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# Walkthrough

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## GETTING STARTED

This walkthrough will provide you with a basic understanding of the design and functionality of UltraTax CS. Because this walkthrough is relatively brief, we cannot show you all of the application features and capabilities. However, after you complete the walkthrough, you will have a good understanding of the basic features of UltraTax CS and will be able to prepare tax returns with confidence and efficiency.

This walkthrough is most beneficial when you read the pages in sequence. If UltraTax CS does not perform as expected while you use this walkthrough, please call CS Support at **800.968.0600** and follow the prompts.

This chapter of the walkthrough describes the following:


- The UltraTax CS main window, including the menu, toolbar, and Home Page
- How to use the Help menu to learn more about UltraTax CS

## About UltraTax CS


All UltraTax CS applications share common features and adhere to standard Windows® design conventions to improve user productivity. For example, UltraTax CS uses the same keyboard commands, menus, and application conventions as your Windows operating system.

**Note:** For the latest system requirements, please visit the [System requirements](#) page of our website. Note that our applications are designed for professional production work. Our system requirements are based on the assumption that professional accounting firms replace their computer hardware and operating systems approximately every three years. While our applications may operate on less powerful hardware and operating systems, we do not believe our applications will perform at a level suitable for production work in those environments. Of course, as processing speed and RAM increase, application performance will also improve. We recommend business class computers, which generally offer higher levels of performance than home models when running business applications.

## The UltraTax CS main window

- ▶ After you have installed UltraTax CS, double-click the UltraTax CS  icon on the Windows desktop to start the application.

**Note:** To protect your data and comply with IRS requirements, the licensed version of UltraTax CS requires that each user log in to the application with a unique username and password. If you are using a licensed full version of UltraTax CS, a login prompt will appear immediately after launching the application.

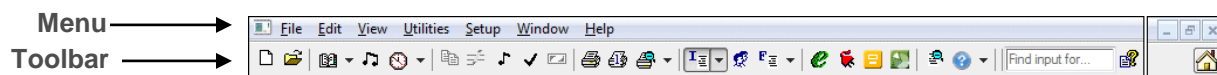
If the User Bulletin window opens when you open UltraTax CS, just click the Close  button to close this window. We will discuss user bulletins on page 7 of this walkthrough.

After you close the User Bulletin window, you will see the UltraTax CS menu and toolbar, which are the starting points for all activities in UltraTax CS.

**Note:** If your firm uses a master password, you may be restricted from accessing various UltraTax CS features.



### UltraTax CS menu and toolbar

The toolbar is composed of buttons for the most common actions in UltraTax CS, such as creating a new client, accessing client properties, printing returns or other documents, and switching between form and input screen view. The UltraTax CS menu consists of menus from which you execute various commands. These menus are dynamic, so the commands that appear in the menus differ depending on whether a client's return is open and where you are in the application.



Each menu contains commands about a different area of UltraTax CS. For example, the File menu commands are used for client data operations, such as opening, closing, adding, backing up, or renaming client data. Please take a few minutes to browse the commands in each menu. You will use many of the commands later in this walkthrough.

### UltraTax CS Home Page

The UltraTax CS Home Page provides links to frequently used functions and displays information about return status, application updates, and client status in UltraTax CS. By default, the Home Page displays  when you open UltraTax CS, and you can click the Home Page  button on the toolbar. To set up the Home Page to always appear when a return is not open, choose User Preferences from the Setup menu, click the Home Page tab, and select *When no other screens are visible* from the *Display the Home Page* field drop-down list.

To view each section of the Home Page, click the links in the left pane.

## Alerts

The Alerts section provides notifications of important information about UltraTax CS. The section also contains any reminders that have been set up via the Client Status system.

## Product News

The Product News section displays electronic filing information and other news about UltraTax CS applications.

## Electronic Filing Live

The Electronic Filing Live section displays status information about pending returns that have been transmitted for electronic filing.

**Note:** You must have an active internet connection to view the live status of electronic files. To maintain an active connection, choose Utilities > CS Connect, click the Communications Setup button, click the *Direct (LAN) connection to internet* option, and mark the *Internet connection is always online* checkbox.

## eSignature Status Live

The eSignature Status Live section displays a list of all eSignature documents that have been transmitted for electronic signing. This list includes the client ID, name, the originator at the firm who transmitted the eSignature (typically a preparer, reviewer, or other staff member), the associated entity type, the date of the transmission, and the current status of each document.

## Bank Products

The Bank Products section contains status information about electronically filed returns that utilize bank products. The Bank Products section displays on the Home Page only if you mark the *Use Electronic Refund Disbursement Service* checkbox in the Bank Products dialog. To mark this checkbox, choose 1040 Individual from the Setup menu, click the Federal tab, and click the Bank Products button.

## CS Connect Services

The CS Connect™ Services section displays updates that were downloaded and applied via CS Connect. To update CS Connect Background Services settings on the CS Connect tab of the System Configuration dialog via the UltraTax CS Home Page, click the CS Connect Services link and then click the Change link.

## UltraTax CS Updates

The UltraTax CS Updates section contains information about application updates that are available for download. This link displays only if there are available updates.

## Recent Activity

The Recent Activity section displays the most recent client returns your preparers, staff, and reviewers have accessed, along with the time spent in each client's record. You can use the Setup > User Preferences > Home Page tab to specify the number of clients displayed here.

### Client Profiles

The Client Profiles section lists all client returns, including the client ID, entity, status, and complexity. In this section, you can open a client's return, search your client list by first or last name, update client contact information without opening the client's return, access return information, view return history (when applicable), view the status history of clients' returns, as well as add, edit, or view external client documents.

### Product Releases

The Product Releases section shows which federal and state applications you have installed, which applications you are licensed for (or that you installed in the prior year) but have not yet installed, which are available to install, and which are not yet available to install.

### Product Information

The Product Information section displays Platform information that applies to all products and information about all products for which you are licensed including form approval status, available forms, and electronic filing.

### Data Locations

The Data Locations section displays all of the data locations you set up for your client data. You can expand each link to see how many clients are in each data location. To add data locations, choose System Configuration from the Setup menu, and click the Data Locations tab.

### Firm Information

The Firm Information section provides information about network users who are currently using the application. You can review graphs that display current and prior-year clients by entity, view a breakdown by year and entity of how many clients each preparer, reviewer, or staff is assigned, and view computer hardware information for network users. This section does not display by default. To display the Firm Information section on the Home Page, choose Security from the Setup menu, enter a password, and mark the *Display Firm tabs on the home page* checkbox. If you enabled advanced security, choose Setup > Security, enter your password and click Continue, click the Groups tab, click the Edit Group button, click the Administrative link in the Privilege column, set the Home Page privilege to *Allow*, and click OK twice.

### Multimedia Presentations

The Multimedia Presentations section contains links to video presentations about items such as new features in UltraTax CS and PDF documents with information related to the videos.

### Research on the Web

The Research on the Web section contains links to useful websites.

### Support Center

The Support Center section lists Support operating hours and links to Support resources, the Help & How-To Center, the E-File Help Center, and the UltraTax CS Ideas Community forum.



## Custom links

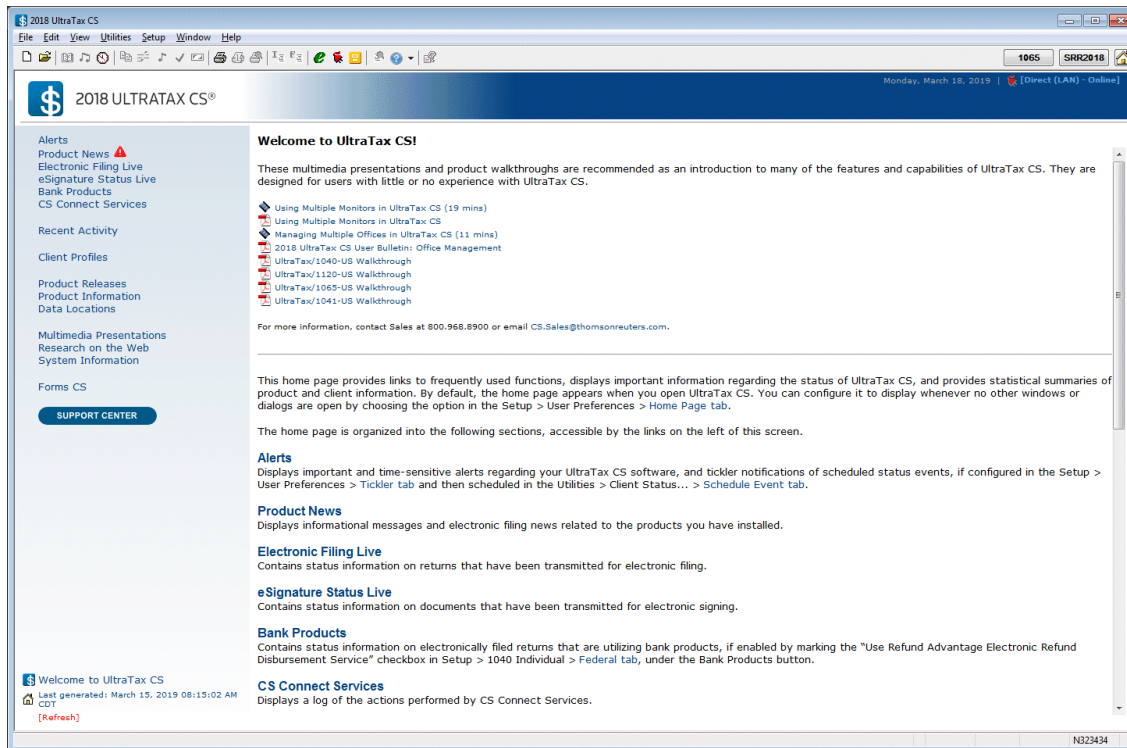
The left pane of the Home Page displays icons for any custom URLs or links to local or network files that you have set up. To add custom links, access the Setup > User Preferences > Home Page tab and click the Custom Links button.

## Forms CS

The Forms CS section contains links to the Forms CS website.

## Welcome to UltraTax CS

The Welcome to UltraTax CS section displays when you first open UltraTax CS after you install the application. This section provides descriptions of the information available via the Home Page navigation pane. When applicable, the section descriptions point you to the corresponding Home Page section or direct you to the appropriate tab in UltraTax CS.




For more information about using the UltraTax CS Home Page, choose Help & How-To Center from the Help menu, enter **Home Page** in the search field, press ENTER, and click “Using the UltraTax CS Home Page.”

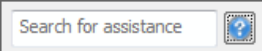
# The UltraTax CS Help menu

The Help menu provides a variety of features and methods to acquaint yourself with UltraTax CS. The following sections describe some of the commands available from the Help menu.

## Help & How-To Center

The Help & How-To Center provides one-stop access to the information you need while you use UltraTax CS. Use the search field in UltraTax CS to find details on new features, procedures for various tasks, answers to frequently asked questions, productivity and troubleshooting tips, alerts about timely issues, and more.

To access the Help & How-To Center, choose Help & How-To Center from the Help menu, press F1 from within an open client's return, or press CTRL+Y. Or, you can search for articles from within UltraTax CS by clicking the arrow next to the Help  button to enter your terms in the search

 field. You can also choose Help > Alerts and Notices to view information about known issues, recent fixes, and answers to common questions.

For more information and examples of sample searches, see the [Finding answers to your UltraTax CS questions](#) article in the Help & How-To Center.

## E-File Help Center


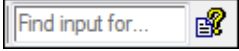
The E-File Help Center provides access to detailed information about e-filing your clients' returns. The center provides easy access to essential procedures such as applying to e-file, setting up UltraTax CS for e-filing, preparing e-files, transmitting and tracking e-files, and resolving errors.

## UltraTax CS Ideas Community

The UltraTax CS Ideas Community provides a way for you to give feedback and suggestions directly to our development team. The scope, feasibility, and popularity of a suggestion based on votes from other UltraTax CS users will impact whether we implement that suggestion in a future release of UltraTax CS. For more information, see the [UltraTax CS Ideas Community](#) article in the Help & How-To Center.

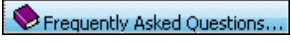
## Tax Subject Index

The Tax Subject Index provides a search feature to help you find the correct input screen for a specific category of tax data. The Tax Subject Index also displays a list of available tax forms and a list of tax form instructions (provided you have an active internet connection and Adobe Reader installed).

To access the Tax Subject Index, open a client's return and then click the Tax Subject Index  button on the UltraTax CS toolbar, or enter a search term in the *Find input for*  field and then press ENTER.

To search by keyword, click the *Tax Subjects* option in the Tax Subject Index dialog, enter one or more keywords for the subject you want, and click the Find button. After the Tax Subject Index locates the associated articles, double-click the subject you want, and the application will open the input screen where you should enter that category of data.

To view a list of all forms and their corresponding input screens for the current entity, click the *Forms* option. Double-click a form in the list to open the related input screen or tax form (for non-calculating forms).

To find tax form instructions on the internet, click the *Web Form Instructions* option and double-click the desired form instructions in the list. Also, to access entity-specific frequently asked questions from the Tax Subject Index, click the Frequently Asked Questions  button.

## Additional Resources

In addition to providing quick access to the Help & How-To Center, the Help menu includes an "Additional Resources" submenu from which you can access the following resources.

- **General Support Information** — Opens the Support section of our website. You can use the Support page to obtain information about releases and versions, search the Help & How-To Center, send questions to CS Product Support, and more.
- **Keyboard Help** — Opens a table of keyboard shortcuts. UltraTax CS provides many keyboard shortcuts for the most commonly used features in the application, such as opening a client's return and accessing our Help & How-To Center.
- **Frequently Asked Questions** — Opens a help article with links to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about UltraTax CS in general and about specific UltraTax CS applications.
- **Ask Support via Email** — Opens a form you can complete to submit a question to CS Product Support.

## Bulletins

The Bulletins command opens a window that lists all of the user bulletins pertinent to the current-year applications for which you are licensed. User bulletins inform you of issues fixed in new releases, of changes made to the application, or of special issues such as state requirements for forms. You can either view the user bulletins on screen or print the desired bulletins from the User Bulletin window.

**Note:** You can also access current user bulletins for installed applications in the Product Information section of the UltraTax CS Home Page. Click the Product Information link on the UltraTax CS Home Page, click the appropriate application tab, and then click the link for the federal or state application. Click the User Bulletins link, then click the Current link to access a list of all of the current-tax-year user bulletins for the selected application.

## On the Web

The On the Web command opens a sub-menu with commands to access various online resources.

- **CS Professional Suite Home Page** — Opens the main page of our website, where you can obtain general information about Thomson Reuters/Tax & Accounting and our applications.
- **Checkpoint** — Opens the Checkpoint® login dialog, which subscribers can use to log in to the Checkpoint online tax and research database service without closing UltraTax CS.

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- **Quickfinder on ProView** — Opens the Thomson Reuters ProView™ login dialog, which subscribers can use to log in to Quickfinder®, a tax research and preparation resource, without closing UltraTax CS.

**Note:** The *Checkpoint* and *Quickfinder on ProView* commands only appear if these features are enabled by marking the corresponding checkboxes in the Setup > User Preferences > Research tab. You may not see the new menu commands until you close and re-open UltraTax CS.

- **Forms CS** — Opens the main page of the Forms CS website, where you can log in and purchase officially approved tax forms, document covers, and envelopes for your returns.
- **Adobe Reader** — Opens the Adobe website from which you can download and install the Adobe Reader.
- **IRS Home Page** — Opens the main page of the IRS website, where you can obtain information about the latest tax law changes and access various tax forms and publications.
- **IRS e-services** — Opens the e-services page of the IRS website. This page contains tools and resources to electronically conduct business with the IRS.

## Getting Started

The Getting Started command opens a sub-menu with commands to access a multimedia presentation and guide in PDF. These resources are designed to introduce new users to UltraTax CS and to provide information on application updates and new features.

## Additional research resources

UltraTax CS provides additional research resources for tax research and return preparation.

