

Trimble Accubid Anywhere

V1.3 SOFTWARE

This document provides basic information about new features, enhancements, and modifications in **version 1.3 of the Trimble® Accubid® Anywhere software**. These Release Notes cover the following topics:

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Introduction

These Release Notes describe the new features and enhancements that are in version 1.3 of the Trimble® Accubid® Anywhere software. For additional support information, please go to <http://mep.trimble.com/support>

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New Features, General Enhancements, and Resolved Defects

We appreciate your feedback and are continuously evolving the product to meet the needs of our customers. Various improvements have been made to this version with a focus on enhancing the user experience by providing the user a consolidated view of the missing data in certain areas of the application, reducing the amount of time the user waits for the application to finish performing heavy operations and by providing the user an easy way to handle and manipulate the data without having to change screens multiple times. We are confident that these changes will reduce the amount of time you spend reviewing data resulting in a faster and more accurate estimate and overall customer satisfaction.

- **New Features:**

- Notification for missing BidBreakdown cost allocation
- Export PCO / Estimate schedule and summary fields to Excel
- Export to Excel when an Estimate or PCO is frozen

- **General Feature Enhancements:**

- Workaround for BidBreakdown screen lockup
- Ability to unpin multiple cells at one time
- Change Designation Description in Takeoff
- Group by Takeoff Description AND Sort Codes

- **Performance Improvements:**

- License Renewal Time Out
- Speed of Loading Project List
- Expanding the Audit Trail Details
- Item Search from the Database Tree on the Takeoff Tab

New Features:

Notification for missing BidBreakdown cost allocation

Doing cost allocation of the different BidBreakdown categories across the different Closeout Screens, is one of the most important tasks. However, missing an allocation in one of the Breakdowns on one or more of the Closeout screens is a common issue. Previously BidBreakdown will run through each Closeout tab at a time and will display an error if values needed to be allocated, the message was not clear, and the user had to go fix the error before returning back to the BidBreakdown screen, only to find that they were missing another value on another screen.

We have improved the user experience by consolidating all the missing Cost Allocations on all screens in one dialog form - seen below - which gives the user one clear view of all the missing allocations on all screens. The new form gives the user the following abilities:

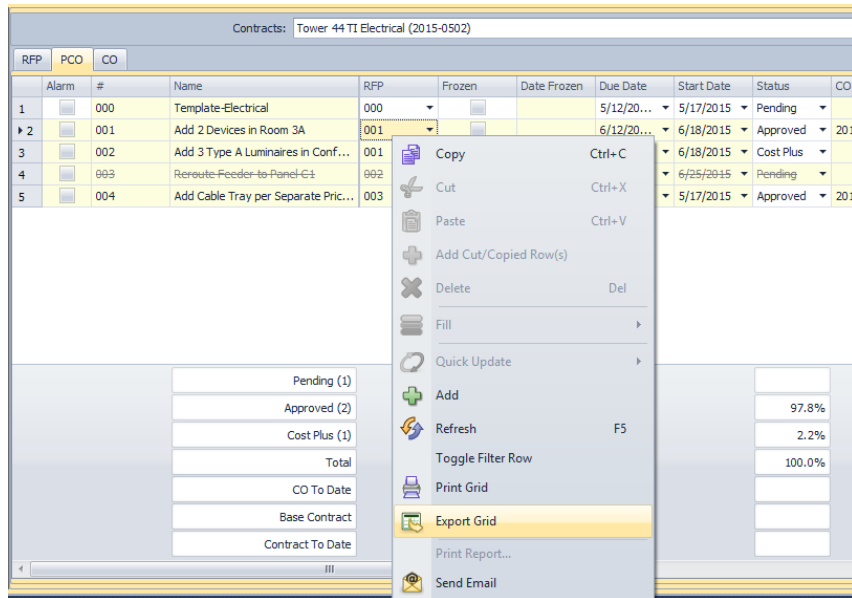
- 1- A quick consolidated view of all the allocations on all Closeout screens
- 2- The form can stay open and floating in the application while the user moves between the different screens of the application allocating the missing allocations
- 3- The user has the ability to print the consolidated view

