

Results for: SLE Webinar (January 9, 2008) Follow-Up Survey

1) What was your overall impression of the new software?

	Percentage	Responses
This looks great. I can't wait to start using it.	55.8	53
It's still a little rough around the edges but I like it.	21.1	20
It was a little confusing to me with all the new stuff.	6.3	6
I don't see sufficient reason to upgrade to the new software	1.1	1
I am undecided at this time.	5.3	5
Other	10.5	10
	Total responses:	95

2) Have you used Microsoft Office 2007 with Ribbon Bar menus (Word, Outlook, PowerPoint)?

	Percentage	Responses
Yes	29.5%	28
No	70.5%	67
	Total responses:	95

3) What is your reaction to the new Office 2007-style Ribbon Bar menu system in SpecLink-E?

	Percentage Responses	
I like the look and feel; looks like a good menu system	22.1	21
It will take some getting used to but it seems intuitive	40.0	38
It's really immaterial to me. I'll learn it.	26.3	25
Why do we have to switch to a new menu system?	2.1	2
I really don't like it. I think it's all about marketing.	1.1	1
Other	8.4	8
	Total responses:	95

4) System-level User roles let you control access to the SpecLink system and features. How important is this to you?

	Percentage Responses	
I'm very interested in using Roles to limit access.	20.0	19
I may use this in the future.	23.2	22
I don't know. I'll have to wait and see.	22.1	21
I'll probably never use this.	26.3	25
I don't understand the User Roles concept.	2.1	2

Other	6.3	6
Total responses:		95

5) Project-level User Roles let you assign different roles for a user on different projects. How important is this to you?

	Percentage Responses	
Project-level roles are what I need. Roles are not much good to me without this.	11.6	11
Project-level roles would be helpful but not critical.	23.2	22
Project-level roles could be delayed until a second release and I wouldn't mind.	20.0	19
I'll probably never use this.	32.6	31
I don't understand the Project Roles concept.	5.3	5
Other	7.4	7
Total responses:		95

6) Document Templates let you define and assign different formatting styles for individual Sections as well as a default for the whole project. What did you think of what you saw in the demo?

	Percentage Responses	
The template approach looked great. I can really use this.	34.7	33
This could be a help at times. I'll have to try it.	26.3	25

I just need to be able to set one style for the whole project.	32.6	31
I didn't understand what I saw in the presentation.	0.0	0
I must have missed this – I don't remember seeing it.	1.1	1
Other	5.3	5
	Total responses:	95

7) SLE features a new way of updating the specifications content delivered by the SpecLink subscription that includes transparently updating the SpecLink Master over the Internet in off-hours without intervention by the System Manager. What do you think of this?

	Percentage Responses	
That sounds great. We would really like to be free of the quarterly updating chore.	43.2	41
I think that would work if I can specify the timeframe for the content downloading from the Internet.	16.8	16
I'm a little worried that I lose control of my Master database updating process.	12.6	12
We don't allow this type of automatic updating through our firewall. You must provide a CD or allow me to manually download.	9.5	9
I want to stay with the quarterly updates that I have to install.	1.1	1
Other	16.8	16
	Total responses:	95

8) In SpecLink-E projects will be automatically marked on screen when and where there is a pending update. You will decide when and how many of the updates to accept on each project. What do you think of this?

	Percentage	Responses
That would be excellent.	45.3	43
If there was a way to hide the marks until I was ready to think about updating I would like this approach.	30.5	29
It sounds good but even though they don't print or interfere, I don't like the update marks appearing in my project unexpectedly.	4.2	4
This doesn't sound useful to me. Why can't we stick with the quarterly updating approach in SpecLink+?	4.2	4
I wish you would just give me new data once a year when I renew my subscription and be done with it.	3.2	3
Other	12.6	12
	Total responses:	95

9) How useful would it be if users (employees, consultants, reviewers, etc.) could use SpecLink-E just like they were in the office but over the Internet even without a VPN or Wide Area Network?

	Percentage	Responses
That would be excellent.	50.5	48
We have some security concerns but would seriously consider this functionality otherwise.	16.8	16
I'm not sure I understand how this	8.4	8

would work.		
I don't think this would be much use to my office.	12.6	12
We do not want or would not allow this kind of communication into our system and office.	3.2	3
Other	8.4	8
	Total responses:	95

10) In SpecLink-E all projects are stored in a single database on your server or standalone computer. Typically, this would be backed up as a single file containing all projects. Would it be useful to have a feature that allowed you to backup and/or archive a single project to a single file?

	Percentage Responses	
This functionality is critical to acceptance and use of SpecLink-E.	18.9	18
This would be very useful to us.	45.3	43
This would be nice to have.	16.8	16
We don't need this.	2.1	2
I don't understand the question.	1.1	1
Other	15.8	15
	Total responses:	95

11) When do you see your firm implementing links between CAD and Specs?

	Percentage Responses	
We are already implementing some	2.1	2

form of connectivity between CAD and Specs.		
We are preparing to implement this in the immediate future.	6.3	6
We will implement this as soon as BSD provides the tools to do so.	16.8	16
We are at least a year away from this implementation	35.8	34
We are not planning on linking CAD and Specs.	15.8	15
Other	23.2	22
	Total responses:	95

12) What do you think of BSD's approach to BIM and Interoperability?

	Percentage Responses	
I think you are definitely on the right track.	26.3	25
What you are doing looks useful.	36.8	35
I'm not sure I understand your approach.	10.5	10
This doesn't look like it will help me.	8.4	8
We don't think interoperability is appropriate for our firm.	3.2	3
Other	14.7	14
	Total responses:	95

13) BSD is planning to implement Outline and Short Form specifications as an embedded subset of the full specification text, allowing you to build on your Short Form spec to create the full specification. Does this seem useful and appropriate to you?

	Percentage Responses	
That would be excellent.	51.6	49
It sounds interesting and useful but I'll have to see and try the implementation.	28.4	27
I'm not sure I understand the concept or how it will be implemented.	2.1	2
This would not work for us.	0.0	0
We don't do Short Form or Outline Specs.	4.2	4
Other	13.7	13
	Total responses:	95

14) BSD has separated software updating from content updating and created self-maintaining software on the user's computer. Does this approach to software updating seem appropriate to you?

	Percentage Responses	
This seems like a good approach.	58.9	56
I like this concept but I'm a little concerned that I lose control of the updating process.	13.7	13
I'm not sure I understand how this works.	17.9	17
I don't think this will work for my firm.	0.0	0
Why can't we stay with the current SpecLink+ approach to updating?	0.0	0
Other	9.5	9

Total responses: 95

15) BSD will not support the MasterFormat 1995 version in SpecLink-E. BSD will continue to support MF 1995 using the current SpecLink+ for some period of time. What does this mean to your firm?

	Percentage Responses	
That would not be a problem for our firm.	32.6	31
This would be inconvenient but we could work around it.	28.4	27
I'm not sure I understand the issue.	4.2	4
This is a serious problem. Many of my clients continue to require MF 1995	15.8	15
This would be a serious problem for my firm. We are not planning on moving to MF 2004	1.1	1
Other	17.9	17
	Total responses:	95

16) Do you plan to switch to SpecLink-E?

	Percentage Responses	
We will switch to this software as soon as it becomes available.	27.4	26
We will switch once we see that others are doing so without problems.	18.9	18
We don't know yet. We'll wait and	28.4	27

see.

If SpecLink-E does not support MF
1995 we won't switch.

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We will stay with SpecLink+ as long
as it remains available.

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Other

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Total responses: 95