Introduction to Impact/SQL Version 8.0

Impact/SQL has been re-written in a new programming language (C#.Net). The first release of the re-written program files are version 8.0, and this version is designed to maintain compatibility with the earlier 7.8 version of Impact. This has been done to enable users to switch back to using version 7.8 if major issues arise, in 8.0, which must be hot fixed.

The key point to understand is that while the look of the screens may be different, the functionality is the same and, in the vast majority of situations, the functionality is in the same locations as with version 7.8. Users comfortable with version 7.8 should, with a very brief acclimation period, be comfortable with version 8.0.

General changes are the use of tree-views to select data, grids to present data and more icons to drive action, rather than menu entries. The effort has been made to utilize similar icons throughout the program to indicate common behaviors. Some of the commonly utilized icons are shown below.

Exit	To exit, click on the **Exit** icon, located in the upper right corner of the Impact desktop window.
● **Active** ● **Inactive**	The ● **Active** icon indicates [record type] is active. The ● **Inactive** icon indicates [record type] is inactive.
Print	To generate and print a report of [anywhere you can print something], click on the **Print** icon at the top of the screen.
Modify	To view or change the information for an existing entry on a grid, highlight the entry on the grid that you wish to modify, and then click the **Modify** icon to the right of the selected entry or double click on the entry.
X **Delete**	To delete an entry on a grid, click the X **Delete** icon to the right of the entry.
ⓘ **Information**	On grids where more information is available on items listed, there will be an ⓘ **Information** icon to the right of each record. Click on that icon to open a screen of more information, but not in "modify" mode.
NAF	The Name and Address File (NAF) is available when the **NAF** icon is in color.
Refresh	The **Refresh** icon is used to refresh the window's content.
Collapse & **Expand**	These icons are used to hide or present a section of a window, to provide more space for one portion, or more information, depending on which is used, and on which window.
New	This icon is used to create a new item.
Calendar	This icon brings up the calendar tool.
Ledger	This icon will present the ledger related to the item involved.
File Status	This icon will present the file status screen.
● **Void**	This icon indicates the void function.

The toolbar icons have also changed, but are in the same order as in 7.8. The Escrow tool bar is shown below.

Button	Tool Name	Quick Keys
	New File	**ALT+F** then **S** then **N**
	Save File	**ALT+F** then **A**
	Open Existing File	**ALT+F** then **S**
	File Status	**ALT+F** then **F**
	Copy File	**ALT+F** then **C**
	Search For File	**ALT+F** then **F** then **S**
	Name and address file (Naf)	**ALT+A** then **A**
	Conversation Log	**ALT+F** then **L**
	View Escrow History	**ALT+F** then **V**
	Select & Edit Documents	**ALT+O** then **D**
	Amortization Schedule	**ALT+M** then **Z**
	Rate Calculator	**ALT+M** then **R**
	Ticklers	**ALT+I** then **S**
	Tracking	**ALT+F** then **T**
	Deposit Slips	**ALT+T** then **S**

Read-Only access is also made available in version 8.0 of Impact/SQL. Should a file the user is trying to access be open on another user's desktop, the user will be prompted as to whether they would like to look at the file in "read-only" mode, which is often sufficient for information review.

The sample ledger below provides a representative sample of a tree-view and grid window, and presents some of the commonly used icons. Note that the Print option has been moved to the top of the screen, and an alternate file can be requested from there as well.

Widgets are being introduced in Impact/SQL version 8.0. Modules will have different widgets available to them. The idea is to take common functions and allow for them to be constantly available to the user, right from the desktop. Escrow users have widgets for Open Orders, the Held Items Queue and Ticklers. Widgets are managed via the icons in the lower right of the 8.0 Impact Escrow desktop. Note: the Report Scheduler is not yet available, as the Service for it has not yet been fully tested.

Some other points of interest to Escrow users are presented below.