Description	System: Allocated	Phase: Allocated
Incidental Labor		
Job Setup	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleeving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Installation Drawings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Labor Factoring		
Weather Conditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work Conditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labor Escalation		
Present Rate to July 2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To July 2016	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To July 2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indirect Labor		
Project Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Foreman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design Engineer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment		
Auger Truck (per Day)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backhoe (per Day)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric Bender (per Day)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Expenses		
Specified Allowances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspection Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power Charges (per Month)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subcontracts		
Excavation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting and Patching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Export PCO / Estimate schedule and summary fields to Excel

There is a need by the Project Manager to track, review, and report on the projects they are managing. There was no easy way to get a quick consolidated view of the data the Project Managers were looking for.

Now the user can go to the Estimate or PCO schedule screen, change the column order to their desired order and Export these views to Excel. Which gives the user the ability to get all the information they need out of the Job Schedule screen and into Excel.



Export to Excel when an Estimate or PCO is frozen

It is a common practice to freeze an Estimate or a PCO after it has been awarded in order to protect the data. However, there are times that the users would like to extract the Job's information by exporting it to Excel or by exporting to an Excel Template for different reasons. Previously there was no easy way to accomplish this task, the only way was for the users to ask a Power User who has access to freeze/unfreeze jobs to go into the system and unfreeze the job in order to export to Excel. This was not ideal.

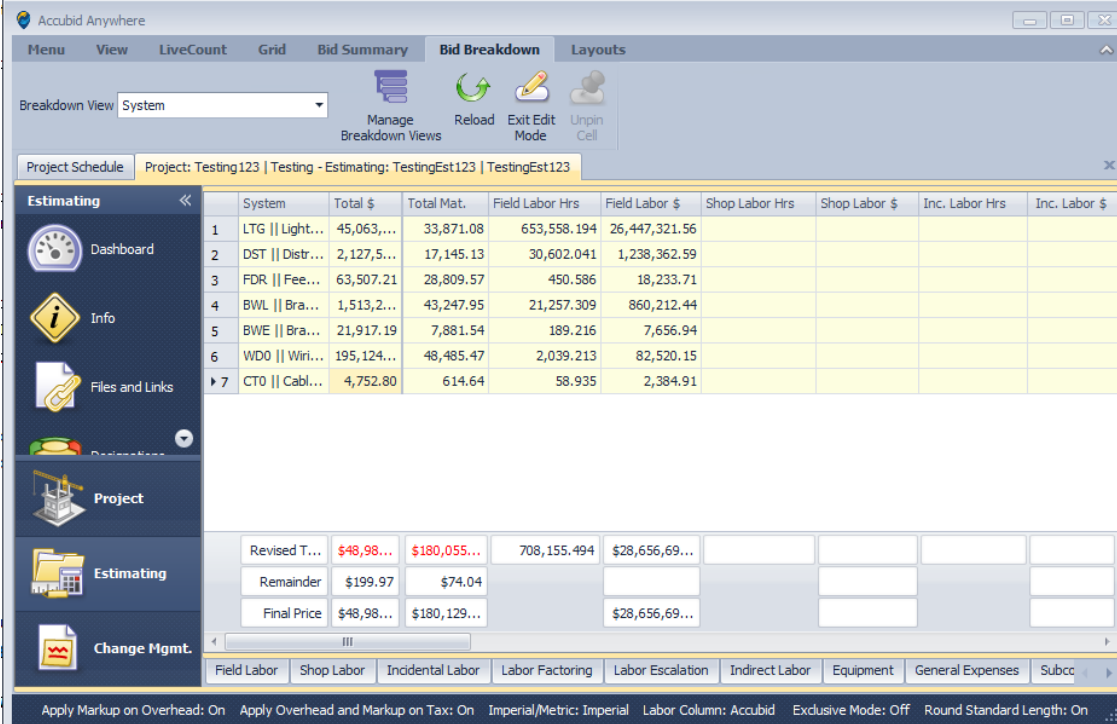
Now, users have the ability to go into a frozen job, go to the Export tab and do an export from within the frozen job. This way they are guaranteed the data integrity of the frozen job and also protected the system from any unintended modification to a job.

