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Note*: where applicable features mentioned in this newsletter are available in 4.3.4894.*

Announcement: SQL Server 2005

Version 4.3 will be the last version of Spitfire Project Management System that supports SQL Server 2005.

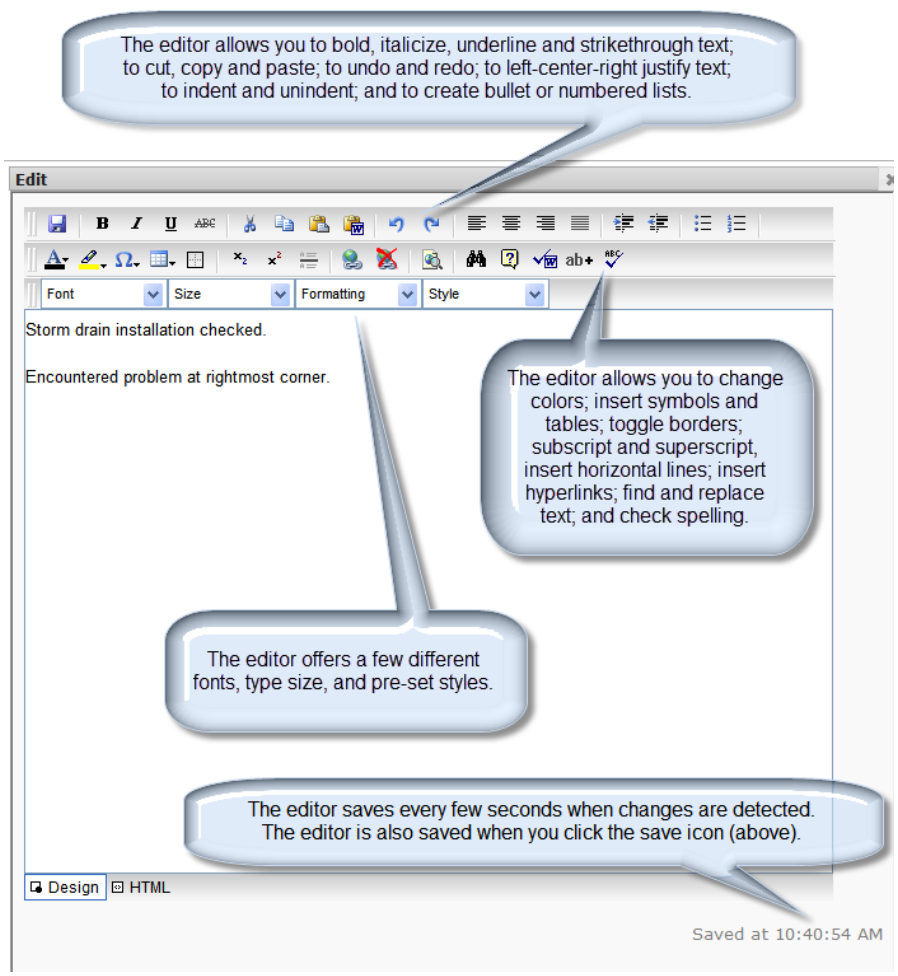
Microsoft mainstream support for SQL Server 2005 ended in April 2011, but Spitfire Management made the decision to continue supporting SQL Server 2005 through version 4.3.

With new versions of sfPMS under development, we encourage our users who use SQL Server 2005 to plan an upgrade to a newer version of SQL Server (such as SQL Server 2012).

Microsoft SQL Server 2012

Feature Spotlight: New Text Editor

sfPMS V4.3 has a new text editor, accessed through the icon. (This new editor replaces both the popEdit and the ZoomEdit functionality in previous versions.)



Improvement to Item Grid View

On some Doc types, Items need only a few fields of information. It is now easier than ever to enter this information.

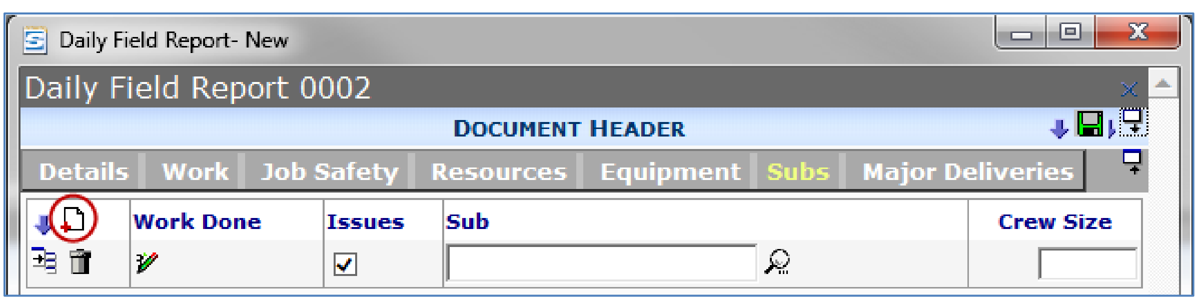
When Items are properly configured in the Customization tool to use Quick Edit (see KBA-01112 and KBA-01336), fields can be edited directly in grid view. With the addition of the **DocItemConfig | ExpandWhenAdded** rule, Items can remain in grid view to facilitate editing..