- **RIA Form/Line Finder research integration** — UltraTax CS integrates with RIA Form/Line Finder research. To use this feature, click the Form View button on the toolbar to switch to form view, choose Web Research from the View menu, and choose RIA Form/Line Finder (or right-click, choose Web Research, and then choose RIA Form/Line Finder). You must subscribe to RIA Form/Line Finder and enable access to RIA Form/Line Finder in the Research tab; to do so, choose User Preferences from the Setup menu, and click the Research tab. You must be connected to the internet to use this feature.
- **PPC Deskbooks integration** — You can access PPC Deskbooks resources for additional tax information. You must have PPC Deskbooks installed to use this feature. To access PPC Deskbooks content from within UltraTax CS, click the PPC Deskbooks button in the appropriate input screen, and choose the desired article. You can also choose Web Research from the View menu, and then choose PPC Deskbook to open the PPC Reference Library application. You must subscribe to PPC Deskbooks and enable access to PPC Deskbooks in the Research tab; to do so, choose User Preferences from the Setup menu, and click the Research tab. You must be connected to the internet to use this feature.

- **Government instructions and publications** — UltraTax CS links to government form instructions and certain publications. To use this feature, click the Form View button on the toolbar to switch to form view, choose Web Research from the View menu, and then choose Government (or right-click, choose Web Research, and then choose Government). To access this feature from the UltraTax CS Help menu, choose On the Web from the Help menu, and choose either IRS Home Page or IRS e-services. You must be connected to the internet to use this feature.





## SETTING UP AND EXPLORING ULTRATAX CS

In UltraTax CS, you can access all setup-related activities from a single, initial setup menu. This chapter shows you how to set up items that will remain the same for all of your clients and for all UltraTax CS users in your firm. From the same initial setup menu, you can set up firm and security information and preferences for transmittal letters.

### Entering firm and preparer information

#### ACTIONS

Begin at the UltraTax CS menu.

1. From the Setup menu, choose System Configuration. The System Configuration dialog opens to the Firm tab.

**Note:** We have set up a sample firm for this walkthrough. If you have already purchased and installed a license for the full UltraTax CS application, your firm information is listed here.

Firm Name	License Address	EIN	Phone	Fax
Parnes, Velano, Martin...	5200 Wolf Road, Suite...		800-968-8900	

Additional preparer blocks  
You may add additional preparer blocks and pay a PRP fee for each use. A "blank" preparer block is already available to each client on File > Client Properties.

OK Cancel

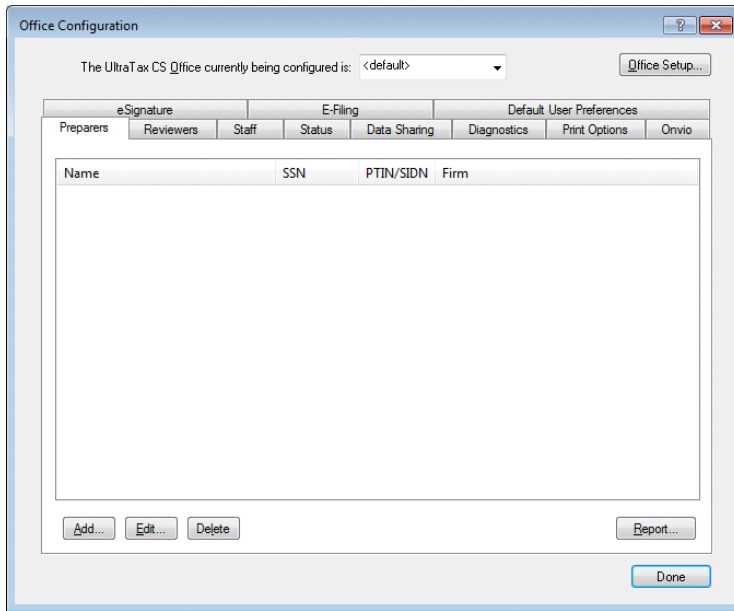
2. Enter your employer ID number in the *EIN* field and your firm telephone number in the *Phone* field.

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- Click OK to close the System Configuration dialog.

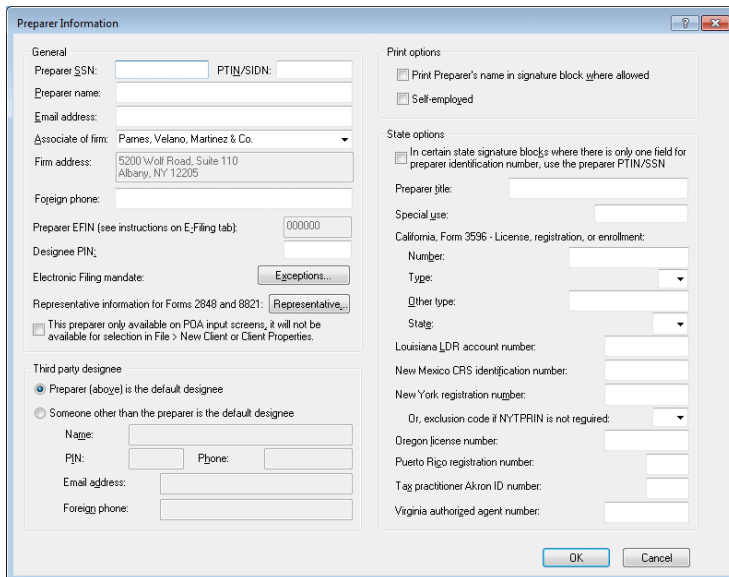
Now, let's add you as a preparer.

- From the Setup menu, choose Office Configuration. The Office Configuration dialog opens to the Preparers tab.



The Office Configuration dialog box is shown with the 'Preparers' tab selected. The dialog title is 'Office Configuration'. At the top, it says 'The UltraTax CS Office currently being configured is: <default>' with a dropdown arrow and an 'Office Setup...' button. Below this are several tabs: 'eSignature', 'E-Filing', and 'Default User Preferences'. Under 'Preparers', there are sub-tabs: 'Preparers', 'Reviewers', 'Staff', 'Status', 'Data Sharing', 'Diagnostics', 'Print Options', and 'Onvio'. The main area contains a table with columns for 'Name', 'SSN', 'PTIN/SIDN', and 'Firm'. At the bottom of the table area are buttons for 'Add...', 'Edit...', and 'Delete'. To the right of the table area is a 'Report...' button. At the very bottom of the dialog is a 'Done' button.

- Click the Add button to open the Preparer Information dialog.



The Preparer Information dialog box is shown. It has a title bar 'Preparer Information'. The dialog is divided into several sections:

- General:** Fields for Preparer SSN, PTIN/SIDN, Preparer name, Email address, Associate of firm (dropdown menu showing 'Paines, Velano, Martinez & Co.'), Firm address (5200 Wolf Road, Suite 110, Albany, NY 12205), Foreign phone, Preparer EFIN (000000), Designee PIN, Electronic Filing mandate (Exceptions...), and Representative information for Forms 2848 and 8821 (Representative...).
- Third party designee:** Radio buttons for 'Preparer (above) is the default designee' (selected) and 'Someone other than the preparer is the default designee'. Fields for Name, PIN, Phone, Email address, and Foreign phone.
- Print options:** Checkboxes for 'Print Preparer's name in signature block where allowed' and 'Self-employed'.
- State options:** Checkboxes for 'In certain state signature blocks where there is only one field for preparer identification number, use the preparer PTIN/SSN'. Fields for Preparer title, Special use, California Form 3596 - License, registration, or enrollment (Number, Type, Other type, State), Louisiana LDR account number, New Mexico CRS identification number, New York registration number (Or, exclusion code if NYTPRIN is not required), Oregon license number, Puerto Rico registration number, Tag practitioner Akron ID number, and Virginia authorized agent number.

Buttons for 'OK' and 'Cancel' are at the bottom right.



6. Enter your Social Security number in the *Preparer SSN* field.
7. Press TAB to move to the *PTIN/SIDN* field and enter your PTIN or SIDN.

**Notes**

- All paid tax preparers (including attorneys, CPAs, and enrolled agents) must apply for a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). Preparers who already have a PTIN must renew this number annually. For more information about the regulations and how to complete an application, visit the IRS website at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).
- You must renew your PTIN each year by December 31.

8. Press TAB to move to the *Preparer name* field and enter your name.
9. In the *Designee PIN* field, enter a five-digit PIN that is not all zeroes.
10. Mark the *Self-employed* checkbox if all preparers are self-employed.
11. Click OK to add the preparer information to the list in the Preparers tab.
12. Click Done.

## Reviewing the tax return collation

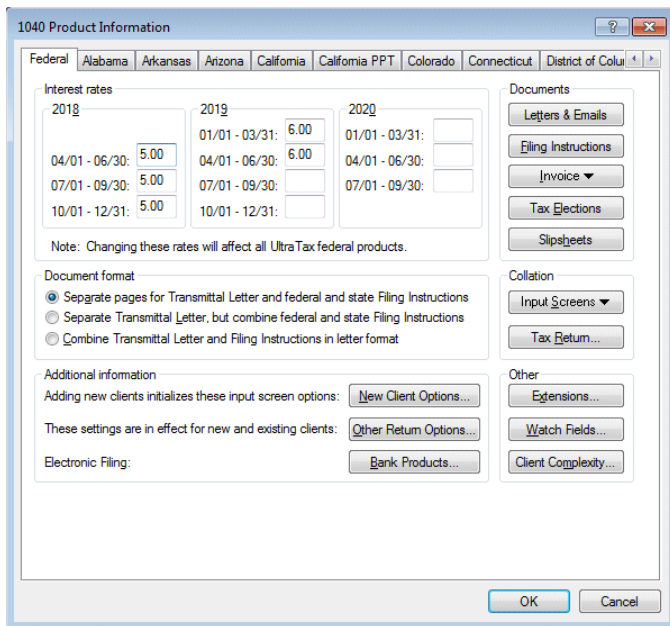
The next setup task is to view the default tax return collation.

**ACTIONS**

You are at the UltraTax CS menu.

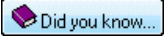
1. From the Setup menu, choose 1040 Individual to open the 1040 Product Information dialog.

**Note:** Each state application that you have installed has a tab, as shown in the following illustration. (The Federal tab is currently selected.) Notice that the interest rates in effect as of the latest release date are entered in the interest rate fields. You can enter or adjust interest rates as needed.



- In the Collation group box, click the Tax Return button to open the Return Collation dialog.

Let's take a moment to review the features in this dialog.

- Focus options** — Use the options in the Focus group box to control the return items displayed in the Return items list.
- Find what field** — Enter a search term in this field, and click the Find button or press ENTER to locate a specific item in the return items list. The Find button changes to the Next button after the first instance of the search item is located. Click Next or press ENTER to continue your search in the Return items list to locate other instances of the specified search term.
- Government / Client / Preparer tabs** — For each copy of a client's return, you can specify the collation order, print conditions, and whether to print an item on paper. You can also determine whether to print items in the government or preparer copies on paper when filing electronically or when printing to FileCabinet CS®.
- Return items list** — This list contains descriptions of the printable items in the return and the current print condition for each item. You can select a single item or multiple items at the same time and change the collation properties. Click the Government, Client, or Preparer tab to change the collation properties of the same items for other copies of the return. Click the Did you know  button for more information on this feature.
- Print conditions group box** — For each item in each copy of the return, you can print the item when the item is required or you can suppress the item from printing. You can enable certain items that are not required to always print when data is present.
- When filing electronically group box** — You can print the return on paper when filing electronically or include an item as a second attachment when the client copy of the tax return is delivered via email, as a PDF file, or via the NetClient CS® web portal.
- Move Up / Move Down buttons** — To change the collation order, highlight an item in the list and click these buttons to change the item's position in the sequence.

- **Restore Default button** — Click this button to restore the collation of each copy of the return to the UltraTax CS default or to the prior-year collation.

**Note:** By default, the return collation is set to follow IRS guidelines on forms that should print with the return, and we strongly recommend that you use the default Government collation. While you can customize the Client and Preparer collations, you do not normally need to make these changes.

3. We will not change the order of the forms for this walkthrough, so click Cancel to close the dialog.

## Entering invoice pricing

UltraTax CS provides many invoice options so you can customize your client invoices. You can print an invoice without a detailed form listing, print a detailed form listing with only one price, print a detailed list with a specific price per form, or force a total invoice amount. In addition, you can create custom invoice prices on a per-client basis when you do not want to use the standard invoice. Invoice pricing from the prior-year UltraTax CS automatically transfers to the current-year application when you proforma, so you need to update only prices that have changed.

UltraTax CS provides a predefined template for client invoices so you can use proportional fonts and borders, copy text from files in other applications such as Microsoft® Word or WordPad, or insert your logo or letterhead as a scanned (bitmap) file. UltraTax CS generates the invoice based on the items selected to print in the client copy of the tax return. The application automatically saves a backup copy of the default invoice so that you can start over if you do not like your changes.

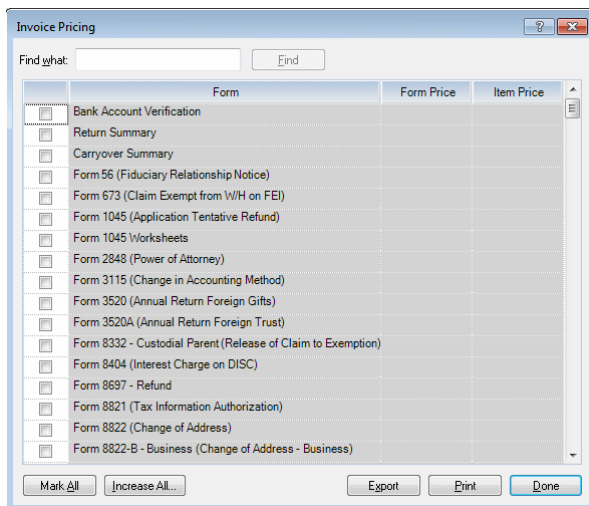
In the following example, you will enter information in the detail price listing.

### ACTIONS

You are at the 1040 Product Information dialog.

1. Click the arrow to the right of the Invoice button and select *Pricing* from the drop-down list. The Invoice Pricing dialog opens.

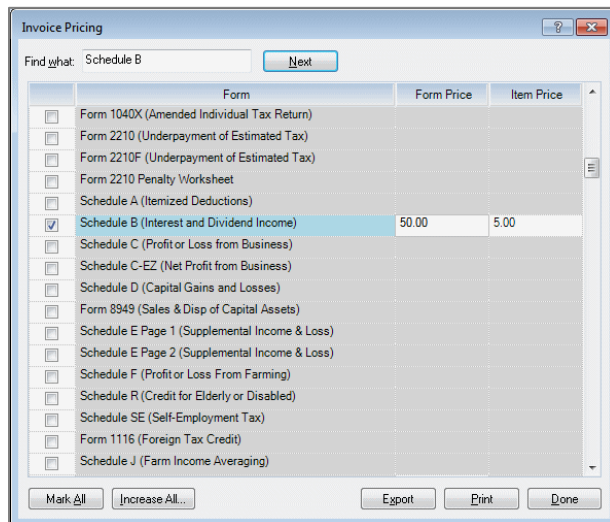
You can choose the forms to appear on the invoice and set prices for the forms in this dialog.



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Let's enter a couple of sample prices.

2. Enter **Form 1040** in the *Find what* field and click the Find button.
3. Click Next until Form 1040 (Individual Income Tax Return) is highlighted, and mark the *Form 1040 (Individual Income Tax Return)* checkbox. Once you mark the checkbox for an item, the pricing box becomes available.
4. In the *Form Price* field, enter **100** and press TAB. The amount 100.00 will appear on the invoice as the price for Form 1040.
5. Delete the text in the *Find what* field, enter **Schedule B**, and click the Find button or press ENTER.
6. Mark the *Schedule B (Interest and Dividend Income)* checkbox.
7. In the *Form Price* field, enter **50** and press TAB.
8. In the *Item Price* field, enter **5** and press TAB. When you process returns, the invoice will show the greater of \$5.00 per item or \$50.00 as the charge for Schedule B.



9. Delete the text in the *Find what* field; enter **Form 2441**, and click the Find button.
10. Mark the *Form 2441 (Child & Dependent Care Expense)* checkbox.
11. Press TAB, leaving "No Charge" in the *Form Price* field. UltraTax CS will print "No Charge" on the invoice when Form 2441 is completed.

**Note:** If you click the Increase All button, the Increase Invoice Amounts dialog opens. You can increase all invoice prices by an amount or a set percentage. In addition, you can apply a dollar amount to all invoice items that are currently set as "No Charge" items.