General Feature Enhancements:

Workaround for BidBreakdown screen lockup

The BidBreakdown screen is one of the most important modules in Anywhere, however, it is also the most calculation intensive screen in the entire application. Today when the Estimator switches to the BidBreakdown screen, the application will automatically load all of the data associated with the last BidBreakdown selected, which might take a long time depending on how many levels BidBreakdown is grouped by, the amount of data in the Extension screen, the number of Breakdowns in every category we are allocating for, and the number of rows in each Closeout screen that are allocated.

This caused the application to stay on the BidBreakdown screen while all of its data is being loaded. So, if the Estimator went to the BidBreakdown screen, they had no way of leaving the screen until all of the data has been loaded.



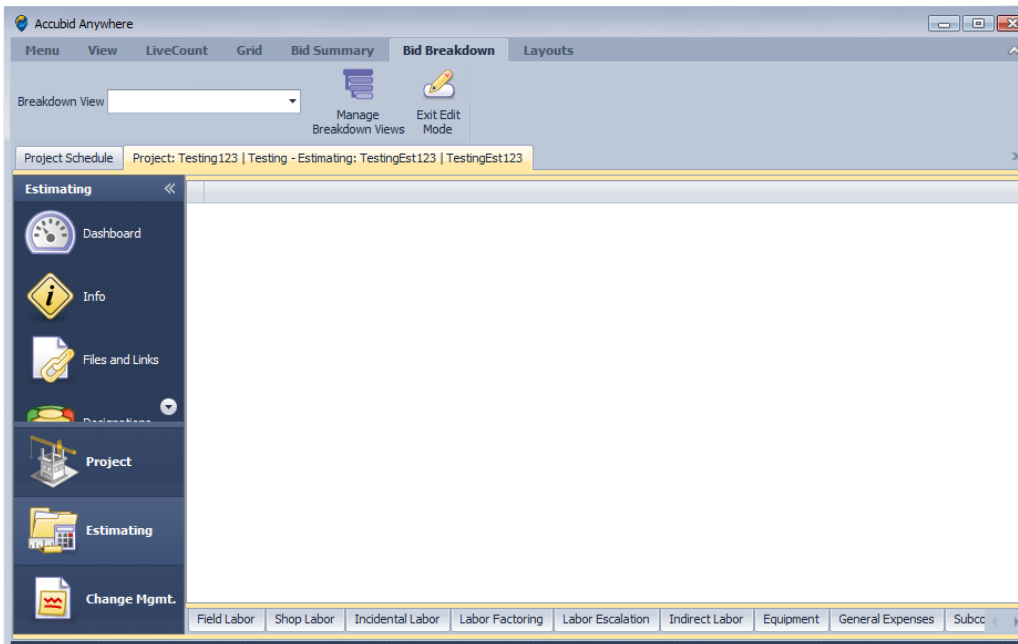
The screenshot shows the 'Bid Breakdown' screen in the Accubid Anywhere application. The interface includes a menu bar with 'Menu', 'View', 'LiveCount', 'Grid', 'Bid Summary', 'Bid Breakdown', and 'Layouts'. Below the menu, there are icons for 'Manage Breakdown Views', 'Reload', 'Exit Edit Mode', and 'Unpin Cell'. The main area displays a table with columns for 'System', 'Total \$', 'Total Mat.', 'Field Labor Hrs', 'Field Labor \$', 'Shop Labor Hrs', 'Shop Labor \$', 'Inc. Labor Hrs', and 'Inc. Labor \$'. The table lists seven items (1-7) with their respective costs and labor hours. Below the table, there is a summary section with rows for 'Revised T...', 'Remainder', and 'Final Price', each with associated dollar values. At the bottom, there are tabs for 'Field Labor', 'Shop Labor', 'Incidental Labor', 'Labor Factoring', 'Labor Escalation', 'Indirect Labor', 'Equipment', 'General Expenses', and 'Subcc'. The status bar at the very bottom contains various application settings like 'Apply Markup on Overhead: On', 'Apply Overhead and Markup on Tax: On', 'Imperial/Metric: Imperial', 'Labor Column: Accubid', 'Exclusive Mode: Off', and 'Round Standard Length: On'.