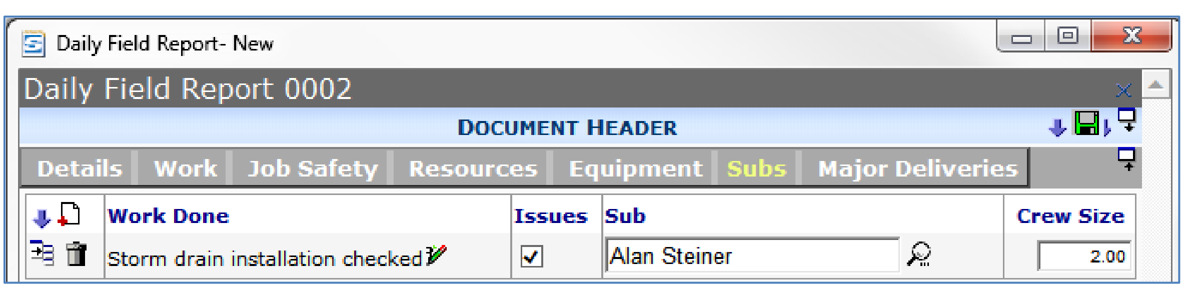
The Setup

The default for the **ExpandWhenAdded** rule is ✓, which means "expand the Item in order to enter Item details." When you set the result value to ✕ (blank), it means "allow the Item to stay in grid view." In the example below, Daily Field Report documents are set to allow Items to remain in grid view when being added and edited:

The Result

When you click to add a new Item (here relabeled **Sub**), the new Item will appear in grid view. The fields that appear in grid view (as established through the Customization tool) are now input fields. The can be used to enter the text for the **Work Done** field:





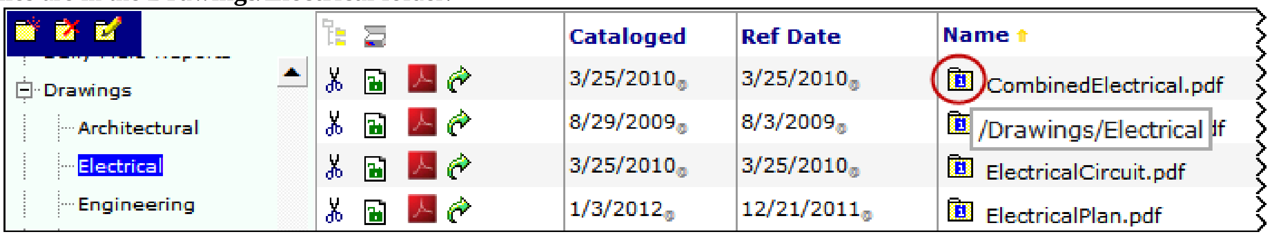
Note: you can still get to Detail view, if you want, by clicking as usual.

Spitfire Q&A: File Folders

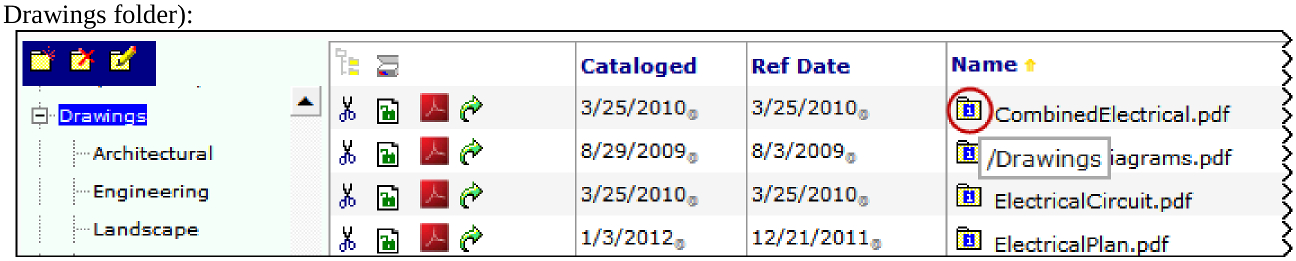
Q: If I place files in folders in the Catalog, do the files get deleted when I delete the folder?

