Chat Forum Counterpoints

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FORUM COMMENT*

Office Master Set is not possible. Requires workaround by uploading Word Docs as admin task to start each project. Promised for Q2 2023.

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Conspectus Cloud uploads Master Set Word documents. Updates in Masters will allow automatic updates to projects.

FORUM COMMENT*

Missing free trial. Deltek® does not offer free access to current MS subscribers.

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Conspectus Cloud allows free trial to anyone.

FORUM COMMENT*

Fed up with e-Specs glitches and unresponsive customer support.

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**Chat feature in Conspectus Cloud to live individual 7AM to 7PM PST.
Responds within a 24 hour period.**

FORUM COMMENT*

Automatic TOC is not available.

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Hello. And why not?

It is critical to have this function for documents. Conspectus Cloud easily creates TOC with user control of what documents to include by document status.

FORUM COMMENT*

Markup tool promised, no timetable.

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Commenting already exists in Conspectus Cloud and is a major function for team collaboration and decision making and management.

FORUM COMMENT*
Importing tables is not supported.

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Conspectus Cloud allows you to import tables (as well as create them in any document).

*Actual comments from online industry forums and chat boards.

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FORUM COMMENT*

MS documents from e-Specs import reasonably well. From one AIA product to another perfect import should be expected.

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MasterSpec documents are easily uploaded as Word docs. Many master architectural sections already exist in Conspectus Cloud without importing.

FORUM COMMENT*

Ability to invite outside engineers to project does not exist.
Possible future feature.

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Conspectus Cloud supports unlimited users and encourages entire team participation through commenting.

FORUM COMMENT*

Cover pages are not available.
This presumes the only way to publish is via export and PDF.

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**Conspectus Cloud will have latest published set with public link. Currently anyone needing access only need be invited.
PDF and paper publishing are not necessary.**

FORUM COMMENT*

Perceived as Beta version. Improvements are promised for early 2023.

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Conspectus Cloud has been in continuous use for all Conspectus projects for more than four years. Nearly 300 projects exist in Conspectus Cloud. New and improved features are being added regularly in direct response to user requests.

FORUM COMMENT*

Downloading individual Word files is time consuming. Must select each doc, then add each product type to the doc before downloading.

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Conspectus Cloud allows user to download multiple sections at once, as well as batch update progress status of documents.

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FORUM COMMENT*

Word versions will sunset Dec. 2023. This does not say that the Word Docs will be updated during 2023, just that they will still be available through 2023.

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Exporting is not necessary to publish documents. Conspectus Cloud allows you to export to Word at any time. Word will be around for a very long time, and Conspectus Cloud supports "publishing" to this format.

FORUM COMMENT*

Setting office defaults simulating e-specs checklists and project criteria. Promised Q1 2023.

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We believe this is akin to Firm global tags that should be available in Conspectus Cloud summer 2023.

FORUM COMMENT*

Adding images is not supported.

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Conspectus Cloud allows you to insert images in documents. This is an important feature in SPDs to bridge the communications between drawings and words.

FORUM COMMENT*

BIM linking promised in Q1, 2023.

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System Performance Descriptions, SPD, (Uniformat) function allows for BIM coordination.

FORUM COMMENT*

Migrating Uniformat® data to MasterFormat® specs does not exist.

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As demonstrated, Specpoint does not allow user content at Uniformat. Conspectus Cloud allows SPD (UF) content and links it to specifications (MF).

FORUM COMMENT*

Custom notes and attachment for product cards are not supported.

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Edit notes as specifier guidance are included in all documents in Conspectus Cloud, based on Conspectus knowledge base. These notes can be edited and updated.

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