12. Click Done.
13. Click OK to close the 1040 Product Information dialog.

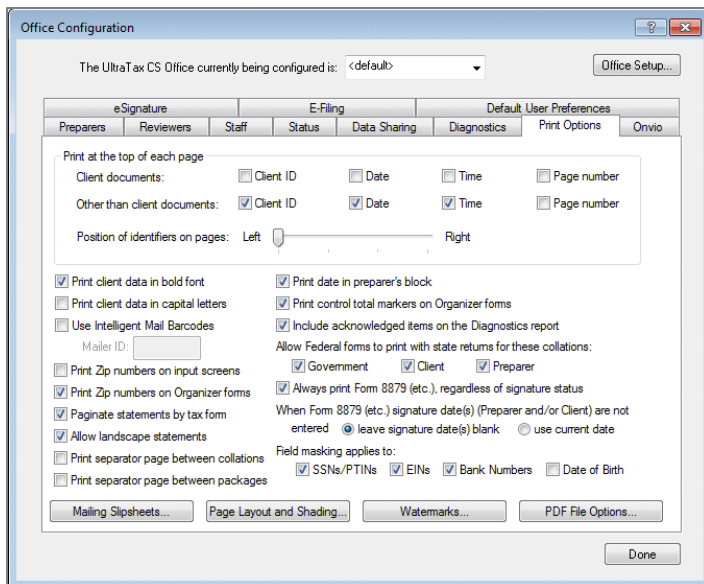
**Notes**

- To print the invoice price list to view and adjust prices before you print invoices, click the Print button in the Invoice Pricing dialog. Although the invoice prices defined in this dialog apply to all clients, you can customize the pricing for a specific client's invoice. To change an amount for a specific client, open the client's return, choose View/Customize Invoice from the View menu, and click Close to close the invoice preview; the Custom Invoice Amounts dialog opens. Note that other options are available in Screen Letter within the client, such as forcing a total invoice amount and applying a discount to the invoice.
- You can show a list of forms on the invoice with or without prices, print "No Charge" when there is no charge for a particular form, and enter form prices and per-item prices (for items such as Schedules K-1, Forms W-2 and 1099, interest and dividends, and capital gains). The UltraTax CS invoicing feature includes prices for the forms and schedules contained in the client's copy. To access these options, choose 1040 Product Information from the Setup menu, click the Invoice button, select Text & Format Options from the drop-down list, and then click the Options button.
- To set up separate prices for state items and print those prices on a combined federal and state invoice, click the appropriate state tab in the 1040 Product Information dialog and then click the Invoice Pricing button.

## Customizing the print options

You can set print options that apply to all clients. Although you do not need to change any of these options for this walkthrough, let's look at the options available.

1. Depending on your configuration, do one of the following:
  - If your security configuration allows individual users to set their own print options, choose User Preferences from the Setup menu and click the Print Options tab.
  - If you are using the evaluation version of UltraTax CS or if your security configuration is set to use firm-wide print options, choose Office Configuration from the Setup menu, enter the master password (if necessary), and click the Print Options tab.



In the Print Options tab, you can do the following.

- Print selected information at the top of each page, such as the client ID, date, time, and page number. You can also set the position of these items on the page. Note that this information does not print on certain state forms, per state guidelines.
- Print statements in one continuous batch or paginate the statements based on corresponding forms.
- Print client data in bold font or capital letters or print bar codes on mailing slipsheets by opening the Mailing Slipsheets dialog.
- Define print options, such as the appearance of the printed output and page layout.
- Create or edit watermarks for use on government, preparer, or client return collations. Depending on your security configuration, click either the Watermarks tab or the Watermarks button.
- Choose to include federal forms when printing state returns for the Government, Client, and/or Preparer collations.
- Choose to mask the SSNs/PTINs, EINs, bank numbers, or dates of birth in the printed client and preparer copies of the return.

2. We will not change options for this walkthrough, so click Done to close the dialog.

**Note:** Many of the options discussed above are firm-wide options, but preparers can change some print options, such as watermarks and selecting particular pages, to print for specific clients. Printing a return for most clients is straightforward; all you need to do is click the Print button on the toolbar and determine whether you want to print a preview or a final copy of the return.

## Setting other return options

UltraTax CS lets you set options that apply to all new and existing 1040 clients. Although you do not need to change any of these options for this walkthrough, let's take a quick look at the options available.

### ACTIONS

1. Choose 1040 Individual from the Setup menu.
2. Click the Other Return Options button in the Additional information group box to open the Other Return Options dialog.

Use the Other Return Options dialog to set return presentation and other options that apply to all 1040 clients in the application.

3. Click Cancel, because we do not want to set any of these options now.
4. Click the New Client Options button in the Additional information group box to open the New Client Options dialog.

Use the New Client Options dialog to set estimates and other options that will apply to all clients subsequently added to UltraTax CS.

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5. Click Cancel, because we do not want to set any of these options now.
6. Click the Organizer tab from the 1040 Product Information dialog and then click the Modify button to open the Options dialog.

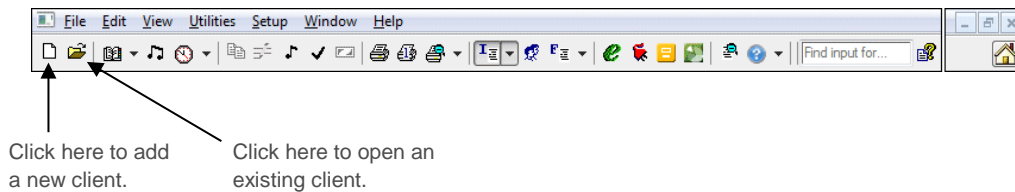
**Note:** The Organizer tab is displayed after the list of state applications you may have installed.

7. Use the Options dialog to define various print settings for client organizers.
8. Click Cancel.
9. Click OK to close the 1040 Product Information dialog and return to the UltraTax CS menu.

You are now ready to process your first 1040 return using UltraTax CS.

## Navigating in UltraTax CS

In UltraTax CS, there are many methods for navigating through the application, so you can use the method most comfortable for you. For example, you can use keyboard shortcuts to activate commands or use the mouse to click toolbar buttons. You can also use a combination of the mouse and keyboard commands. For example, you can press CTRL+O to open the Open Client dialog and then double-click the desired client ID to open that client's return.



In this walkthrough, you will use all of these methods. In some instances, we will show you two or three ways to complete the same task. Although we use a particular method to provide you with instructions, you can determine the method you prefer to enter data and use the application.



The following table describes how to find information about menus, toolbars, keyboard shortcuts, and function key shortcuts in UltraTax CS.

Navigation method	To find more information...
Menus and toolbars	For information on various menus and toolbars in UltraTax CS, click the arrow next to the Help button on the toolbar, enter <b>Menus and toolbars</b> in the search field, and press ENTER. In the search results page that opens, click “Menus and toolbars in UltraTax CS.”
Keyboard shortcuts	For a list of common keyboard shortcuts used in UltraTax CS, choose Additional Resources from the Help menu, and then choose Keyboard Help.  For detailed information about specific groups of keyboard shortcuts, click the arrow next to the Help button on the toolbar, enter <b>Keyboard shortcuts</b> in the search field, and press ENTER. In the search results page that opens, click the appropriate links to view articles that cover keyboard shortcuts used in various parts of UltraTax CS.
Function keys	For a list of function keys used in UltraTax CS, click the arrow next to the Help button on the toolbar, enter <b>Function keys</b> in the search field, and press ENTER. In the search results page that opens, click “UltraTax CS function keys.”





## PREPARING YOUR FIRST 1040 RETURN

The first two chapters of this walkthrough provided an overview and showed you how to complete some basic setup tasks to process your first return. This chapter shows you how to use common features and prepare, preview, and print a simple return. You will add a client and enter tax return data for that client. In the next chapter, “Beyond a Basic Return,” you will use the same client to prepare a more complex return.

### Adding a new client

The first step in preparing a tax return for a new client is to add the client to the application. To do so, assign the client a unique ID code and enter some basic information. After adding the client, you are ready to begin entering data.

#### ACTIONS

You are at the UltraTax CS Home Page.

1. From the File menu, choose New Client to open the New Client dialog.

#### Notes

- This section instructs you to use the mouse to move among the fields in the New Client dialog. If you prefer to use the keyboard, press TAB or ENTER, depending on your settings in the User Preferences dialog, to move among fields.
  - From this point forward, we use the convention “Choose [Menu name] > [Command name]” to instruct you to choose a command from a menu. For example, step 1 above would be “Choose File > New Client.”
2. Enter **WALK1** in the *Client ID* field. This is the client ID for the walkthrough. Note that you can enter up to 11 letters or numbers for the unique client ID. If the client ID already exists, the application notifies you by displaying a client list with the existing ID highlighted.

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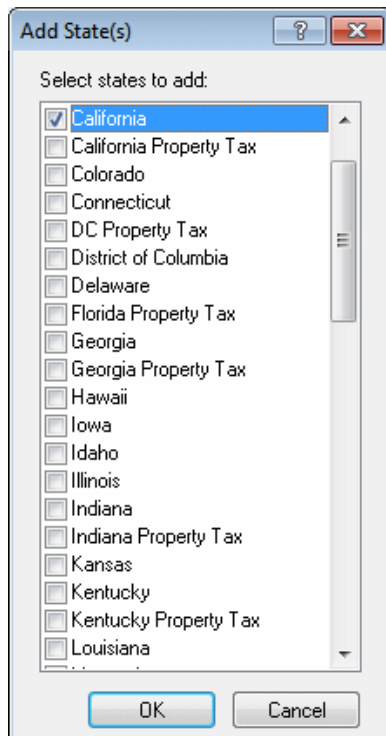
- Click the arrow to the right of the *Preparer* field to open the drop-down list of available preparers. From the list of available names, select the name you entered earlier.

**Note:** To prepare a 1040 federal return for this client, click the **1040** option and then select the appropriate return type from the adjacent drop-down list. The available return types are: Individual (1040), Self-Employment (1040PR), Self-Employment (1040SS), Nonresident Alien, Nonresident Alien (EZ), and Domestic Partner.

- Enter **333-22-4444** in the *EIN / SSN* field.
- Click the Add State(s) button to add a state return for the client.

**Note:** UltraTax CS lists all state applications, even if the state application is not currently installed. After you select state applications for the client's return, UltraTax CS automatically installs any state or city applications that have not been previously installed when you click OK. When you add a previously uninstalled state application to a client's return, UltraTax CS automatically installs the most current version of the application, including any previously released updates.

- Mark the checkboxes for the states you want to use and then click OK. In this example, we will use the state of California.



- In the state tab of the New Client dialog, you can select the type of return (Resident, Nonresident, or Part-year Resident). Note that some states do not have resident returns; therefore, “Individual” is the option provided rather than “Resident.”

You can process as many state returns for a 1040 client as needed. UltraTax CS automatically passes credits to resident states for taxes paid to nonresident states, and it is programmed for reciprocity agreements, where applicable.

**Note:** The Other return(s) group box may contain checkboxes for selecting one or more city, composite, or other miscellaneous returns available to process for this state. Mark these checkboxes as appropriate for the client.

- Click OK to close the New Client dialog.

You have created a new client. UltraTax CS opens the first input screen for client WALK1 — Screen 1040. Now, let’s review the UltraTax CS data-entry features before entering tax return information for the client you just added.

## Entering data for the return

Client WALK1 is open, and you are viewing the first input screen that you will see each time you add a 1040 client. (See the illustration below.) Next, you will learn about some of the UltraTax CS data-entry features.

The Input screen overview button takes you to the help article for the current screen.

Buttons for viewing input screens, forms, client organizer data entry, or a return summary.

Tabs showing input screens available in the current folder.

Buttons showing the different sections available in the current input screen.

Use these buttons to open one of the two most recently-viewed tax returns.

A dot in an input screen tab indicates data is present.

Federal or state indicators. If the open client has a state attached, the state button appears below the federal button.

Lines on a folder indicate that the folder contains data.

Folders block is used to choose input screen folders.

Folder description.

Data type of the current field (Number, Date, Alpha, and so on).

With UltraTax CS, you can enter tax data in the application via the input screens and immediately review the results in screen images of the tax forms. When you process returns with UltraTax CS, you can enter information in input screens in any order you choose.

You can also choose between **organizer** data-entry and **tax** data-entry input screens. You will see an example of data entry using organizer input screens later in this chapter.

For each UltraTax CS application, related functions and activities are grouped in folders according to the type of tax data you enter in the input screens. The folders are always listed in the folders block on the left side of the screen in a logical processing order. The general information screens are first, the electronic filing screens are second, the income screens third, and so on.

In addition, the folder names describe the information you enter in the input screens in that folder. For example, the Income folder in UltraTax/1040 contains the input screens in which you enter wages, interest, dividends, and other income.

To enter information for different areas of the return, click the desired folder. (We will also show you keyboard methods for opening folders.) The tabs at the top of the window show the input screens available in the current folder. The previous example shows Screen 1040 in the General folder. Also available in this folder are Screens Contact, Bank, Info, 1310, 8332, 2120, IDTheft, 8379, ComPSt, Letter, Consent, and Family. You can view any screen by pressing F12 or by clicking its tab. If you hover your mouse pointer over a tab without clicking it, you can read a description of that input screen.

When you open a return for a 1040 client, the initial screen looks similar to the window shown in the previous illustration. (The input screen that displays when you open a return depends on the input screen last opened for that return.)

The folders block lists the folders available for a particular application (1040, 1065, federal, state, and so on). Use the folders block to choose a folder to enter data. For example, to enter wage information, click the Income folder. Later in this walkthrough, you will see several examples of how to use the folders block.

The folders listed in the folders block change if you switch from a federal application to a state application or vice versa. The list also changes if you view forms rather than input screens. (The process of changing from input screens to forms while you review the sample return is explained later in this walkthrough.)

The input screen sections are indicated by bold headings. For example, the cursor is currently in the first blank field in the Filing Status section. Note that the Filing Status button near the top of the input screen is active, which indicates the cursor is in that section.

The status bar at the bottom of the window displays input screen information, which changes based on the current activity and the location of the cursor.

### Notes

- You can customize the visibility and order of the federal or state input screens in each folder. To do so for the current entity, choose Setup > 1040 Individual, click the Federal or state-specific tab, click the Input Screens button in the Collation group box, and choose Data Entry Display. In the Data Entry Display dialog, select a folder or one or more input screens in a folder and use the Move Up and Move Down buttons to change their order. You can also use the options in the Display conditions group box to limit the appearance of input screens and folders by whether the screens or folders contain data.
- You cannot alter the order of some related input screens. Custom display settings will proforma when possible, but folder and input screen settings that changed significantly may not proforma.

## Entering data for client WALK1

Now that you are familiar with the parts of a data-entry window in UltraTax CS, let's enter data for the client using the folders concept. To illustrate this concept, we will enter general information, income, itemized deductions, and a business activity.

### Entering filing status and taxpayer information

Let's enter some information about this client.

**Note:** This walkthrough is designed to show you many of the UltraTax CS concepts and conventions. For existing clients, much of the information you enter in this walkthrough would proforma from the previous year and would not need to be re-entered in subsequent years.

#### ACTIONS

You are in the Filing Status section of Screen 1040 located in the General folder.

1. In the *Filing Status* field, press F4 to open the drop-down list, press the ↓ key to select **2 Married filing joint** from the available filing status options, and press ENTER.

**Note:** You can press F4 to open a drop-down list anywhere you see an arrow  to the right of a field.

Next, you will enter the general information for our taxpayer, John J. Smith. Notice that UltraTax CS automatically copied Smith's Social Security number from the *EIN / SSN* field in the New Client dialog.

You are in the Taxpayer Information section of Screen 1040.

2. Enter **John J.** in the *First name* field and press ENTER.



3. Enter **Smith** in the *Last name* field and press ENTER twice.

**Note:** The Windows convention for moving from field to field is the TAB key. UltraTax CS accepts either TAB **or** ENTER to move you to the next field. For the remainder of the walkthrough, you will use the ENTER key.

