

# IDEA VERSION EIGHT

## Highlights

### New Functionality.....

- **Visual Script** — build your own automation without any coding. You don't have to be a programmer; you just use normal IDEA dialogs to edit your script.
- **Project Overview** — a graphical representation of the work done on all the files in a Working Folder. You can even create Visual Scripts or IDEAScripts directly from Project Overview.
- **Custom Functions** — create your own equations. You can import, export, share and even download Custom Functions from a website. Use them in the Equation Editor just like @Functions.
- **New @Functions** — @FieldStatistics allows you to use field statistics in your equations. @GetNextValue allows you to use the value of the next record in your equations. @GetPreviousValue allows you to use the value of the previous record.

### Ease of Use Enhancements.....

- Increased flexibility with network and standalone licensing.
- Imports
  - Drag and Drop files directly into IDEA, automatically opening the Import Assistant.
  - Re-Run is now supported for imports.
  - IDEA Server imports now include ODBC and Excel.
  - Report Reader: 4 GB file size limit removed; much faster PDF import without compromising accuracy; Post Append Layer expanded to 2,000 lines.
  - Create or modify a record definition without having to open a data file.
- Report names now based on the Result name.
- Display fields in their natural order — sort in ascending, descending and natural order.
- Dialog improvements for Stratification, Key Value Extraction, Top Records Extraction.
- Improved readability — you can now assign an alternating row color to the database grid view.
- Select multiple records and save with new “Save only selected records”.
- Apply criteria to “Display All Records Containing...” right-click function.
- Field selection toolbar — bring a selected field into view; useful for databases containing more fields than can be displayed in the Database window.
- Display Criteria history — last 8 criteria applied will be displayed.
- Monetary Unit Sampling enhanced to allow the use of percent for Tolerable Error and Expected Error.
- Export enhancement — include field names as the first row when exporting to Text Delimited or Fixed Length.
- Equation Editor enhancements — field names always visible; hide the Help window for more space for your equation.
- Software updates — IDEA will look for new updates available; quarterly releases to improve reaction to user needs.



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