	System	Total \$	Total Mat.	Field Labor Hrs	Field Labor \$	Shop Labor Hrs	Shop Labor \$	Inc. Labor Hrs	Inc. Labor \$
1	LTG Light...	45,063,...	33,871.08	653,558.194	26,447,321.56				
2	DST Distr...	2,127,5...	17,145.13	30,602.041	1,238,362.59				
3	FDR Fee...	63,507.21	28,809.57	450.586	18,233.71				
4	BWL Bra...	1,513,2...	43,247.95	21,257.309	860,212.44				
5	BWE Bra...	21,917.19	7,881.54	189.216	7,656.94				
6	WDO Wiri...	195,124...	48,485.47	2,039.213	82,520.15				
7	CTO Cabl...	4,752.80	614.64	58.935	2,384.91				

Revised T...	\$48,98...	\$180,055...	708,155.494	\$28,656,69...					
Remainder	\$199.97	\$74.04							
Final Price	\$48,98...	\$180,129...		\$28,656,69...					

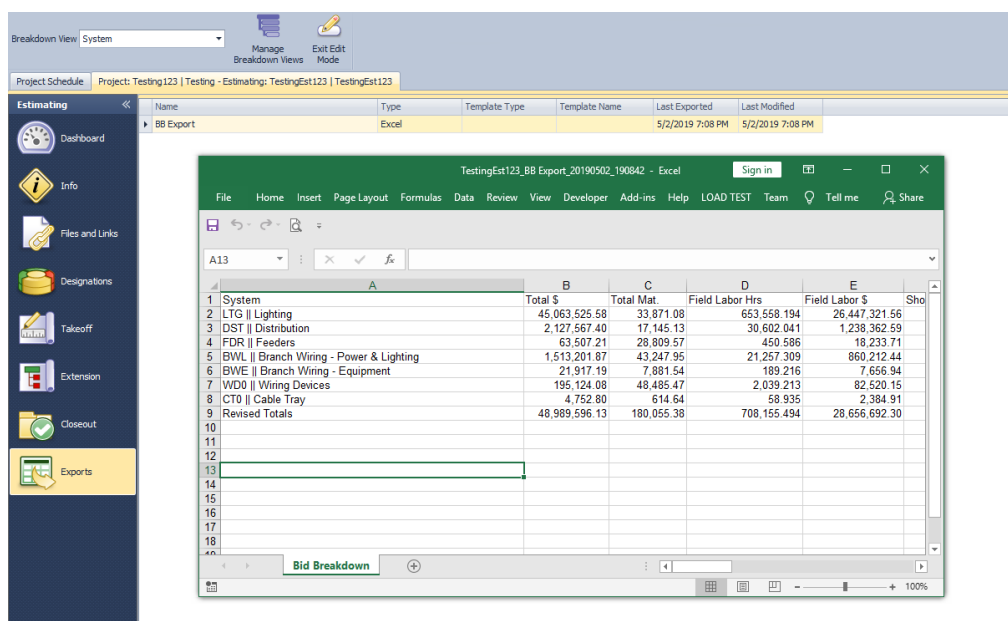
1- BidBreakdown Screen with System view selected and loaded

We improved the user experience by always clearing the last selected BidBreakdown before we go the BidBreakdown screen. So, when the user selects the BidBreakdown tab, they land on the BidBreakdown screen with no Breakdown view pre-selected, which in turn doesn't make the application load the BidBreakdown view. Now, the user has the ability to either leave the screen right away, or select the desired BidBreakdown view they actually want to load.



2- How the BidBreakdown screen looks like when the user had just switched to it.