4. In the *Presidential election campaign fund* field, enter **1** to mark the appropriate checkbox on Form 1040, then press ENTER.
5. Press ENTER until the cursor is in the *Date of birth* field.
6. Enter **5271958** and press ENTER two times. Note that UltraTax CS automatically formats the date correctly as “5/27/1958,” and displays the taxpayer’s age as of the end of the tax year.
7. Enter **8005552222** in the *Daytime telephone/ext number* field and press ENTER twice. Note that UltraTax CS automatically formats the phone number.
8. Enter **2135554444** in the *Home/evening telephone number* field and press ENTER.
9. Press ENTER three more times. The cursor is now in the Spouse Information section of Screen 1040. If this was not a joint return, UltraTax CS would automatically skip the Spouse Information section.

### Entering spouse information

#### ACTIONS

You are at the Spouse Information section of Screen 1040.

1. Enter **222334444** in the *SSN* field and press ENTER.
2. Enter **Sally L.** in the *First name* field and press ENTER.

Note that UltraTax CS automatically enters text in the *Salutation* and spouse’s *Last name* fields, and that this text is blue. When you see blue text in UltraTax CS, this indicates that the information was entered by UltraTax CS and not by you. If you need to change any field UltraTax CS automatically completes, use the ↑ and ↓ keys or click the mouse to access the field and enter new information.

Automatically entered data can come from many sources: proforma information, data from Fixed Assets CS<sup>®</sup>, data integrated from Accounting CS<sup>™</sup>, or from Workpapers CS<sup>™</sup> and/or Trial Balance CS<sup>®</sup>, data entered in Web Client Organizer, data transferred from another input screen in UltraTax CS, data shared among UltraTax CS clients that have matching TINs, data imported from Source Data Entry, or automatically calculated amounts.

3. Enter **Computer Programmer** in the *Occupation* field and press ENTER.
4. In the *Presidential election campaign fund* field, enter **1** to mark the appropriate checkbox on Form 1040, and then press ENTER.
5. Press ENTER two more times to move to the *Date of birth* field.
6. Enter **8191960** in the *Date of birth* field and press ENTER three times.

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7. Enter **8005556666** in the *Daytime telephone/ext number* field and press ENTER five times.

The screenshot shows the UltraTax CS software interface for preparing a 1040 return. The main window is titled '1040' and contains several sections:

- Qualifying person not claimed as dependent:** Social security number field.
- Taxpayer/Spouse Information:**
  - Taxpayer:** SSN: 333-22-4444, First name: John J., Last name: Smith, Occupation: Computer Programmer.
  - Spouse:** SSN: 222-33-4444, First name: Sally L., Last name: Smith.
  - Other fields include: Presidential election campaign fund (1), Dependent of another, Meets certain children age 18 through 23 conditions (1), First time filing tax return, Child neither parent is alive, Blind, Date of birth (5/27/1958), Age as of January 1, 2019 (60), Date of death, Daytime telephone/ext number (800-555-2222), Home/evening telephone number (213-555-4444), Allow 3rd party designee to discuss with IRS (1), Bona fide resident of US possession, Custom paragraph first name if different, and Salutation (John & Sally).
- Residence Information:** Address, Apartment number, City, state, zip, Foreign country code/name, Foreign province/county, Foreign postal code, Foreign phone number, Address indicator.
- Dependents and General:** Dependent information, Standard/itemized deduction (Force): 1 = Standard, 2 = Itemized, Earned income adjustment for: Dependent of another.

### Entering residence information

#### ACTIONS

You are at the Residence Information section of Screen 1040.

1. Enter **123 Maple Avenue** in the *Address* field and press ENTER twice to skip the *Apartment number* field.
2. Enter **Los Angeles** in the *City* field and press CTRL+S to open the Custom Fieldview dialog.
3. Enter **CA** in the *State* column and **90028** in the *Zip* column, and then press ENTER.

We are using California in this example, but you may enter the postal code for any state you have installed.

#### Notes

- If you enter a state in the *State* field that is not already attached to the client and you are licensed and have the state installed, UltraTax CS will prompt you to attach the state. Allowing you to add states “on-the-fly” is another example of UltraTax CS “smart” data entry.
- There is a drop-down list for the *State* field, and the application selects the closest match as you type. Once the state postal code is entered, UltraTax CS completes the *IRS Service Center* field in Screen Letter with the correct service center information.

4. Click OK to save your entries.
5. When the Custom Fieldview dialog closes, the city for the custom fieldview entry you added is highlighted. Press ENTER to select the highlighted entry and UltraTax CS will enter the city, state, and ZIP code in the corresponding fields.

Custom fieldviews increase data-entry efficiency and consistency by allowing you to create your own drop-down lists for certain data-entry fields to which custom fieldviews are attached. Custom fieldviews are indicated by a green vertical bar to the right of the field. You can save considerable time by creating custom fieldview entries for items such as banks, charitable organizations, and employers that are common in your region. For more information, click the arrow next to the Help button on the toolbar, enter **Custom fieldviews** in the search field, and press ENTER. In the search results page that opens, click the links to view the applicable articles.

### Notes

- The entries in custom fieldviews are maintained in alphabetical order and can be added or deleted at any time. To do this, choose Edit > Custom Fieldview while the cursor is in the field.
- Data entered in fields with a custom fieldview indicator are automatically saved, but will not automatically appear in the custom fieldview drop-down list. Select Edit > Custom Fieldview to select which entries to display in the drop-down list.
- To display all saved entries in the drop-down list, choose Setup > User Preferences > Data Entry tab and mark the Display all custom fieldview items in drop-down list checkbox.
- Once a custom fieldview entry is saved, that entry is available in tax and organizer input screens for all 1040 clients.
- Custom fieldviews automatically proforma from year to year, so you only enter the data once.

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Your screen should look similar to the following illustration.

Now, let's enter information for the Smiths' dependents.

**Note:** All UltraTax CS input screens scroll vertically. Use the PAGE UP and PAGE DOWN keys to navigate from section to section in an input screen. (You can also use the mouse and the scroll bar, the ENTER key, or the input screen section buttons that appear on the tabs at the top of the window.)

6. Press PAGE DOWN to move to the Dependents and General section.



## Entering dependent information

### ACTIONS

You are at the Dependents and General section of Screen 1040.

1. In the *Dependent information* field, press E to open the *Dependents* statement dialog, or click the Statement dialog **S** button.

## Notes

- Statement dialog buttons indicate the presence of a dialog into which you can enter additional detail for the current field. When the cursor is in one of these fields, press E (for “enter the statement dialog”) to open the statement dialog. In some cases, you must be in an amount field to open the statement dialog.
  - If you open a statement dialog in an input screen that has multiple statement fields, you can click the  button from the statement toolbar and select the statement you want to open from drop-down list. Instead of opening as separate dialogs, each statement opens in a separate tab in one statement dialog.
2. In the statement dialog, press ENTER to move to the *First Name* field, enter **Marisa**, and press ENTER.
- Note that UltraTax CS used “smart” data entry to automatically enter **Smith** in the *Last Name* field and move to the *Date of Birth* field. UltraTax CS also assumes dependents lived in the taxpayer’s home for 12 months during the tax year and automatically entered **12** in the *Mos Home* field. If you need to change the last name, click the field and enter a new name. If you need to change the number of months, click the *Mos Home* field and select a number from the drop-down list.
3. Enter **03032001** in the *Date of Birth* field and press ENTER. Note that UltraTax CS automatically calculates the age of the dependent.
  4. Enter **111334444** in the *SSN* field and press ENTER.
  5. In the *Relation* field, press F4 or click  to see a list of available relationships. Select **Daughter** and press ENTER.

TSJ	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Age	SSN	Relation	Mos Home	Dep Code	Student/Disabled	2441 Expense	IP PIN	State Use	Do Not Proforma
1	Marissa	Smith	3/03/2001	17	111-33-4444	Daughter	12						

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6. In the *Dep Code* field, press F4 to see a list of available relationships. Select 1 and press ENTER.
7. Press ENTER more six times to move to the *First Name* field for the second dependent.
8. Enter **Jessica** in the *First Name* field and press ENTER.
9. Enter **04052002** in the *Date of Birth* field and press ENTER.
10. Enter **555334444** in the *SSN* field and press ENTER.
11. In the *Relation* field, select Daughter and press ENTER.
12. In the *Dep Code* field, select 1 and press ENTER.
13. Press F2 to save your data and return to Screen 1040.

**Note:** Notice that when there is data in a statement dialog, the Statement dialog button is red and underscored. This lets you see where statement dialog detail exists for a given field without having to open each statement dialog.

### Entering the taxpayer's income and deduction items

Now that you have entered the filing status and taxpayer, spouse, and dependent information, you will enter the Smiths' income and deduction items. Let's start with W-2 information.

#### ACTIONS

You are in Screen 1040 in the General folder.

1. Press ESC to focus to the folders block.

**Note:** The term "focus" refers to the portion of the window that is currently active and responds to keyboard input. For example, when the focus is on the folders block, the ↑ and ↓ keys move among folders. When the focus is on an input screen, the ↑ and ↓ keys move among input screen fields.

2. Press I or the ↓ key to highlight the Income folder and press ENTER.

You are now at Screen W2, the first input screen in the Income folder. (Note the other tabs in the Income folder.)

**Note:** A client can have multiple copies of some input screens, such as Screen W2. These are called "multiple-unit input screens."

3. Enter **380000000** in the *EIN* field and press ENTER.
4. Enter **ABC Corporation** in the *Employer's name* field and press ENTER.
5. Enter **T** in the *T, S* field to indicate this is the taxpayer's (John's) wage information and press ENTER.
6. Press PAGE DOWN to move to the W2 Facsimile section.

Note that Screen W2 looks very similar to a client's W-2 form. This screen is an example of the "source document" design in UltraTax CS. We have used this design concept whenever possible to streamline entering data from source documents.

7. In box C, click the Employer's address, and ZIP code field.
8. Enter **100 Maple Ave** and press ENTER to move to the next field in box C.
9. Enter **Beverly Hills** and press ENTER to move to the next field in box C.
10. Enter **CA** and press ENTER to move to the next field in box C.
11. Enter **90210** and press ENTER.
12. In box 1, click the *Wages, tips* field, enter **40,000**, and press ENTER.

**Note:** Notice that UltraTax CS automatically calculates Social Security wages and withholding, Medicare wages and withholding, and state wages based on your entry for wages and tips. This is another example of UltraTax CS "smart" data entry, which minimizes keystrokes whenever possible. Of course, you can always change the calculated amounts.

13. Enter **6,800** in the *Fed W/H* field and press ENTER.

Now, let's enter state withholding information.

14. Press PAGE DOWN to move to the State and City Information section.
15. Press F4 to see a list of available state postal codes.
16. Enter **C** in the *State* field. Note that the application highlights the first option beginning with the letter C.



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17. Press ENTER to select CA.
18. Notice the *State wages* field defaults to the federal amount. As with all UltraTax CS “automatic entry” fields, you can choose to change the federal amount.
19. Enter **4,100** in the *State W/H* field.

Now, let’s add another unit so we can enter Sally Smith’s wage information.

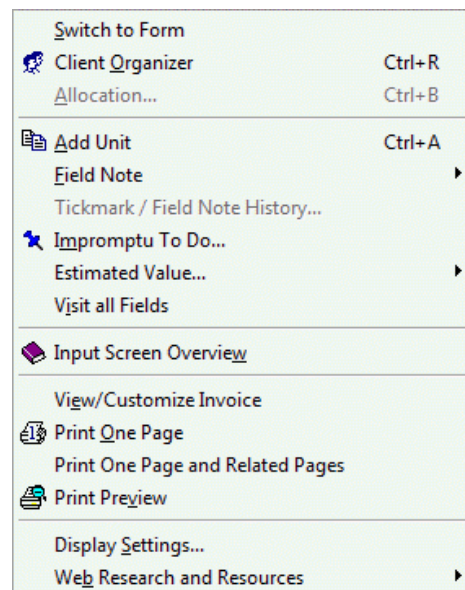
### Entering the spouse’s income and deduction items


#### ACTIONS

You are at Screen W2 in the Income folder.

1. Right-click the data entry area of Screen W2. A context menu appears.

**Note:** Throughout UltraTax CS, you can right-click the mouse to open a context menu containing many commonly used features. The options that display when you right-click depend on where you click. For example, if you right-click in an input screen, the context menu illustrated at the right appears.



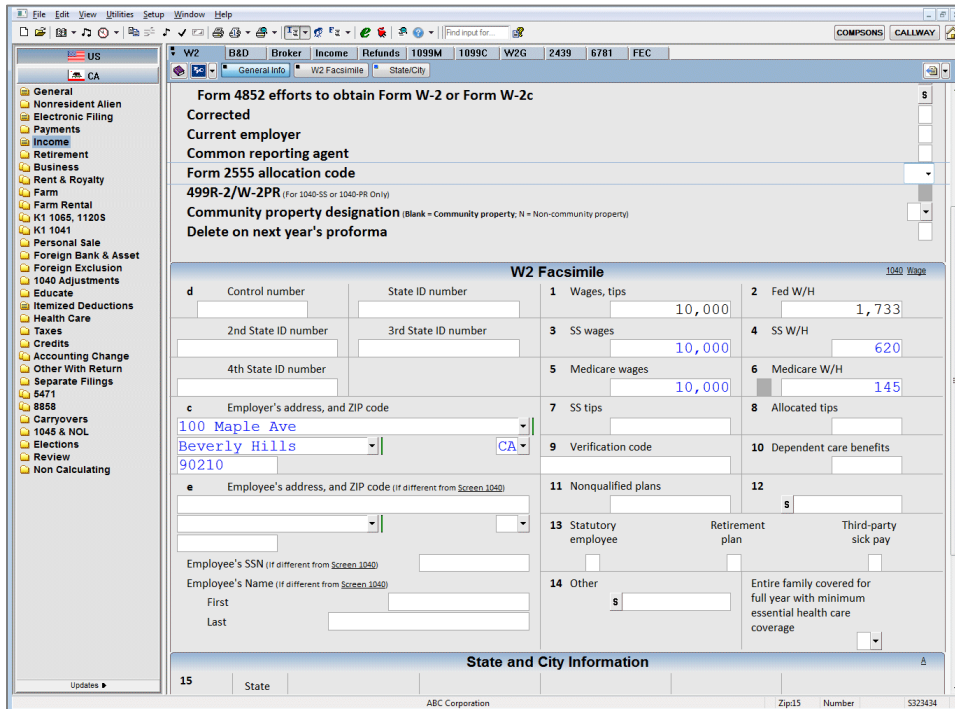
2. Choose Add Unit from the context menu. UltraTax CS creates a second W-2.  
  
(Note that you can also create another unit by selecting Add Unit from the W2 tab, clicking the Add Unit  button on the toolbar, pressing CTRL+A, or choosing Edit > Add Unit from the menu bar.) Notice that the toolbar buttons display in the context menu.
3. Enter **380000000** in the *EIN* field and press ENTER.

The data sharing feature enters the employer’s information in the *Employer’s name, Employer’s address, and ZIP code* fields. The state ID number is also shared when entered. Data sharing enables you to share non-financial client data across all federal UltraTax CS applications. It also allows you to share K-1 financial data between the federal 1040, 1120S, 1065, and 1041 modules.

4. Enter **S** in the *T, S* field and press ENTER to indicate this is the spouse’s wage information.
5. Press PAGE DOWN to move to the W2 Facsimile section.
6. In box 1, click the *Wages, tips* field, enter **10,000**, and press ENTER.



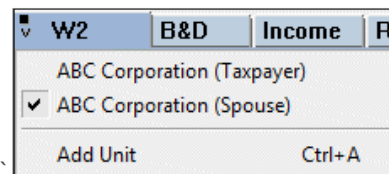
7. Enter **1,733** in the *Fed W/H* field and press ENTER.



8. Press PAGE DOWN to move to the State and City Information section.

9. Enter **CA** in the *State* field and press ENTER.

10. In the W2 tab at the top of the data-entry window, you will notice a down arrow in the lower-left corner of the tab. Click the down arrow on the W2 tab to open the drop-down list of available W2s. Note that you can move between the two W2s by selecting the desired unit from this list.



11. Wage information is completed. Press ESC to close the W2 list.

Now, let's enter interest income in Screen B&D. "B&D" stands for Schedules B and D. Whenever possible, UltraTax CS uses descriptive abbreviations for the input screens and folders.