There is a new, static location for the Save & Exit, Print, Previous, Jump and Next buttons at the top of the data entry screens. A Title Search button was added to the Initial Question screens to prompt for ordering of the title search.   There are now IRS Reportable and Exchange data fields incorporated into the Dates/Transaction information screen, to speed data entry. Mandatory fields will present with lime green backgrounds. The Jump menu will let the user go to and from the HUD and Initial Questions.

There is a new arrangement of the Title Information screen.

The Documents Menu format has been updated into a tree-view. The File Document List button has been moved to the top of the screen. If documents have been selected from a category, for the file involved, that fact is indicated by the section name displaying in bold and the number of documents created is identified after the section name. The "Plus" box in front of the section name can be used to expand the section to see the documents within it.
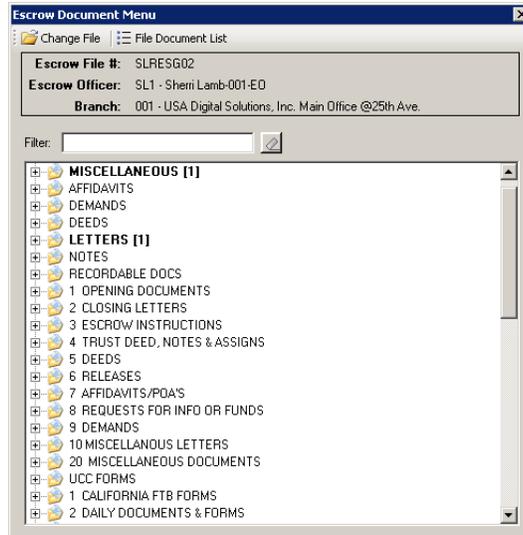
The File Document List display has been updated to a grid format with new function icons for Printing, Emailing, deleting and publishing (if so configured).
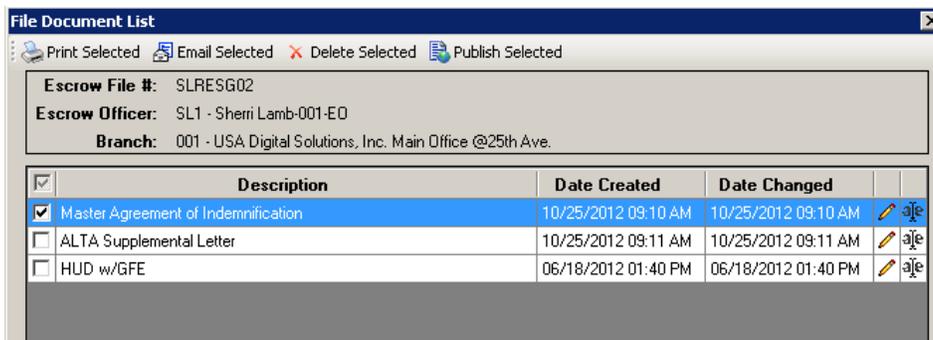
The Receipts screen has been modified to provide for both the viewing of existing receipts and be used to add new ones, with the New Receipt icon located at the top of the screen.
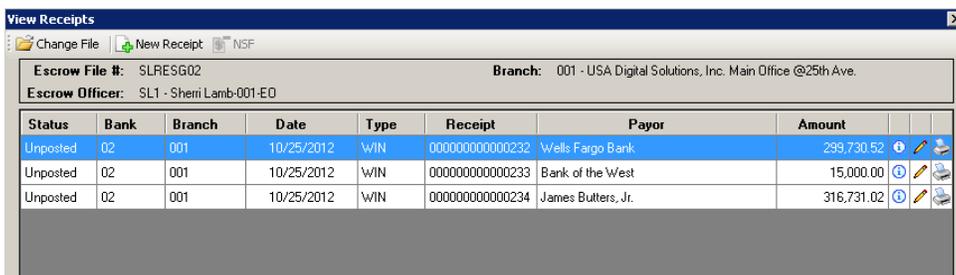
The HUD Print screen has been updated, but has the same functionality.

The Disbursements screen has been updated, but has the same functionality. There are icons on each grid line for actions addressing each item.

The Receipts screen accessed from the Disbursements screen is shown below.

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