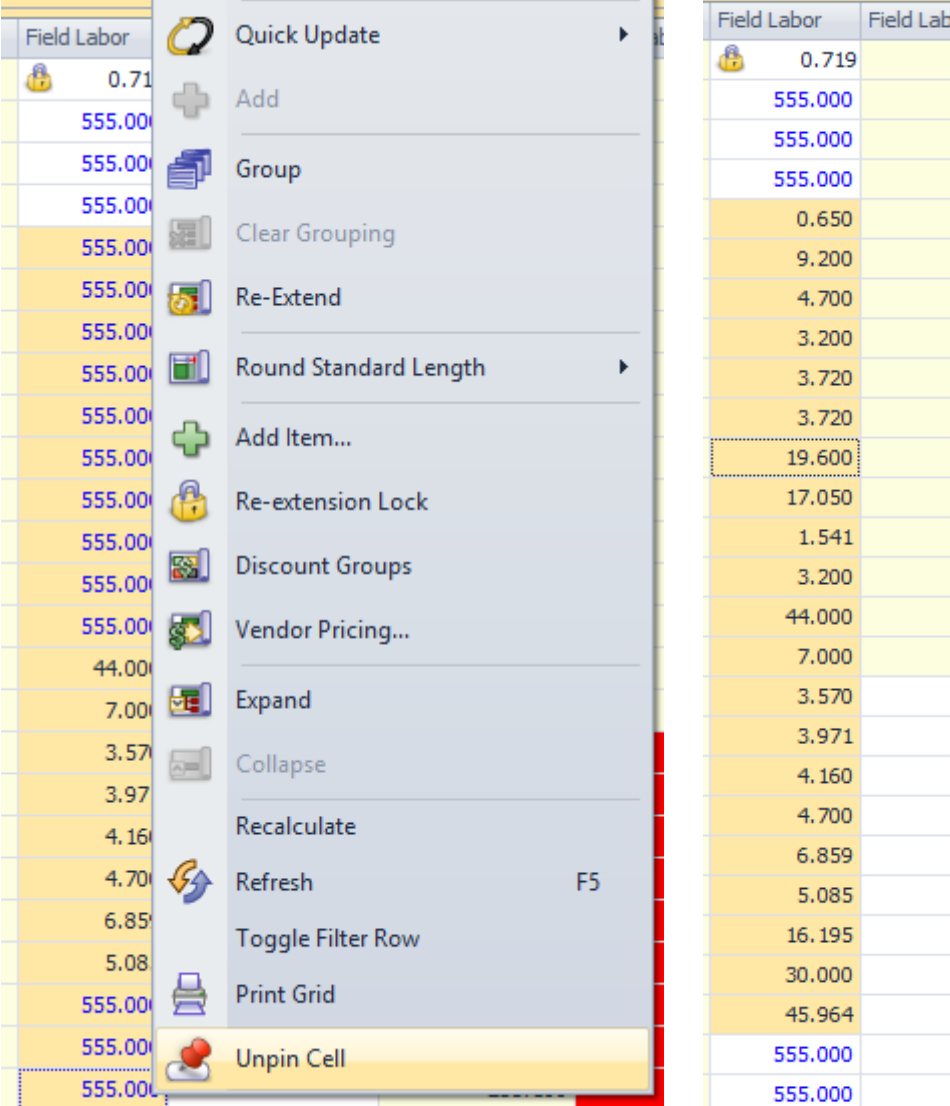
The only exception to this new rule, is when the user tries to export or print the job. In this case we still use the last selected BidBreakdown view.



3 - Exporting the last loaded BidBreakdown view

Ability to unpin multiple cells at one time

Unpinning a cell might sound like a trivial task, however, if you have to unpin cells on a job with several thousand lines on the Extension screen on Bid night, this task becomes a frustrating and tedious task. Based on users' feedback, we have made a change to allow the users to be able to select multiple pinned cells and perform an un-pin action on all selected cells.



The image displays a software interface with two tables. The left table has a context menu open over it, with the 'Unpin Cell' option highlighted in yellow. The right table shows a single column of data.