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## ACTIONS

You are at Screen W2 in the Income folder.

1. Click the B&D tab to open Screen B&D. (Note that you can also press CTRL+TAB or F12 to open an adjacent input screen in the current folder.)

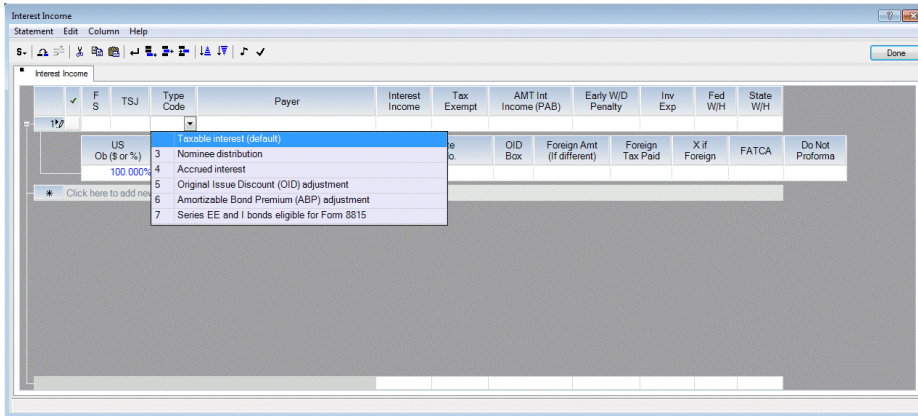
The screenshot displays the UltraTax CS software interface. The main window is titled "Interest, Dividends, Capital Gain and Losses, REMICs". The left sidebar shows a navigation tree with folders like "General", "Income", "Retirement", "Business", "Personal Sale", "Foreign Bank & Asset", "Foreign Exclusion", "1040 Adjustments", "Educate", "Itemized Deductions", "Health Care", "Taxes", "Credits", "Accounting Change", "Other With Return", "Separate Filings", "5471", "8958", "Carryovers", "1045 & NOL", "Elections", "Review", and "Non Calculating". The main area is divided into three sections: "Schedule B - Interest and Dividend Income", "Schedule B - Miscellaneous Information", and "Schedule D / Form 8949 Sales of Capital Assets". The "Interest income" field is highlighted, and a statement dialog is open for it. The dialog shows fields for "Wage, Interest, Dividend, Cap Gains", "Zip1", and "Number".

2. With your cursor in the Interest income field, press E to open the statement dialog. Note that interest income is always entered in a statement dialog in UltraTax CS.

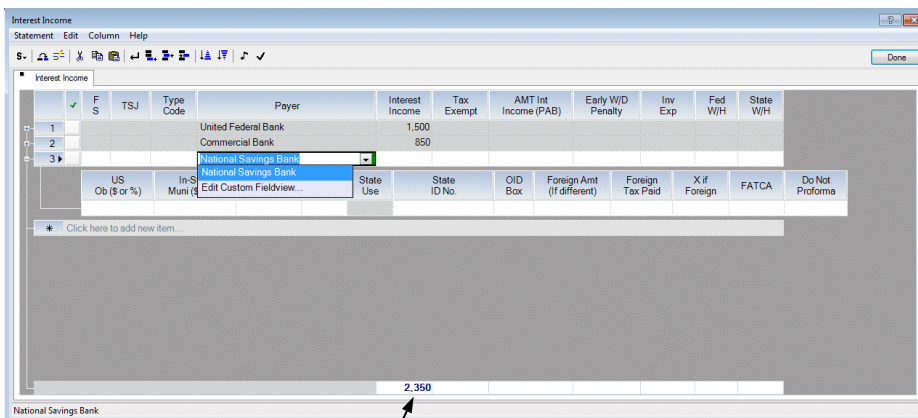
## Notes

- Use Screen Broker, a multi-unit screen located in the Income folder, to enter 1099-INT, 1099-OID, 1099-DIV, and 1099-B information reported on a consolidated broker statement. The data you enter on this screen combines with data entered elsewhere in UltraTax CS and is reported on Schedule B, Schedule D, Form 1116, Form 8949 and Form 6781.
- Some statement dialogs contain too many columns to fit on one screen. UltraTax CS will display these columns on the next line so that all fields will be visible. This feature is called multi-line statement wrapping, and it reduces horizontal scrolling during data entry.
- Multi-line statement wrapping is enabled by default as a user preference. To change this setting, select the Setup > User Preferences > Data Entry tab and clear the Enable multi-line statement checkbox.
- Only one row can be expanded at a time. UltraTax CS automatically expands the active row. When you select a different row in the statement dialog, the selected row is expanded and all columns for that row will become visible.
- Multi-line statement dialogs will optimize to fit the active screen. The screen resolution of the monitor displaying the statement dialog will determine the size of the dialog.

3. Press ENTER twice to move to the *Type Code* field. For this walkthrough, you do not need to enter F (federal) or S (state), nor do you need to designate whether the data is T (taxpayer), S (spouse), or J (joint). Note that when you leave a Taxpayer / Spouse / Joint (TSJ) designation blank, the application defaults to the taxpayer. The benefit of the designation is to avoid having to re-enter data if you choose to compare filing status for married couples.
4. Press F4 to open a drop-down list of valid interest type codes. Note that Taxable interest is the default and has no code.



5. With Taxable interest selected, press ENTER, leaving the *Type Code* field blank.
6. Enter **United Federal Bank** in the *Payer* field and press ENTER.
7. Enter **1,500** in the *Interest Income* field, press SHIFT+ENTER (a shortcut to the next line), and press ENTER three times.
8. Enter **Commercial Bank** in the *Payer* field and press ENTER.
9. Enter **850** in the *Interest Income* field and press ENTER.
10. Press CTRL+A (another shortcut to the next line) and press ENTER three times.
11. In the *Payer* field, enter **National Savings Bank** and press CTRL+S to save the bank name to the custom fieldview. Press ENTER to move to the *Interest Income* field.



Total

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**Note:** You just used the shortcut method for adding an item to the custom fieldview drop-down menu in UltraTax CS. Custom fieldviews allow you to enter data faster and ensure consistent spelling by allowing you to create your own drop-down lists from certain data-entry fields within UltraTax CS. Custom fieldviews are available wherever there is a vertical green bar next to a field.

12. Enter **625** in the *Interest Income* field and press ENTER.

The field at the bottom of the statement dialog displays the total amount as you enter data.

13. To demonstrate the custom fieldview feature, press CTRL+A to move to the next line of the statement dialog and press ENTER three times to move to the *Payer* field.
14. Enter **N** and press ENTER. Notice that UltraTax CS automatically enters National Savings Bank in the field.
15. Because this item was entered for demonstration purposes only, press CTRL+D to delete it.

Now, we will show you an example to illustrate the sorting capabilities of UltraTax CS. Sorting is useful when you have long lists of detailed items, such as capital gains and losses, charitable deductions, and dividends and interest income in statement dialogs.

### ACTIONS



You are at the *Interest Income* statement dialog.

1. Click the Payer column heading. UltraTax CS displays the items in alphabetical order.

	F	S	TSJ	Type Code	Payer	Interest Income	Tax Exempt	AMT Int Income (PAB)	Early W/D Penalty	Inv Exp	Fed W/H	State W/H												
1					Commercial Bank	850																		
2					National Savings Bank	625																		
3					United Federal Bank	1,500																		
						100.000%																		
						2,975																		

2. Click the Payer column heading again. UltraTax CS displays the items in reverse alphabetical order.

### Notes

- In UltraTax CS, alphabetical and numerical sorting options can also be selected for the highlighted column by clicking the Sort Ascending  or Sort Descending  button. UltraTax CS prints items on the government forms in the same order in which they are sorted on the display.
- UltraTax CS prints items in the same order in which they are sorted in the statement dialog.
- If you want to print Schedule B items in an alternate order, choose Setup > 1040 Individual, click the Other Return Options button, and mark the *Sort Schedule B interest and dividend items before printing* checkbox.

- The remaining fields are not applicable for this client, so press F2 or click Done to save your work and return to Screen B&D.

You will now *complete* this exercise by entering itemized deduction amounts for the Smiths. In this example, we will use the Tax Subject Index to find the correct input screen in which to enter medical expenses.

## Using the Tax Subject Index to locate the appropriate screen

You can open the Tax Subject Index from both the toolbar and the Help menu when a client's return is open. The Tax Subject Index lists tax subject search results and forms, along with the corresponding input screen data-entry locations. You can use the Tax Subject Index to determine the appropriate location for data entry and to view government form instructions on the internet. (Note that you need Adobe Reader and an active internet connection to view form instructions on a taxing authority's website.)

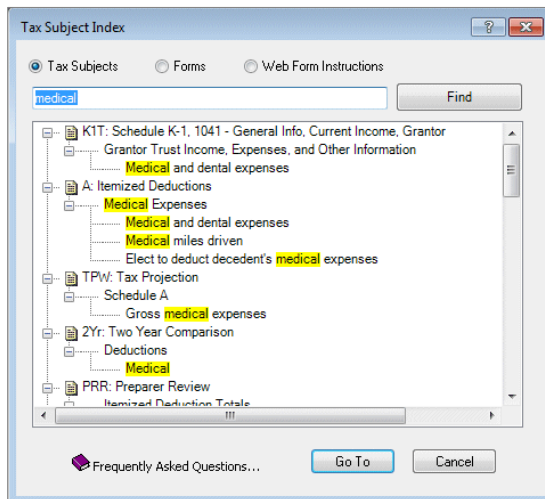
### ACTIONS

You are at Screen B&D in the Income folder.

- Choose Help > Tax Subject Index and click the Tax Subjects option.

In the Tax Subject Index dialog, you can search on a particular item by entering a word or phrase that describes the item you want to find.

- Enter **medical** and press ENTER to search for medical expenses. UltraTax CS searches for an exact match in the application and highlights that option in the Tax Subject Index.

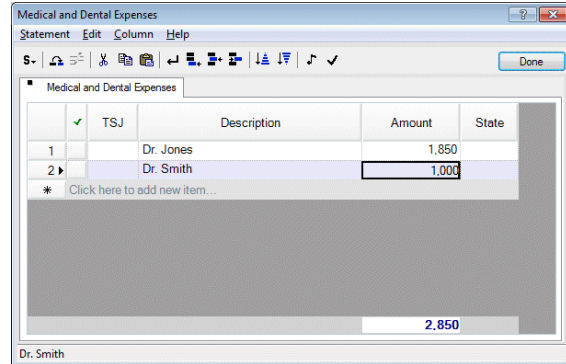


- Double-click the **Medical expenses** result under heading A: Itemized Deductions to open the appropriate input screen and tab section for entering medical expenses (the Medical Expenses section of Screen A).
- Press E to open the *Medical Expenses* statement dialog.
- Press ENTER to move to the *Description* field, enter **Dr. Jones**, and press ENTER.



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- Enter **1,850** in the *Amount* field and press ENTER three times to move to the *Description* field of the next line.
- Enter **Dr. Smith** and press ENTER.
- Enter **1,000** in the *Amount* field and press ENTER.
- Press F2 or click Done to close the statement dialog.
- In the Tax Expenses section of Screen A, click the *Real estate* field in the Amount column, enter **4,560**, and press ENTER. (Note that in this step, you are entering directly in the field and not using the statement dialog.)



Using the mouse is the quickest way to move from the *Medical and dental expenses* field to the *Real estate* field. However, you could have pressed the ↓ or ENTER key.

- Press PAGE DOWN to move to the Interest Expenses section.
- Press TAB to move to the Amount column for the *Mortg interest/pts – Form 1098* field, enter **13,778**, and press ENTER.

**Itemized Deductions**

**Medical Expenses**

Enter minimum essential health care coverage information, if applicable, on *Screen Coverage*

TSJ	Amount	Other:	TSJ	Amount
\$	2,850	Prescription drugs	\$	
\$		Medical miles driven (18 cents)	\$	
\$			\$	

Elect to deduct decedent's medical expenses

**Tax Expenses**

TSJ	Amount	Sales Tax Information:	TSJ	Amount
\$		Resident state/rate (For IRS table value)	CA	7.2500
\$		Additional state or locality	\$	
\$			\$	
\$	4,560	Major purchases	\$	
\$		Actual expenses	\$	
\$		Non-taxable income	\$	
\$		Force st/local income or sales tax deduction		

Do not include refundable portion of refundable tax credits allowed per Notice 2005-31

**Interest Expenses**

TSJ	Amount	Other expenses:	TSJ	Amount
\$	13,778	Prepaid mortg insurance	\$	
\$		Refinancing points paid	\$	
\$		Investment interest	\$	

Explanation of mortgage interest exceeding Form 1098 amount

- Press PAGE DOWN to move to the Charitable Contributions section.
- Press TAB to move to the Amount column for the *Contributions by Cash or check* field, enter **1,200**, and press ENTER.

We will now finish entering itemized deductions using UltraTax/1040 Client Organizer.

## Entering data in UltraTax/1040 Client Organizer

UltraTax/1040 Client Organizer not only allows you to create professional tax organizer packages for your clients but also provides a quick and easy way to enter the organizer data into UltraTax/1040. Your clients can enter new data, make changes to proforma'd data, complete the organizer questionnaire, and include notes and questions for you.

The types of client organizers include: a classic client organizer, a lite client organizer, an organizer checklist, and a variation of the lite client organizer that also includes pages from the classic version. The classic client organizer consists of the complete organizer package. The lite client organizer is an abridged version of the classic client organizer that is designed to work with the original source documents (Forms W-2 and 1099, Schedules K-1, etc.) to save your client's data, reduce data-entry errors by the client, and increase the likelihood clients will complete the organizer. You can use an organizer checklist to assist your clients in gathering the applicable information for preparing their tax return. (The type of organizer presentation can be selected by choosing Setup > 1040 Individual, clicking the Organizer tab, and clicking the Modify button.)

The delivery options for all client organizer versions are paper, email PDF, PDF to file, and web.

- **Paper:** You can print organizers and send them to clients via postal mail. Once your clients return the completed organizers, you can enter the information in UltraTax CS using organizer input screens, as appropriate.
- **Email PDF:** You can send password-protected copies of organizers in Portable Document Format (PDF) to your clients via email. Your clients can print the organizers, complete them, and return them to your office.
- **PDF to file:** You can create a PDF of the organizer package and save it location on your hard drive. If your email application does not support MAPI, use this option to manually attach the PDF of the organizer package to an email message.
- **Web:** You can send organizers to your clients through a private NetClient CS web portal. (A web portal is a highly secure environment that has a unique password to control access.) Once your clients complete and send the electronic organizers back to you via the NetClient CS portal, you can retrieve the clients' data directly into the organizer input screens.
- **Web – Print only:** You can send PDF copies of organizers to your clients through a private NetClient CS web portal. Your clients can print the organizers, complete them, and return them to your office.

For more information about the UltraTax/1040 Client Organizer, refer to the [1040 Client Organizer Help Center](#).


Let's complete the data entry for itemized deductions by entering additional itemized deductions in the organizer input screens.

### ACTIONS

You are at Screen A in the Itemized Deductions folder.