A: No. Files that are in a first-level folder remain in the Catalog (just not in any folder) when that folder is deleted. If the files are in a sub-folder, they get moved up to the next level folder when the sub-folder is deleted. For example,

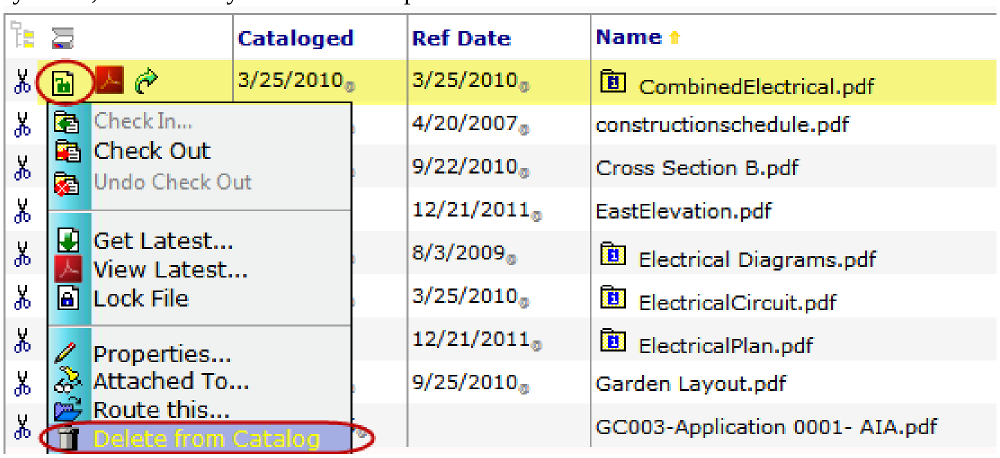
Files are in the **Drawings/Electrical** folder:



If the Electrical folder is deleted (through the icon), the files are moved to the **Drawings** folder (after you click the Drawings folder):



To delete a file, you must select the **Delete from Catalog** choice from the files drop-down menu. If the option does not appear or is grayed out, that means you do not have permission to delete the file.



Q: I renamed a file folder on my project, but see that that change appears on all my projects. How can I make it rename just the folder on one project?

A: sfPMS has only one file catalog. The File part that you see on a Project Dashboard is a pointer to the full catalog, filtered by project. Think of it as a view of the Catalog with only the files pertaining to the project. Changes made to the Catalog apply to all views of the Catalog. Whether you make a change at the Catalog Dashboard or at a Project Dashboard, that change is system-wide. For this reason, we recommend that careful thought be given to the folder names and structure for the whole site (because all projects will have the same exact folders) and that only a few people be given permission to rename, add or delete folders (because a change made for one project will affect all projects).

Have You Read?

The following guides and other documentation have been updated for sfPMS V4.3 since May 1:

Focus on the BFA Workbook

Focus on Budgets and Period Distribution

Focus on Forecast and Analysis

Focus on System Administration

TWP: *The BFA Report Tool*

TWP: *Bid Package – RFQ Processing*

TWP: *Change Order Management*

TWP: *Spitfire's Import Utility Tool*

TWP: *Viewing Changes Through sfChest*

Your Clients Area

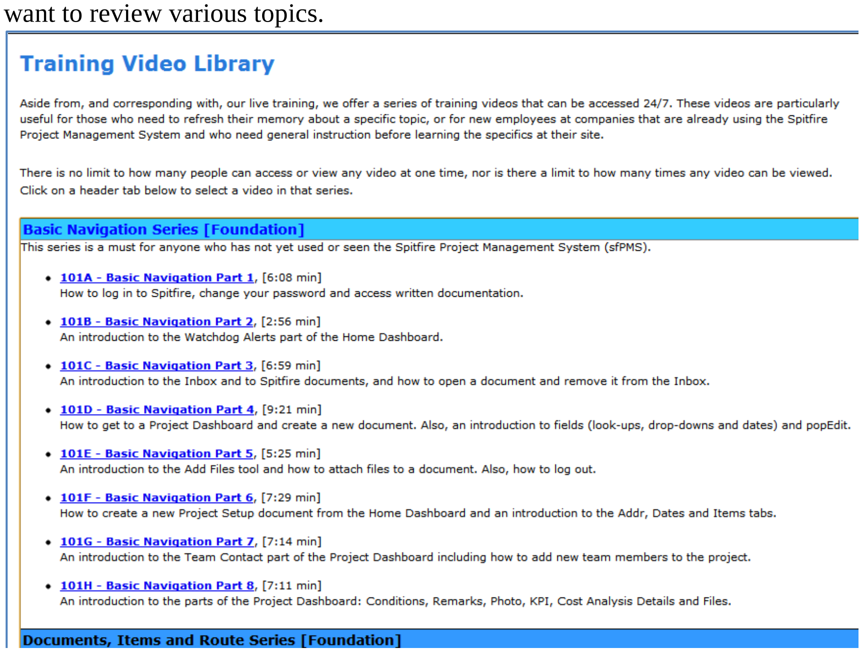
The Clients area on our website includes links to our documentation, our Knowledgebase, our forum, our downloads, and a list of what's new in versions 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3.

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.



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