

# Success Estimator v. 8.1: Release Notes

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Each release of Success Estimator contains numerous additional features, product enhancements, and bug fixes, and the latest major release is no exception. Many of the new tools and enhancements have come directly from user feedback and have been incorporated to maintain Success Estimator's status as an industry leading cost management tool. Below is a listing of the improvements current users of Success Estimator will notice in the latest version, 8.1:

## New Features

- ❑ **Success Report Writer** – The Success Report Writer is a new feature that allows users to create customized reports and data exports to Microsoft Excel workbooks. Report by Resources, Adjustments, DIAs and group by any number of fields for detailed reports that really tell the story of your project. Additionally, use any existing report built with the tool as a template for future reports.
- ❑ **Worksheet Quantity Tools** – The Worksheet Quantity Tools (one is for DIA quantities, the other for WBS Folder quantities) allow users to create dynamic quantities that are tied to Excel-like worksheet functionality. This allows users to create formulas or calculate a quantity, for a Tree Level or a DIA, based on existing Excel data. Each DIA or WBS Folder can contain its own quantity-driving worksheet.
- ❑ **OnScreen Takeoff (OST) Tool** – Success Estimator now includes a fully integrated tool that enables a connection with OnCenter's industry-leading OnScreen Takeoff (OST) application. This tool allows users to create a takeoff list from OST and map each item to a corresponding item in a cost library to quickly create a detailed estimate. The OST Tool is built into Success Estimator and requires no additional purchase or installation for users of OnScreen Takeoff.

- ❑ **Branch Coding Tool** – Success Estimator now also includes a tool which allows users to quickly code a field for all DIAs in a particular branch of a project. This tool allows users to quickly enter a value for a field and have that field fill all values (or all blank values, at the user's choice) in the branch with the selected code or value.
- ❑ **CSI-16 to CSI-48 Conversion Macro** – Success Estimator now includes a macro to enable users to successfully convert projects containing 16-division CSI data to 48-division data.

## Enhancements

- ❑ **Spell-Checking on Notes** – Success Estimator now has an integrated spelling check feature on all Notes in the system. This makes for clearer, more professional presentation of all project documents generated from the Estimate.
- ❑ **Intelligent "Paste" Functionality** – Previously, pasting copied data from Microsoft Excel was a bit of a rigor in Success Estimator. Blank rows had to be created, and the size of the grid being pasted into Success had to be of an accommodating size and dimension. Any copied set of cells can now be pasted cleanly into a Success Estimator grid without having to create new blank rows.



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- ❑ **Enhanced Assemblies Search in the Cost Item Browser** – The updated Cost Item Browser allows users to more easily search cost libraries for component assemblies by removing the DIA panel from the interface. This allows users to ignore the details of the assembly for the search and focus on the composite that is sought.
- ❑ **Enhanced GUI for Task Pane** – The Success Estimator Task Pane has been streamlined for enhanced access to the tools contained within. Additionally, the Task Pane features enhanced scrolling for easier usability.
- ❑ **Enhanced Connectivity with Data Tables via ODBC** – Restrictions that previously existed when trying to connect to a Success Estimator project's data tables have been resolved.
- ❑ **R&R Report Writer Runtime Upgraded to Version 12.5** – This is the latest release of the R&R Report Writer runtime.

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