1. Press PAGE DOWN to move to the Miscellaneous Expenses section. You are in the *Other expenses* field.

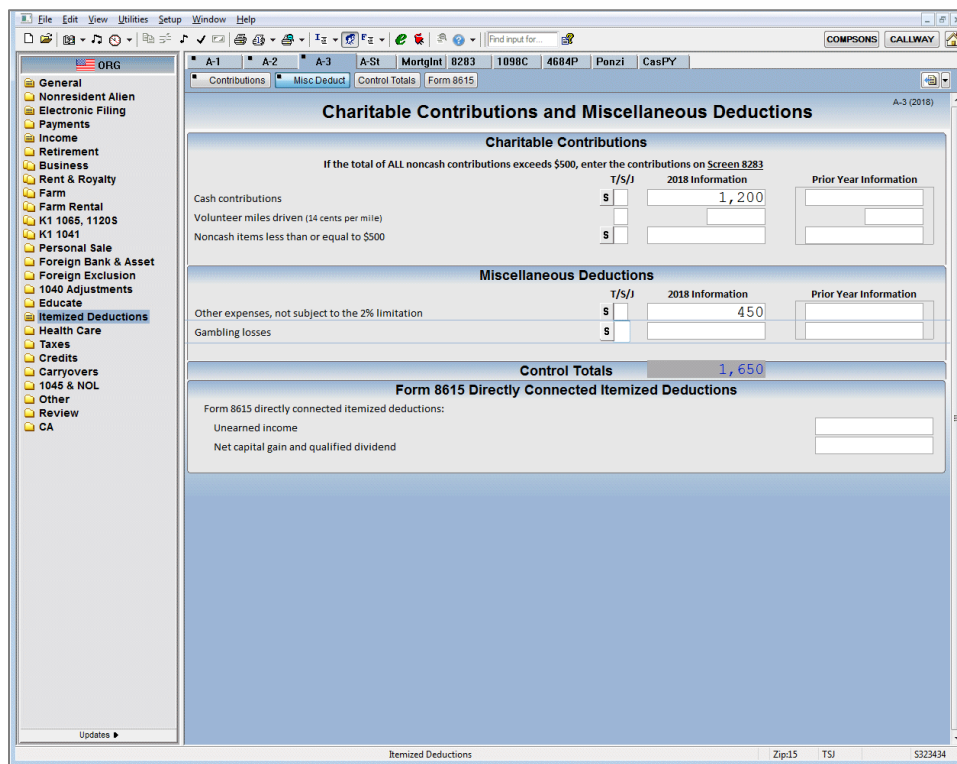
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- Switch to the organizer input screens by pressing CTRL+R. You can also right-click anywhere in the input screen window and then choose Client Organizer from the context menu that opens, or click the Client Organizer Data Entry  button. Notice that the folders block now lists the organizer input screens.

You are now in Screen A3 of the organizer input screens. Notice that the \$1,200 you entered in *Cash contributions* in Screen A appears in the client's organizer screen as well.

The organizer input screens are grouped in folders, just like the tax input screens and forms. Next, notice the Prior Year Information column. If the client was processed in the prior-year UltraTax/1040, these amounts will automatically proforma into the current year.

- Enter **450** in the 2018 Information column of the *Other expenses, not subject to the 2% limitation* field and press ENTER.



Charitable Contributions and Miscellaneous Deductions			
Charitable Contributions			
If the total of ALL noncash contributions exceeds \$500, enter the contributions on <a href="#">Screen 8283</a>			
	T/S/J	2018 Information	Prior Year Information
Cash contributions	\$	1,200	
Volunteer miles driven (14 cents per mile)			
Noncash items less than or equal to \$500	\$		
Miscellaneous Deductions			
	T/S/J	2018 Information	Prior Year Information
Other expenses, not subject to the 2% limitation	\$	450	
Gambling losses	\$		
<b>Control Totals</b>		<b>1,650</b>	
Form 8615 Directly Connected Itemized Deductions			
Form 8615 directly connected itemized deductions:			
Unearned income			
Net capital gain and qualified dividend			

- Press CTRL+I, or click the Input Screen Data Entry  button, to switch to tax Screen A.

Notice that \$450 appears in the *Other expenses* field. Data entered in either organizer screens or tax input screens is automatically reflected in both.

After you have received a completed organizer from a client, you are ready to enter the data into the organizer input screens. The organizer input screens are almost identical to the classic organizer pages you send to the clients, making data entry quick and efficient. (Note that even if you do not send an organizer package to a client, you can still use the organizer input screens to enter data for the client.) If you are using Web Client Organizer, you can retrieve the client data into the organizer input screens. You may accept or reject what the client has entered, as desired.



You can enter state organizer information directly in the state organizer screens just as you enter federal tax information.

## ACTIONS

You are at Screen A in the Itemized Deductions folder.

1. Press ESC to move the focus to the folders block.
2. Press B or the ↑ key to choose the Business folder.
3. Press ENTER to move the focus to the input screen. Once you select a specific folder, pressing ENTER moves you to the first input screen in that folder. Note that UltraTax CS automatically enters 1 in the *Unit* field.

Note that if you click one of the other tabs at the top of this input screen, you can enter the following:

- Expenses (C-2)
- Passive Activity Information (C-3)
- State Passive Carryover Information (St CO)
- Miscellaneous Income (1099M)
- Cancellation of Debt (1099C)
- Distributions from Cooperatives (1099P)
- At-Risk (6198, 6198-2)
- Keogh, SEP and SIMPLE Plan Contributions (Keogh)
- Prior-Year Installment Sales (InstPY)
- Prior-Year Casualty (4684PY)
- Business credits (CrBus, CrBus2, CrBus3, CrBus4, CrBus5, and CrBus6)
- Investment Credit (3468)
- Low Income Housing Credit (8609A)
- Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit (8910)
- Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Credit (8911)
- Qualified Plug-In Electric Motor Vehicle Credit (8936)
- Small Employer Health Insurance Premiums (8941)
- Research Credit Carryover (CO6765)
- Schedule C Two-Year Comparison (2YrC)
- Depreciation data (Asset) related to the particular activities in their respective input screens

If you are licensed for the UltraTax/Oil & Gas module, the Oil & Gas Cost Center (OGCost) and Oil & Gas Well (OGWell) tabs are also available. Information must be entered in the *Principal business or profession* field (step 6) to access these input screens.


4. Press ENTER twice.

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5. In the *Business name* field, enter **John's Deli** and press ENTER.
6. Enter **Deli** in the *Principal business or profession* field and press ENTER.

The screenshot shows the 'Profit or Loss From Business' window in UltraTax CS. The 'Business name' field is filled with 'John's Deli' and the 'Principal business or profession' field is filled with 'Deli'. The 'Schedule C - General Information' section is expanded, showing various fields for business information. The 'Business code' field is highlighted, and a magnifying glass icon is visible next to it, indicating a look-up operation.

Note that after you enter the business type, UltraTax CS displays “1 Deli” as a branch of the main Business folder in the folders block to identify this unit of the input screen.

7. Press ENTER five times to move the focus to the *Business code* field. We will use the look-up feature to find the appropriate code.
8. Click the Look-up button  and type in restaurants. Select 7222513 Limited-Service Restaurants and click OK.

The dialog box titled 'Find Principal Business or Professional Activity Codes' is shown. It has a search field and a list of codes. The code '722513 Limited-Service Restaurants' is highlighted in blue. The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom.

9. Press PAGE DOWN to move to the Income section of the input screen.
10. Enter **7,000** in the *Gross receipts and sales* field and press ENTER.

Now, let's see how to add multiple Schedules C in UltraTax CS.

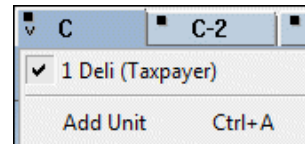
## Adding multiple Schedules C


In this exercise, you will add a second Schedule C for client WALK1.

### ACTIONS

You are at Unit 1 of Screen C.

1. In the C tab, click the down arrow in the lower-left corner of the tab to open the drop-down list of available Schedules C.
2. Select Add Unit from the drop-down list. UltraTax CS creates a second Schedule C. (Remember that you can also use CTRL+A,

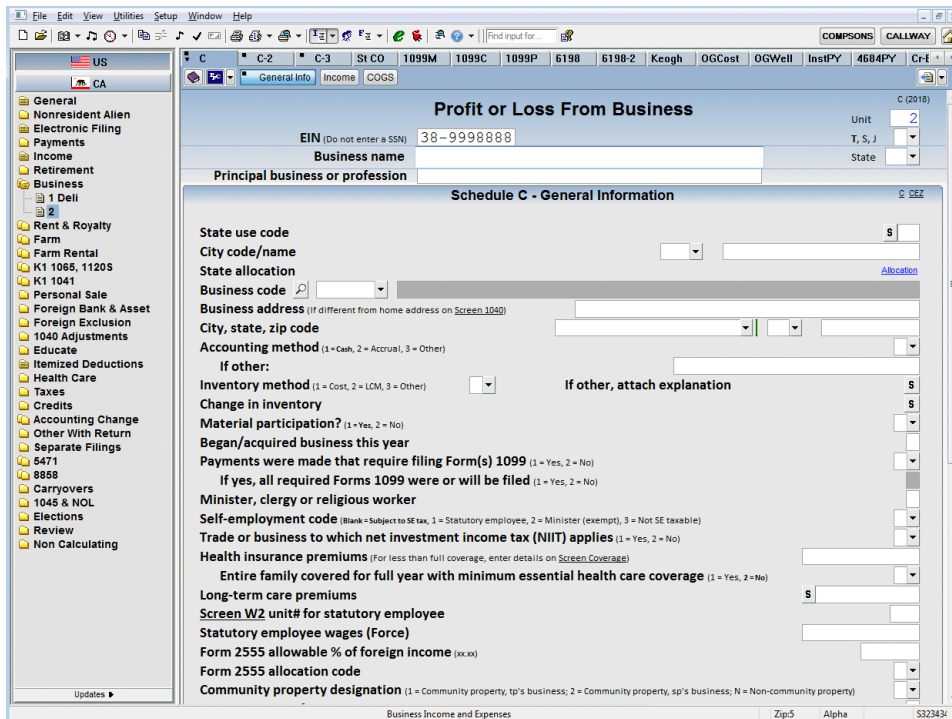


the Add Unit  button, or the context menu you can open by right-clicking anywhere in the screen to add a unit.)

Note that UltraTax CS automatically enters 2 in the *Unit* field to indicate this is a second Schedule C.

3. Enter **389998888** in the *EIN* field and press ENTER.

Note that a second unit appears in the folders block under the Business folder. To view a specific Schedule C, you can click the desired unit or press ESC and press the ↑ or ↓ key to select it.



4. Enter **S** in the *T, S, J* field to indicate this is the spouse's Schedule C.

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- In the *Principal business or profession* field, enter **Computer Programming**, and press ENTER six times.
- In the *Business code* field, press F4; press the ↓ key to highlight 14 Professional/Scientific/Technical Services/Holding Companies; and press ENTER.

**Note:** UltraTax CS has a bi-level view feature that enables you to search for items in a lengthy list. The first-level list contains broad categories from which to choose. After you make a selection from the first-level list, the second-level list opens, containing only those items applicable to the selection from the first-level list. For example, when entering school district codes for state returns, a first-level list might contain a list of counties and the second-level list might contain school districts within the selected county.

- Press the ↓ key or the scroll bar and mouse to highlight 541510 Computer Systems Design & Related Services and press ENTER.
- Press PAGE DOWN to move to the Income section.
- Enter **5,000** in the *Gross receipts and sales* field.
- Press CTRL+TAB, or click the C-2 tab, to open Screen C-2.
- Enter **500** in the *Advertising* field and press ENTER.
- Click the *Legal/professional fees* field, enter **495**, and press ENTER.
- Click the *Supplies* field, enter **1,000**, and press ENTER.


The screenshot displays the 'Profit or Loss From Business - Expenses' screen in UltraTax CS. The 'Principal business or profession' is set to 'Computer Programming'. The 'Schedule C - Expenses' table is visible, with the following entries:

Expense Category	Amount
Advertising	500
Car and truck (Force)	
Commissions/fees	
Contract labor	
Depletion (Force)	
Depreciation (Force)	
Employee benefits including qualified Small Health Insurance Premiums credit premiums	\$
Insurance other than health	\$
Mortgage interest	\$
Interest - other	\$
Legal/professional fees	495
Office expenses	
Pension/profit sharing	\$
Rent - machinery	
Rent - other	
Repairs/maintenance	
Supplies	1,000
Taxes/licenses	\$
Travel	
Meals - Subject to 50% limit	
Meals - Subject to DOT 80% limit	
Meals - Fully deductible	
Utilities	
Wages less employment credit	\$
Other expenses	\$
Elect to capitalize carrying charges	\$
Small taxpayer safe harbor election (Reg. 1.263(a)-3(f))	\$
Enter home office expenses, including use of the simplified method, on the Asset tab	
Suppress carry of Form 8829 mortgage interest, qualified mortgage insurance and taxes to Schedule A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Net income for home office #1 (Force)	
Net income for home office #2 (Force)	






This completes basic data entry for client WALK1, the Smiths. Let's view the information you just entered.

## Viewing forms

As you enter client data in an input screen, you can view how the data affects the return. UltraTax CS automatically calculates the data when you view a form or return summary, or when you print or preview the return. If desired, you can disable automatic calculations to speed up data entry by choosing View > Data Entry mode.) To view forms, do one of the following:

- Choose View > Form.
- Press CTRL+F.
- Click the Form View  button on the toolbar.
- Right-click and choose Switch to Form.
- Click the form links in the upper-right corner of data entry sections.

### Notes

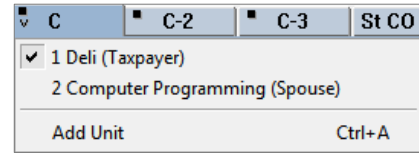
- With the form view feature, you can also locate input screens in which you need to enter data. To locate an input screen, place the cursor in the appropriate line of the government form, then click the Input Screen Data Entry  button or choose View > Input Screen. UltraTax CS opens the input screen in which the data should be entered.
- While in form view, you can use the form navigation buttons, such as , at the top of the main window to move quickly through information that applies to the current client. Use the form navigation buttons to view how information transfers between different forms in the tax return, and click the applicable button to move directly to a particular form, schedule, or worksheet. The current form is displayed in the center. The forms, schedules, and worksheets to the right of the main form pass information to the current form. The forms, schedules, and worksheets to the left of the main form receive information from the current form.
- When you use multiple monitors to display UltraTax CS input screens in one monitor and to display forms in another monitor, you can choose to see how the information you enter transfers from an input screen to a corresponding form. For each form that you open, to choose to have the form link or not link to the open input screen, click the pushpin button  in form view. When the form is linked to corresponding input screens, the pushpin  button is active. When the form is not linked to corresponding input screens, the pushpin  button is inactive.


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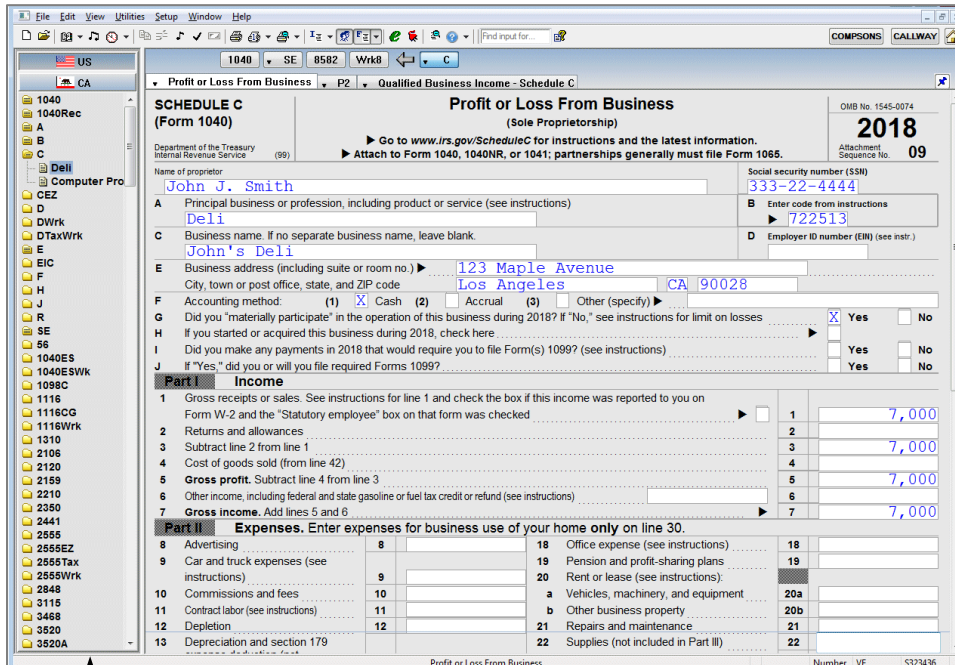
## ACTIONS

You are at Screen C-2, Unit 2 in the Business folder.

1. Click the down arrow on the C tab to open the drop-down list of available Schedules C.
2. Click **1 Deli** to switch to Unit 1, the Schedule C for John's Deli.



3. Click the Form View  button on the toolbar or right-click and choose Switch to Form.



The folders block lists forms instead of input screens.

UltraTax CS automatically calculates all the information in the return to provide you with the current detail. You are now in Schedule C. Note that form folders appear in the folders block rather than input screen folders.

