Net-FM™ Release Notes, V 3.0

Introducing the New Version of Net-FM

While retaining all of its current functions and capabilities, this major new release of Net-FM presents an entirely new interface and user experience. Adapting modern standard and conventions for displaying and interacting with information, Net-FM also contains a series of enhancements beyond the capabilities of Version 2.5 and features a number of new improvements in response to Consortium member requests and feedback.

Interface Overview

In general, the use of pop-ups / multiple windows has been minimized throughout the application with several exceptions, including floor plan display. The single Dashboard / Display Pane will show the current display based on the component you are accessing or task you are performing. Moving to a different component in Net-FM will refresh this same Pane with the new information. When a special task is started (i.e. Copy/Replace in the Results tab), the task will be accomplished using a new tab that will open up in your browser.
The Home Page

- **The Application Bar** is always displayed and organizes a number of personal items previously located elsewhere in V2.5. It contains the following links: INSITE Net-FM (this link returns you to the homepage), Quick Links, Queries, Reports, Help/About, and the Database Connection dropdown.
  
  - **Help/About** – contains the following links: the latest web-based Help Files, About Net-FM, Agreement, the INSITE website, and the Error Log.
  - **Database Connection dropdown** – contains the following links: My Profile, My Preferences, My Drawing Preferences, My Quicklinks, My Queries, Sign Out.

- Finally, items you customize for your own Net-FM account are found under the profile name which includes your user account name and the database you are accessing.

- **The Net-FM Navigator** works exactly as in previous versions, but has the capability to be completely hidden, maximizing the real estate needed to display and use data.

- **The Dashboard / Display Pane** is the main area to view information and perform tasks. Unlike previous versions, each action or navigation to a new item refreshes / replaces this window with the new data.
Application Bar

[Diagram of the INSITE Net-FM interface with labels for Application Bar, Quick Links, Queries, Reports, Help, and My Account]

Quick Links

Queries

Report List / Links

Help

My Account

[Diagram areas highlighted: Home, Quick Links, Queries, Reports, Help, My Account]
Net-FM Application Bar

The application bar organizes many actions, components and user settings into a single bar that is always displayed at the top of Net-FM. From this Bar, it is but one click to access key information components, saved queries, reports, online help and preferences / profile information.

The Results Grid

This frequently used component of Net-FM which displays data you wish to view and act upon has been greatly enhanced. While the familiar display of data is retained from previous versions, many new capabilities are incorporated:

- Columns can now be resized and reordered by using drag-and-drop actions with the mouse. This reduces the need to navigate to Custom Settings to alter the Grid display to meet your viewing needs. In addition, you can now freeze one or more columns on the left which will...
remain on the display as you scroll to the right. This makes it much easier to retain the base information of a record yet see any number of additional data columns.

- **Save View** is a key new feature. When you are satisfied with all the aspects of the display, click on Save View to retain all settings including column order, width, and sort specifications.

- **Sorting** can be accomplished using the traditional 3-level sort specification at the bottom of the grid, or by use a new sort feature which allows n-level ordering of the records in the grid.

- **Text Wrap** feature can be turned on or off to better manage the display of columns with large amounts of information such as Memos, Remarks, etc.

- Navigation throughout the body of displayed records has been enhanced and modernized.

**Other New Interface Features**

- Whenever applicable, a modal dialog window is displayed in the foreground while the surrounding background is dimmed. Responding to prompts or closing this window will bring you “back” to the application/window in the background. For example, Help/About brings up a Modal Dialog window with information about the Net-FM version number, release date, and license status. The application background is dimmed until this Dialog window is closed.

- **Tree view** on the left (Navigator tree) can be hidden completely

- Browser compatibility for IE, Google Chrome, Firefox, and Safari

- The Space/Org/Use Navigators now show the details of a record in the same display pane.

- Floor plans queries continue to open the drawing pane in a separate window (Note: for this reason it is important to “Allow Pop-ups” for Net-FM in your browser settings). In the Results grid where a hyperlink to corresponding Floor Plans used to appear in a separate window, a Floor Plan’s tab is available to list and link to appropriate floor plans.