes links to our [documentation](#), our [Knowledgebase](#), our [forum](#), our [downloads](#), and a list of what's new in versions [4.1](#), [4.2](#) and [4.3](#).



You will need your login and password to get to the Clients area. If you need or have forgotten your login and password, contact support@spitfiremanagement.com.

Training Classes and Videos

We offer live training classes by appointment for those who request them. Training class descriptions are available from the Clients area of our [website](#).

We also offer training videos from [the client area of our website](#) for those who want to review various topics.

Training Video Library

Aside from, and corresponding with, our live training, we offer a series of training videos that can be accessed 24/7. These videos are particularly useful for those who need to refresh their memory about a specific topic, or for new employees at companies that are already using the Spitfire Project Management System and who need general instruction before learning the specifics at their site.

There is no limit to how many people can access or view any video at one time, nor is there a limit to how many times any video can be viewed. Click on a header tab below to select a video in that series.

Basic Navigation Series [Foundation]

This series is a must for anyone who has not yet used or seen the Spitfire Project Management System (sPMS).

- **101A - Basic Navigation Part 1**, [6:08 min]
How to log in to Spitfire, change your password and access written documentation.
- **101B - Basic Navigation Part 2**, [2:56 min]
An introduction to the Watchdog Alerts part of the Home Dashboard.
- **101C - Basic Navigation Part 3**, [6:59 min]
An introduction to the Inbox and to Spitfire documents, and how to open a document and remove it from the Inbox.
- **101D - Basic Navigation Part 4**, [9:21 min]
How to get to a Project Dashboard and create a new document. Also, an introduction to fields (look-ups, drop-downs and dates) and popEdit.
- **101E - Basic Navigation Part 5**, [5:25 min]
An introduction to the Add Files tool and how to attach files to a document. Also, how to log out.
- **101F - Basic Navigation Part 6**, [7:29 min]
How to create a new Project Setup document from the Home Dashboard and an introduction to the Addr, Dates and Items tabs.
- **101G - Basic Navigation Part 7**, [7:14 min]
An introduction to the Team Contact part of the Project Dashboard including how to add new team members to the project.
- **101H - Basic Navigation Part 8**, [7:11 min]
An introduction to the parts of the Project Dashboard: Conditions, Remarks, Photo, KPI, Cost Analysis Details and Files.

Documents, Items and Route Series [Foundation]