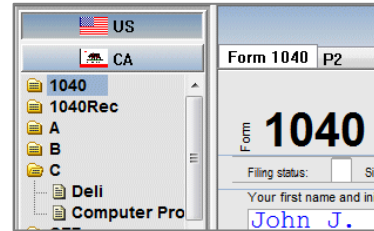
The list of form folders shows only those forms that are required to print with the return. If you want to see all available folders, right-click and choose Display All Forms. You can toggle the Display All Forms option on and off at any time while viewing forms.

4. Press ESC to focus on the folders block.




- Press the ↑ key to move to the 1040 folder and press ENTER.

UltraTax CS now displays Form 1040 in the window. The Page 1, Page 2, Schedule 1, Schedule 2, Schedule 3, Schedule 4, Schedule 5, and Schedule 6 tabs are located at the top of the window. You can click the form tabs to view the desired page of the return. (You can also press F12 to go forward and SHIFT+F12 to go backward through the pages of the return.) You can press the arrow keys, PAGE UP and PAGE DOWN, or use the scroll bar to move up and down the form.




## Previewing the return

From input screen or form view, you can use the Preview command to view the pages of the return prior to printing. From this window, you can print all of the pages (or individual pages) of the return as they are shown in the preview.

**Note:** To preview just the government, client, or preparer copy, click the arrow to the right of the Print Preview  button and select the copy you would like to preview from the drop-down list.


### ACTIONS

You are at Form 1040, Page 1.

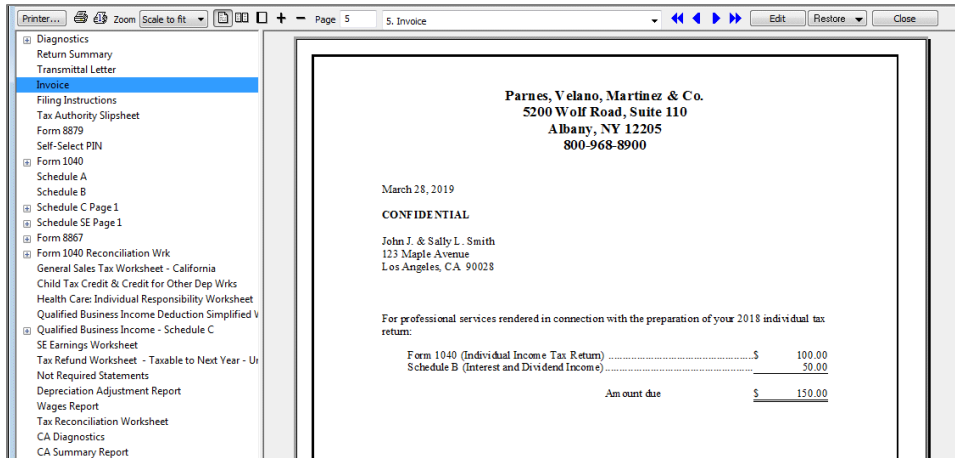
- Choose File > Preview (or click the Print Preview  button on the toolbar). It will take a few moments for UltraTax CS to calculate and display the return on the screen. You will see a dialog indicating the printing status while the return is calculating.

**Note:** This option previews a combination of all three collations.



UltraTax CS automatically calculates and collates the return, and then displays the first page of the return. For client WALK1, the first page is the diagnostics page. Previewing the return is different from viewing forms in that previewing prepares the return for immediate printing. In other words, you can print the return without having to calculate it again.


- There are several ways to navigate through the tax return preview. Do one of the following:
  - Click the  button to view each page of the tax return.
  - Click the applicable form, schedule, worksheet, report, or statement link in the left pane.
  - Press F4 or click the arrow to the right of the field to open the drop-down list; select the applicable item from the table of contents.

## Preparing Your First 1040 Return



The next steps walk you through the process of viewing a specific page of the Smiths' return.

3. Press F4 (or click ) to open the drop-down list of forms and other output.
4. Press the ↓ key to select Form 1040 Page 1 and press ENTER. Let's print Form 1040, Page 1.
5. Press ALT+P or click the Print one page  button to print the current page.

**Note:** Use the Print all  button to print the entire return. When previewing a return, you can print only one copy. To print multiple copies or to print other collations, you must close the preview window and choose File > Print Returns.

6. Press ALT+C or click the Close button to return to the form.





## BEYOND A BASIC RETURN

This chapter of the walkthrough guides you through entering additional tax data and preparing a more complex return for client WALK1. In this chapter, you will change invoice amounts, enter Schedule K-1 partnership income and additional Schedule C information, enter multi-state information, enter depreciation data, and edit a transmittal letter. You will also see how you can use other UltraTax CS features to prepare tax returns. Note that you must complete the previous chapter, “Preparing Your First 1040 Return,” before you begin this chapter.



### Creating custom invoice amounts

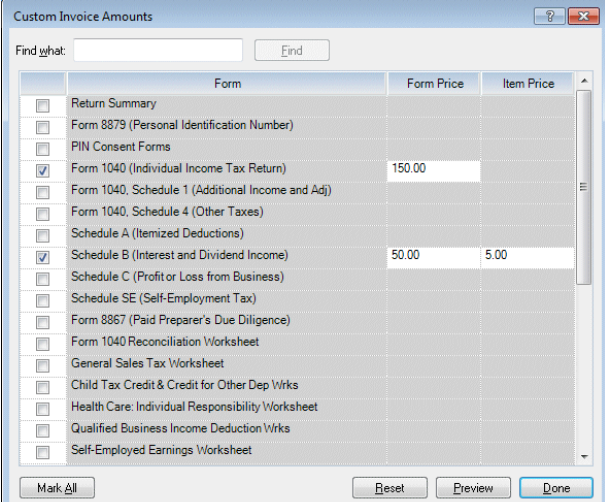
At the end of the previous section, you previewed the return for client WALK1. Earlier (see page 15), you entered a \$100 charge for Form 1040. Suppose you wanted to modify the invoice so that client WALK1 was billed \$150 for the 1040 return instead of the standard \$100 charge. UltraTax CS provides you with a quick and efficient way to change invoice amounts for the open return.

Let’s change the Form 1040 charge for client WALK1 from \$100 to \$150.

#### ACTIONS

You are at Form 1040, Page 1.

1. Click the down arrow  next to the Form View  button and choose Invoice.
2. After the invoice preview opens, click the Close button. The Custom Invoice Amounts dialog opens.
3. Note that the *Form 1040* checkbox is marked and that the price for Form 1040 is \$100.00.
4. In the *Form Price* field, highlight the \$100.00 amount, enter **150** to overwrite the amount, and press ENTER.
5. Click Done to save the invoice amount.



Form	Form Price	Item Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Return Summary		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8879 (Personal Identification Number)		
<input type="checkbox"/> PIN Consent Forms		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 1040 (Individual Income Tax Return)	150.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1040, Schedule 1 (Additional Income and Adj)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1040, Schedule 4 (Other Taxes)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule A (Itemized Deductions)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schedule B (Interest and Dividend Income)	50.00	5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule C (Profit or Loss from Business)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule SE (Self-Employment Tax)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8867 (Paid Preparer's Due Diligence)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1040 Reconciliation Worksheet		
<input type="checkbox"/> General Sales Tax Worksheet		
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Tax Credit & Credit for Other Dep Wrks		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care: Individual Responsibility Worksheet		
<input type="checkbox"/> Qualified Business Income Deduction Wrks		
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed Earnings Worksheet		

You have just changed the fee for Form 1040 from \$100 to \$150 for client WALK1. Note that the change applies **only** to client WALK1. All other clients will still be charged the standard \$100 fee you entered earlier in this walkthrough.

### Notes

- In addition to overriding specific invoice amounts on a client-by-client basis, UltraTax CS allows you to force an invoice total that overrides all existing invoice pricing for a client. To force an invoice total, go to input screen view, click the Letter tab in the General folder, and enter the override amount in the *Invoice amount (Force)* field.
- You can preview the invoice at any time by right-clicking in any input screen or form and choosing View/Customize Invoice from the context menu. Click the Close button when you are finished previewing the invoice. The Custom Invoice Amounts dialog opens, which allows you to make changes to invoice amounts. Click Done to return to the input screen.

## Entering Schedule K-1 partnership income

In this section, you will enter Schedule K-1 partnership income. You will also see how UltraTax/1040 presents the information on a K-1 Reconciliation Worksheet for review and how UltraTax CS provides a detailed audit trail.

### ACTIONS

You are at Screen 1040.

1. Right-click and select Switch to Input Screen.
2. In the folders block, click the K1 1065, 1120S folder. You are now at Screen K1.
3. Enter **381112221** in the *EIN* field.
4. In the *T, S, J* field, enter **T** to indicate that this is John's Schedule K-1 income and press ENTER twice.
5. In the *Name of entity* field, enter **Pine Oaks Golf Course** and press ENTER.
6. Enter **CA** in the *State* field and press ENTER.
7. Enter **1** in the *Type of entity* field for a partnership and press ENTER.

**Note:** If this field is left blank, it defaults to the entity type shown in bold next to the Type of entity field. In this case, 1=Partnership appears in bold.

8. Press F12 to move to Screen K1-2 and then press PAGE DOWN to move to the Partner's / Shareholder's Share of Current Income section.

- Enter **46,550** in the *Ordinary business income (loss)* field in the Federal column and press ENTER.

1065 and 1120S line number references for easy data entry.


- Click the *Net section 1231 gain (loss)* field in the Federal column, enter **1,000**, and press ENTER.

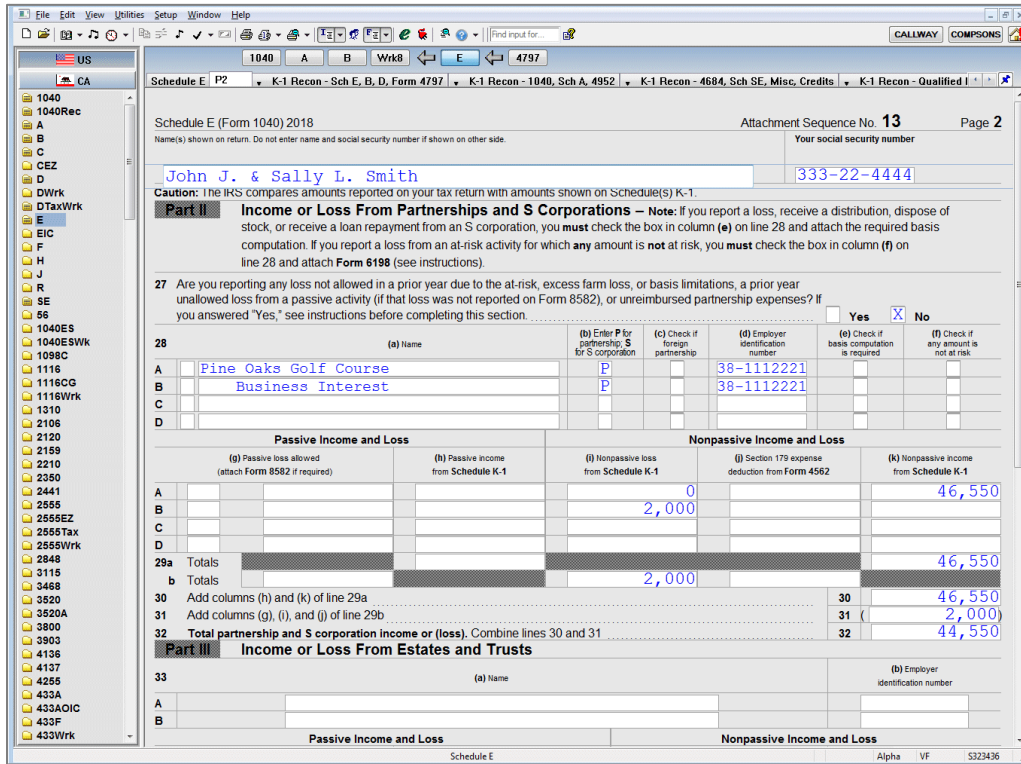
**Note:** Notice how Screen K1-2 closely resembles an actual K-1 form with applicable Forms 1065 and 1120S line references to make entering data easier. Screen K1T for Form 1041, Schedule K-1 is also designed this way.

- Click the K1-3 tab to open Screen K1-3.
- Enter **2,000** in the Federal column of the *Debt financed acquisition interest* field.

Now, let's review the form associated with the Schedule K-1 (Schedule E, Page 2) and the K-1 Reconciliation Worksheet.

# Beyond a Basic Return

13. Click  or right-click and choose Switch to Form to open Schedule E. Your previous entries are reflected on page 2 of the form.



Schedule E (Form 1040) 2018 Attachment Sequence No. **13** Page **2**

Name(s) shown on return. Do not enter name and social security number if shown on other side. Your social security number **333-22-4444**

**John J. & Sally L. Smith**

**Part II Income or Loss From Partnerships and S Corporations** – Note: If you report a loss, receive a distribution, dispose of stock, or receive a loan repayment from an S corporation, you **must** check the box in column (e) on line 28 and attach the required basis computation. If you report a loss from an at-risk activity for which **any** amount is **not** at risk, you **must** check the box in column (f) on line 28 and attach **Form 6198** (see instructions).

27 Are you reporting any loss not allowed in a prior year due to the at-risk, excess farm loss, or basis limitations, a prior year unallowed loss from a passive activity (if that loss was not reported on Form 8582), or unreimbursed partnership expenses? If you answered "Yes," see instructions before completing this section.  Yes  No

28	(a) Name	(b) Enter P for partnership, S for S corporation	(c) Check if foreign partnership	(d) Employer identification number	(e) Check if basis computation is required	(f) Check if any amount is not at risk
A	Pine Oaks Golf Course	P		38-1112221		
B	Business Interest	P		38-1112221		
C						
D						

	(g) Passive loss allowed (attach Form 8582 if required)	(h) Passive income from Schedule K-1	(i) Nonpassive loss from Schedule K-1	(j) Section 179 expense deduction from Form 4562	(k) Nonpassive income from Schedule K-1
A			0		46,550
B			2,000		
C					
D					
29a Totals					46,550
b Totals			2,000		
30 Add columns (h) and (k) of line 29a					46,550
31 Add columns (g), (i), and (j) of line 29b					2,000
32 Total partnership and S corporation income or (loss). Combine lines 30 and 31					44,550

**Part III Income or Loss From Estates and Trusts**

33	(a) Name	(b) Employer identification number
A		
B		

Passive Income and Loss Nonpassive Income and Loss

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- Click the K-1 Recon – Sch E, B, D, Form 4797 tab to open the next form in this folder, the K-1 Reconciliation Worksheet. (You can also press F12 or CTRL+TAB to open the form.)

	Current Year Amount	PY Suspended Basis Loss	Disallowed Basis Limitation	PY Suspended At-risk Loss	Disallowed At-risk Limitation	PY Suspen Passive LC
<b>Schedule E page 2</b>						
Ordinary business income/loss	46,550					
Net rental real estate income/loss						
Other net rental income/loss						
Guaranteed payments						
Section 179 expense						
Disallowed Section 179 expense						
Depletion						
Section 59(e)(2) expenditures						
Preproductive period expense						
Commercial revitalization deduct						
Reforestation expense deduct						
Other deductions						
Unreimbursed expenses						
Other inc/loss - Schedule E						
Debt financed acquisition	-2,000					
Dependent care benefits						
<b>Total Schedule E page 2</b>	<b>44,550</b>					
<b>Schedule E page 1</b>						
Royalties						
Deductions-royalty income						
Depletion						
<b>Total Schedule E page 1</b>						
<b>Schedule B</b>						
Interest Income						
Tax-exempt interest income						
Dividend Income						

Notice the information you entered in Screen K1 is summarized in one concise worksheet. If you had multiple Schedules K-1, each of them would produce a separate K-1 Reconciliation Worksheet. The worksheet compares initial data entered to what is actually calculated on Form 1040 as a result of partner and shareholder basis, at-risk, and passive loss adjustments. The worksheet provides you with an audit trail and makes reviewing complex returns with extensive data easy. UltraTax CS also produces a K-1 Summary that summarizes multiple Schedules K-1.

- Click or press CTRL+I to return to the input screens.