Field Labor
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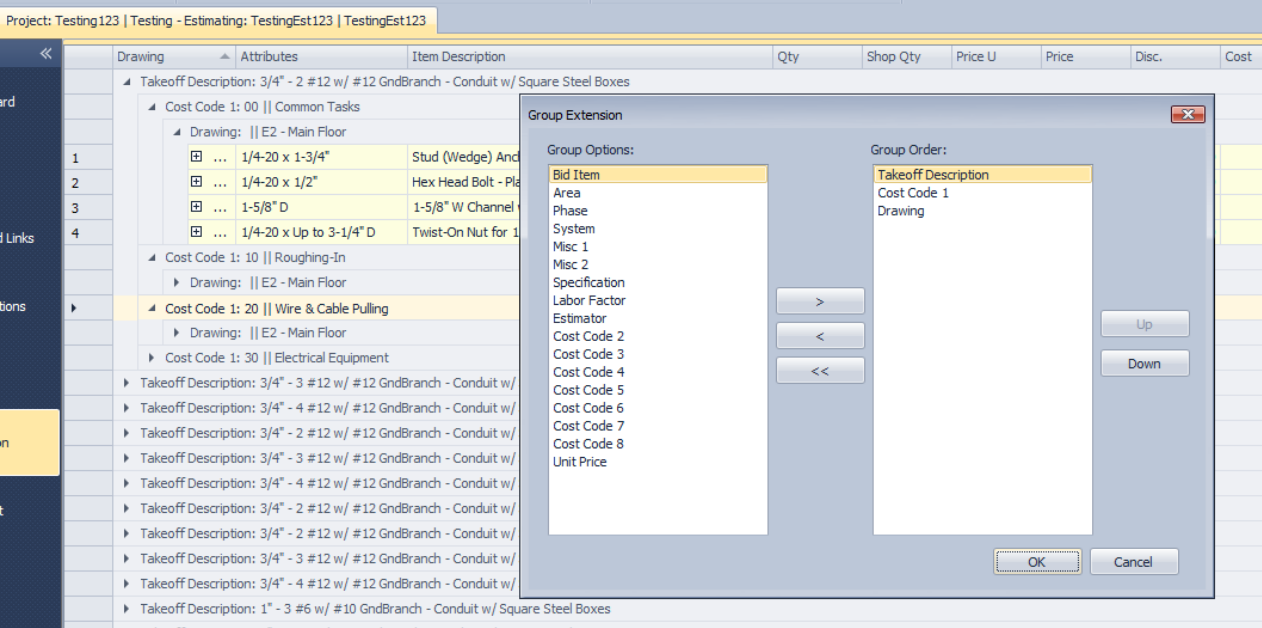
Field Labor	Field Lab
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555.000	
555.000	
555.000	
0.650	
9.200	
4.700	
3.200	
3.720	
3.720	
19.600	
17.050	
1.541	
3.200	
44.000	
7.000	
3.570	
3.971	
4.160	
4.700	
6.859	
5.085	
16.195	
30.000	
45.964	
555.000	
555.000	

Change Designation Description in Takeoff

We have made another enhancement to Designations, where the user can change the Designation Description from within a Takeoff and have the new Description reflected in the Designations module. This will save the user a significant amount of time.

Group by Takeoff Description AND Sort Codes

Several users indicated through their feedback that they would like to have the ability to group by "Takeoff Description" and "Sort Code". We have improved our Extension grouping functionality to allow users to group by Takeoff Description in combination with any other Breakdown. The only stipulation is that the "Takeoff Description" has to be the first or last field in the grouping order.



Performance Improvements:

License Renewal Time Out

Some of our users have experienced timeouts in our licensing component, which caused the license to expire unexpectedly. We have made significant improvements to the licensing component which eliminated this issue and also improved different parts of the licensing component to provide a better user experience.

Speed of loading the Project List

We have improved the process of loading the Project List, which has a direct impact on speeding up the initial loading of the application where we display a list of all projects. This improvement also speeds up the response time of loading the list of projects when switching between the different folders.

Expanding the Audit Trail Details

General enhancements have been made to how we expand the Audit Trail, which makes the loading of the expanded details faster.

Item Search from Database Tree on the Takeoff Tab

We have improved the speed of doing Item Search from the Database Tree on the Takeoff Tab.

Resolved Defects:

Clearing Manufacturer when substituting item in Designation

We have addressed the issue where after substituting one item for another in a designation the manufacturer from the previous item still remains, which in turn caused a resolution error when taking off the designation. Now the Manufacturer is cleared when replacing items.

Cannot delete Project from the main list of projects

We have addressed the issue where users trying to delete a project from the main list of projects were getting an error.

Error Copying and Pasting Takeoff between 2 jobs in 2 different projects

We have addressed the issue where users copying and pasting Takeoff from one Job to a different Job in a different Project would get an error if they tried to paste the copied Takeoffs a second time.

Product Assistance

Trimble offers several avenues to obtain help using the Trimble Accubid Anywhere software program.

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