



ProContractor

by Viewpoint

3.15 Release Notes

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ProContractor by Viewpoint version 3.15 is now available. With these latest improvements to an already robust set of core functions—from takeoff and estimating through job cost accounting and project management, and ultimately for critical reporting and analysis—ProContractor 3.15 helps you manage the entire project life cycle from bid to cash in a single solution to collaborate easily and make decisions with confidence.



If you are installing ProContractor for the first time, see the ProContractor 3.15 Getting Started Guide or the ProContractor 3.15 Installation Guide in the Knowledge Base on the [Viewpoint Customer Portal](https://support.viewpoint.com) at support.viewpoint.com. If you are upgrading your installation of ProContractor, see the ProContractor 3.15 Upgrading Guide, also available in the Knowledge Base.

Track Issues on the Viewpoint Customer Portal

Issues are available on the [Viewpoint Customer Portal](https://support.viewpoint.com). This allows you to quickly and easily:

- Track all issues reported by your company
- View the status of issues related to a specific support case
- Review all fixes in the current release
- Access the most up-to-date information

For a list of defects fixed in this version:

1. Access the [Viewpoint Customer Portal](https://support.viewpoint.com) at support.viewpoint.com.
2. Select **Support > Track Cases/Issues**.
3. Click the **Issues** tab.
4. In the **Product** field, select **ProContractor**
5. For **Fixed in Version**, choose 3.15.



To focus search results on a particular area of the system, select a **Module**. For example, Estimating or Mobile.

Microsoft SQL Server

ProContractor supports Windows Server 2019. Viewpoint recommends upgrading to at least SQL Server 2014 before running the current version.



Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Standard is no longer supported.



If you are using SQL Server 2008 R2 Express, the ProContractor installation upgrades your system to SQL Server 2014 Express automatically.

Microsoft Windows Operating System

Microsoft ended support for Windows 7 in January 2020. Viewpoint recommends upgrading to Windows 10 before installing ProContractor 3.15. Only limited support may be provided for ProContractor on Windows 7.



See Hardware and Software Requirements for details on supported operating systems.

Estimating

New features and enhancements to the Estimating module in ProContractor 3.15 include the following:

Export Estimates

In the Estimating Import/Export Tool, the option to export to Dexter & Chaney has been renamed Spectrum by Viewpoint. See [Exporting to Spectrum by Viewpoint](#) in Help for more information.

Enhanced Sheets Tab Usability

The following usability enhancements were made to the [Sheets tab](#) in Manage Estimates:

- **Scroll through sheets:** You can now use your mouse to scroll through sheets on the Sheets tab.
- **Move sheets:** Right-click on a sheet, and select Move Sheets to a New Folder to move the sheet to a different folder location. You can move multiple sheets at a time.
- **Drag and drop sheets:** [Drag and drop sheet thumbnails](#) from one folder to another in the Sheets browser.

New CAD File Component

A more robust software component for importing CAD files has been integrated into the system. This component offers the same capabilities as the legacy component but provides better performance and easier maintenance.

Employees

New features and enhancements to the Employees module in ProContractor 3.15 include the following:

New Federal Requirements for Form 941



To complete [Form 941](#) given the federal requirements in response to COVID-19, see the following article in the Knowledge Base on the [Viewpoint Customer Portal](#): [How to file the 941 for Q2 2020 - ProContractor](#).

New Pay Class Earnings Information Report

A new [Pay Class Earnings Information Report](#) has been added to the Employees module (**Employees > Reports**).

Use this report to generate a list of the deductions, fringes, and taxes calculated for each employee and their pay class(es). This information can help you complete [Form 941](#), given the federal requirements in response to COVID-19. See the previous section for more information.

