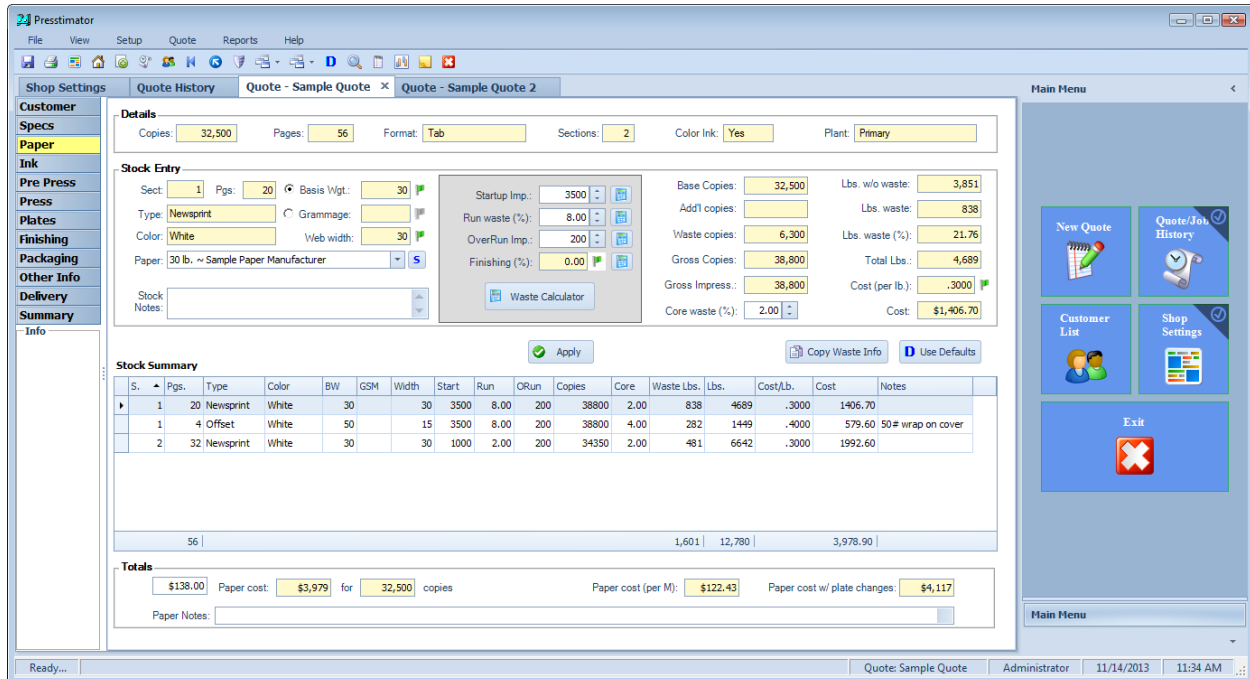What's New in the Presstimator Estimating Software?

In one word – **EVERYTHING!**   All of the great Presstimator features and accurate calculations are exactly the same as they were before, but with a completely new user-interface experience. The new version of the Presstimator presents a complete redesign of the layout that takes advantage of larger monitors and better screen resolutions, new technology for a faster program, and many new enhancements.

Larger screens: The Presstimator now makes use of standard HD laptop screen resolutions of 1366x768. Screens in the new version are bigger and brighter and allow much more information to be displayed. The need to scroll up and down within a given tab is practically eliminated with the larger screen displays. This allows you to work more efficiently because you can see everything associated with a specific topic on a single screen.

Grids: The Summary grid controls that are the basis of so many of the Presstimator screens are loaded with new features. The streamlined design of the Presstimator screens now have more area to show better organized data and calculations in the Entry area and more columns in the grids. The grid controls now have built-in sorting, grouping, filtering, printing and totaling functions which makes it possible to fine-tune the information you are interested in displaying.

Main Menu: The Main Menu options are always available as a collapsible sidebar to help you get to where you want to go faster.

Tab Control: The new layout of the Presstimator allows you to see all of the available tabs at once for fast navigation. The Main Tabs of a Quote are listed down the left side of the screen so you can quickly jump from one topic to another. The Inner Tabs of a Quote are displayed across the top of the screen so you can see all of the sub-topics all at once without any need for scrolling left or right.

Speed: The redesigned layout and new controls take advantage of state-of-the-art technology, making the program faster and easier to use.

How does the upgrade affect my current data? Not at all. In fact, there are absolutely no database changes made in the new version. All of the enhancements and additional features are in the user-interface only and your data remains exactly the same.

The new version has been rigorously tested to ensure that all the calculations have been properly converted to the new interface. Since the new Presstimator file (Presstimator.Net.exe) will not override the existing program, you can open up an old quote in both versions to compare. If you notice any discrepancies or if you have any questions, please contact us right away so we can clear things up (mike@presstimator.com).

Multiple Language Support: The new version of the Presstimator was developed with future internationalization expansion in mind. All text throughout the application is capable of being translated into select foreign languages simply and quickly.

Geek Speak:
The new user-interface was developed in .NET so the program is now capable of communicating with other .NET controls (3rd party or internally developed controls) more easily and quickly.

The database remains unchanged for this release. Since the user-interface is not reliant on the database in any way, a new database can (and will) be incorporated in the future with no visible impact on the user experience. Once this new version is fully released we will begin migration to a new database (Microsoft SQL Server).

All of the non-user-interface components of the software also remained untouched for this release in order to limit the extent of the modifications. Immediately after release, other portions of the program will also be ported over to take advantage of new technology for speed enhancements.