Vendors

New features and enhancements to the Vendors module in ProContractor 3.15 include the following:

Introducing Vendor ePayments

ProContractor now includes Viewpoint's ePayment solution for managing the payment process to your vendors. Epayments allows for a streamlined, more efficient process to pay your vendors, including check, ACH, and credit payment options. The ePayment solution is powered by Nvoicepay, a leading payment automation service. Customers who enroll in the ePayment service will continue to enter and post vendor payments in ProContractor as usual. Instead of printing checks, however, the payment information is automatically sent to Nvoicepay for processing, which can involve an additional approval process.

On payment approval, Nvoicepay processes and sends payments to vendors based on their payment preferences. Nvoicepay manages all vendor communications and payment inquiries. The payment information flows back into ProContractor for detailed reporting and audit trail purposes. Customers retain access to vendor payment information, history, and reports by logging in to their Nvoicepay account.

If you are interested in the Nvoicepay service, contact your Viewpoint account representative.

New Screens for Vendor ePayments

The following new screens were added to the system:

Vendors > Payments:

- Generate Vendor Payments (formerly Print Vendor Payments):
 - Screen renamed
 - On the General tab, new options to select a Payment Channel, run an ePayment Report, and Generate ePayments
 - New ePayments tab for viewing the ePayment Report.
- Update Vendor ePayments

New Fields for Vendor ePayments

The following screens now include fields or field selections specific to the Nvoicepay integration:

Vendors > Payments:

- Select Vendor Invoices for Payment: New option to Generate Vendor Payments
- Void Vendor Payment: Added ePayments as a Payment Type selection

Vendors > Setup:

- Vendor: New option to select a Default Payment Channel on the Payment Control tab
- Accounts Payable Settings: New ePayments section on the General tab
- View Vendor Setups: New Vendor Spend Information View

See the following Help topics for more information about processing vendor ePayments through the Nvoicepay integration:

- About Vendor ePayment Processing
- Set Up Procontractor for ePayment Processing
- Process Vendor ePayments Through Nvoicepay
- Retrieve Processed ePayments

Administration

New features and enhancements to the Administration module in ProContractor 3.15 include the following:

Security

Improvements were made to reflect the latest security standards for password encryption. At login, a user's password is now automatically encoded with a higher level of encryption. These same encryption standards are applied when a user's password is created or updated on the [User screen](#) (**Administration > Security > User**).



After you install ProContractor 3.15, have all users log in so that their passwords are encrypted automatically. In a future release, the ability to log in using unencrypted passwords will be removed.

Zero Limit on Inventory

This new option prevents quantities from going below zero at a given location in any of the inventory processing tasks (for example, Enter Warehouse Transfer and Enter Inventory Usage). To enforce zero limit, select the new **Enforce Zero (0) Limit on Inventory Items** check box in the System Settings Screen. If you select this check box, the system generates an error message if users try to create transactions that would result in a negative item quantity.



In order to enable this setting, all inventory items must have a quantity of zero (0) or greater.

ProContractor Mobile

New features and enhancements to ProContractor Mobile 6.4 include the following:



See Hardware and Software Requirements in ProContractor Help for details on supported mobile operating systems.

New Publisher Version 5.2.0.11 for 32-Bit and 64-Bit Systems


ProContractor Mobile 6.4 requires the new ProContractor by Viewpoint Publisher version 5.2.0.11. In addition, separate versions of Publisher are now available for 32-bit and 64-bit operating systems:

- For 32-bit operating systems, download and install ProContractorByViewpointPublisher32_5.x.x.x.exe.
- For 64-bit operating systems, download and install ProContractorByViewpointPublisher64_5.x.x.x.exe.



You must install the ProContractor by Viewpoint Publisher version compatible with your operating system. If you had been using a prior version of the Publisher on a 64-bit operating system, you must uninstall it before installing the new 64-bit Publisher version. See [Downloading the Publisher](#) and [Installing the Publisher](#) in ProContractor Help for details.

New Contact Search

The ability to search for contacts by name and sort by contact or company name has been added. Select the Contacts icon  in ProContractor Mobile, and use the **Search** field to search for a contact.

Stability and Performance

General improvements were made to continue to enhance application performance and assure stability.