Now, let's add a new state and allocate the Schedule K-1 information between the two states.

## Entering multi-state information

UltraTax/1040 provides a State allocation spreadsheet for Schedules C, F, 4835, and E activities.

To access the spreadsheet, we will begin by adding Massachusetts to the client. (Massachusetts is used for purposes of illustration in this example, but you can use any state you have installed.)

### ACTIONS

You are at Screen K1 in the K1 1065, 1120S folder.

- Choose File > Client Properties. Click the Add State(s) button to add a second state return to the client.

2. In the Add State(s) dialog, mark the *Massachusetts* checkbox and click OK.
3. In the Client Properties dialog on the Massachusetts tab, click the *Nonresident* option, and click OK.
4. Choose View > Allocation (or press CTRL+B) to open the State allocation spreadsheet. You can also click the blue Allocation button located in the General Information section heading of Screen K1. (The blue button becomes red when data is present in the State allocation spreadsheet.)

In this walkthrough, the State allocation spreadsheet opens to the Income tab. Use the spreadsheet to enter the information for each state attached to your client.

### Notes

- The State allocation spreadsheet opens to the tab that corresponds to the section in which your cursor was last present. For example, if your cursor is active in the Income section of Screen K1-2, the State allocation spreadsheet will open to the Income tab. Or, if your cursor is active in the Deductions section of Screen K1-3, the State allocation spreadsheet will open to the Deductions tab.
  - The primary state is listed first. UltraTax CS considers California to be the primary state because it is the resident state and its postal code is entered in Screen K1.
  - UltraTax CS automatically assigns zero income to Massachusetts because it is the nonresident state.
5. In the Income tab for the State allocation spreadsheet, click the Apply button to apply 100 percent of the federal amount to California. After applying the percentage to the California column, “46,550” is displayed in blue to indicate that UltraTax CS has applied the percentage of the federal amount. Note the “100% of federal” text below the California column heading. This indicates that the entire column was applied on a percentage basis.



Enter the percentage of the federal amount and select the state to which the percentage will be applied.

Federal amounts are displayed in the last column.

Navigation buttons indicate additional tabs are present.

There is a separate tab for each screen section.

Each attached state has a column. Use the Other column for out-of-state amounts.

Amounts allocated to states based on a percentage of the federal amount display “% of federal.”

The text will disappear if any amounts are manually entered.

Click this button to open frequently asked questions and answers about the spreadsheet.

Click this button to print the spreadsheet to FileCabinet CS (if licensed) or your printer.

Click these buttons to export and import data into the spreadsheet using Excel.

State columns contain white (enabled) fields and gray (disabled) fields. Not all fields are enabled for all states.

	California (100% of fed)	Massachusetts (0.00% of fed)	Other	Federal
Ordinary business income(loss)	46,550	0	0	46,550
Net rental real estate income (loss)	0	0	0	0
Other net rental income (loss)	0	0	0	0
Guaranteed payments	0	0	0	0
Royalties	0	0	0	0
Net short-term capital gain (loss) (port)	0	0	0	0
Net long-term capital gain (loss) (port)	0	0	0	0
Collectibles (28%) gain (loss) (port)	0	0	0	0
Unrecaptured section 1250 gain	0	0	0	0
Net section 1231 gain (loss)	1,000	0	0	1,000
Other portfolio income(loss)				
Form 4684 LT loss trade/business	0	0	0	0
Form 4684 LT loss income producing	0	0	0	0
Form 4684 long-term gain	0	0	0	0
Section 1256 contracts and straddles	0	0	0	0
Other income (loss) reported on Schedule E	\$	\$	\$	0
Other income (loss) reported on 1040 Pg. 1	0	0	0	0
Ordinary gains and losses, 4797 Line 10	0	0	0	0
Net short-term capital gain (loss) (bus)	0	0	0	0
Net long-term capital gain (loss) (bus)	0	0	0	0
Collectibles (28%) gain (loss) (bus)	0	0	0	0
Section 1202 gain	\$	\$	\$	0
Self-charged interest (passives only)	0	0	0	0

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- Enter **10.00** in the percentage field at the top of the dialog, select Massachusetts from the drop-down list, and click the Apply button. Note the blue “10% of federal” text displayed below the Massachusetts column heading.

**Note:** UltraTax CS allocates all items on a percentage basis. After applying percentages, you may adjust amounts as needed.

- Click the *Net section 1231 gain(loss)* field for Massachusetts, enter **75**, and press ENTER. Note the following:
  - The amount you just entered is displayed in black to indicate it was entered by you and not allocated on a percentage basis.
  - The “10% of federal” text is no longer displayed under the Massachusetts column heading. The absence of this label indicates there are user-entered amounts in the column.

K-1 Unit 1 Pine Oaks Golf Course

Refer to the Did you know... button below for information about state allocation and multi-state processing in federal 1040 returns.

You can allocate based on a percentage of federal amounts, allocate based on specific amounts, or allocate using a combination of the two methods.

Apply  percent of federal to

Income	California (100% of fed)	Massachusetts	Other	Federal
Ordinary business income(loss)	46,550	4,655	0	46,550
Net rental real estate income (loss)		0	0	
Other net rental income (loss)		0	0	
Guaranteed payments		0	0	
Royalties		0	0	
Net short-term capital gain (loss) (port)		0	0	
Net long-term capital gain (loss) (port)		0	0	
Collectibles (28%) gain (loss) (port)		0	0	
Unrecaptured section 1250 gain				0
Net section 1231 gain(loss)	1,000	75	0	1,000
Other portfolio income(loss)				
Form 4684 LT loss trade/business		0	0	
Form 4684 LT loss income producing		0	0	
Form 4684 long-term gain		0	0	
Section 1256 contracts and straddles		0	0	
Other income (loss) reported on Schedule E	\$	\$	\$	0
Other income (loss) reported on 1040 Pg. 1				0
Ordinary gains and losses, 4797 Line 10			0	
Net short-term capital gain (loss) (bus)			0	
Net long-term capital gain (loss) (bus)			0	
Collectibles (28%) gain (loss) (bus)			0	
Section 1202 gain	\$	\$	\$	0
Self-charged interest (passives only)			0	

Did you know...



8. Click Done (or press ALT+D) to exit the State allocation spreadsheet.
9. Click the CA button located in the folders block.
10. Click the K1 1065, 1120S folder, unit 1. Notice that the data you entered in the State allocation spreadsheet now appears in Screens K1-2 and K1-3.
11. Click the MA button, then click the K1 1065, 1120S folder, unit 1. Notice the amounts you entered in the State allocation spreadsheet appear in the *Ordinary business income (loss)* and *Net Section 1231 gain (loss)* fields in Screen K1-2.
12. Click the US button in the folders block and click the General folder.

Now, let's enter depreciation information in the Schedules C for client WALK1.

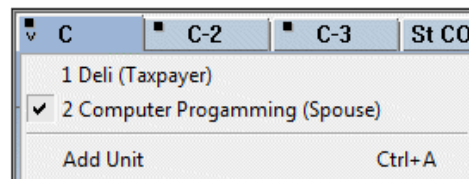
## Entering asset information

By entering asset information in the UltraTax CS asset module, you enable the application to calculate and automatically transfer depreciation information to the appropriate forms and schedules. For data-entry purposes, you can sort assets by description, group, or asset number, as well as scroll back and forth through your assets. If you are not licensed for Fixed Assets CS, UltraTax CS includes a Federal Asset Report when you preview or print the return. For this exercise, you will enter asset information for Sally Smith's Schedule C in the UltraTax CS asset module.

### ACTIONS

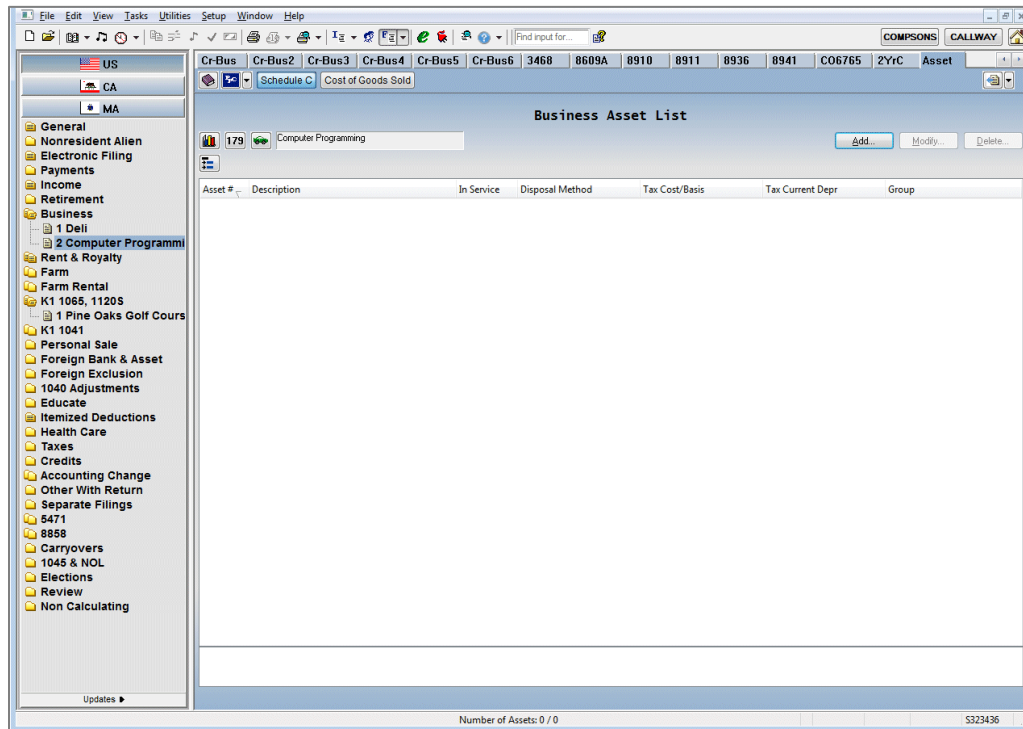
You are at Screen 1040 in the General folder.


1. Click the Business folder in the folders block. You are now at Screen C.
2. Click the down arrow in the Screen C tab and select 2 Computer Programming (Spouse) from the drop-down list to open Sally's Schedule C.

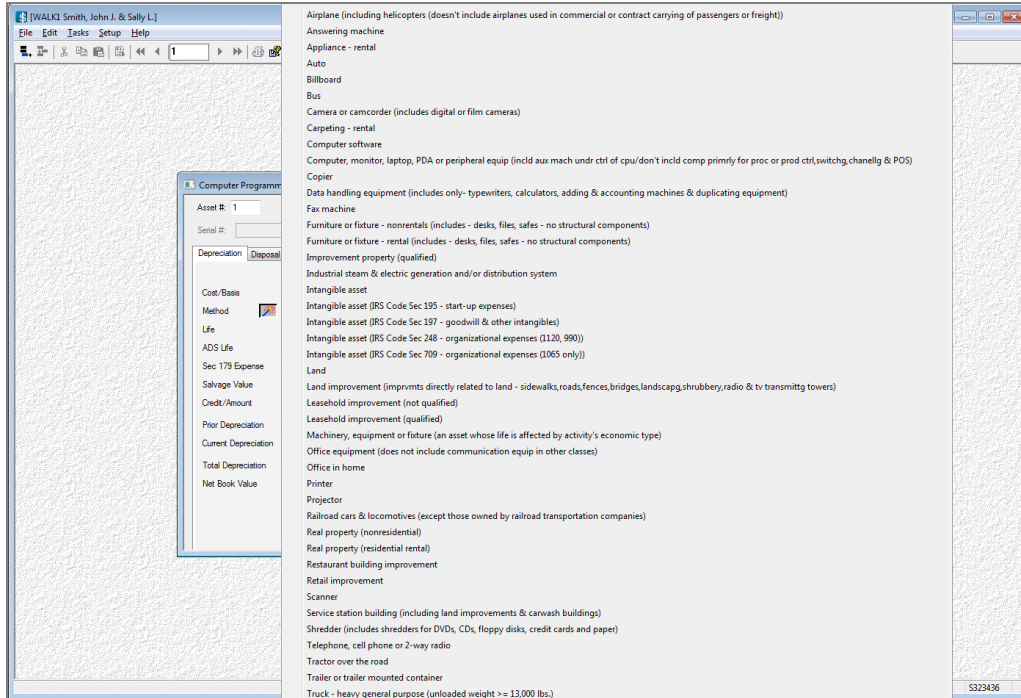


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- Click the Asset tab to open the Business Asset List window. (Note that you may need to scroll to the right to access the Asset tab.) This is the first of two windows that make up the asset module.



- Press ENTER or click the Add button to add an asset. UltraTax CS opens a blank record in the Asset Detail dialog, the second of the windows that make up the asset module.
- Enter **Office Equipment** in the *Description* field and press ENTER.
- Enter **31711** in the *Date in service* field and press ENTER to move to the *Cost/Basis* field in the Depreciation tab.
- In the Tax column of the *Cost/Basis* field, enter **15,650** and press ENTER.
- Click the Method/Life Wizard  button or press F6 to view a list of classes.



## Notes

- By default, all activities use the General asset class list except Schedule F, which defaults to using the Farm asset class list. You can change the list of asset classes that are available from the Method/Life Wizard. You may also enter the asset's method and life directly in the fields provided.
  - Methods and lives are also available in the Method/Life Wizard for machinery, fixtures, and equipment for which lives are based on the activity's economic designation.
9. Select Office equipment (does not include communication equip in other classes) from the list. Notice UltraTax CS automatically enters MACRS as the method and 7.0 as the life. The Method/Life Wizard enables you to quickly set up new assets.

**Note:** Notice the blue text in the Current Depreciation fields. As the Method/Life Wizard enters data in the other fields, the amounts UltraTax CS calculates for the Current Depreciation fields are displayed in blue. This temporary color highlights the calculated values so that you can see how the data you are entering affects the depreciation calculation. When you return to this asset later, the calculated amounts will be displayed in black.

10. Choose Tasks > Prior Depreciation Comparison to open a dialog that contains commands to calculate the amount in the *Prior Depreciation* field based on the prior year's depreciation data. Calculating prior depreciation allows you to enter old assets without having to manually calculate the prior depreciation.

11. Click the All Treatments: Use Computed Amount button.

	Tax	CA	AMT	CA AMT	MA
Cost/Basis	15,650.00	15,650.00	15,650.00	15,650.00	15,650.00
Method	MACRS	MACRS	MACRS	MACRS 150% & F	MACRS
Life	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
ADS Life					
Sec 179 Expense					
Salvage Value					
Credit/Amount					
Prior Depreciation	15,650.00	14,951.63	15,650.00	14,691.52	14,951.63
Current Depreciation		698.37		958.48	698.37
Total Depreciation	15,650.00	15,650.00	15,650.00	15,650.00	15,650.00
Net Book Value					

## Entering auto information

You will now enter mileage information for an auto used in this Schedule C. Whether this is a new vehicle that can be depreciated or a fully depreciated vehicle where the standard mileage rate is automatically used, all vehicle information is entered in the asset module's Asset Detail dialog. For this example, let's add an auto in Sally Smith's Schedule C that will optimize between actual costs and the standard mileage deduction.

### ACTIONS

You are viewing the detail for Asset 1.

1. Choose Edit > Add to open a blank record in the Asset Detail dialog.
2. Enter **2015 Chevrolet** in the *Description* field and press ENTER.
3. Enter **11517** in the *Date in service* field and press ENTER.
4. Enter **20,780** in the Tax column of the *Cost/Basis* field and press ENTER.
5. Press F4 in the *Method* field, select MACRS, and then press ENTER.
6. Press F4 in the *Life* field, select 5.0, and then press ENTER.
7. Click the Vehicle/Listed tab.

Note that all fields except the *Type of property* field are inactive. The fields cannot be used until you select the type of property you are entering.

8. Select Luxury auto (Passenger) from the drop-down list for the *Type of property* field and press ENTER twice.
9. In the *Total miles driven during the year* field, enter **25,575** and press ENTER.

10. In the *Commuting miles* field, enter **2,330** and press ENTER.
11. In the *Business miles* field, enter **22,425** and press ENTER.

Note that UltraTax CS automatically calculates the business use percentage and displays it in the *Business use percentage* field.

12. Click the Form 4562 Vehicle Questions button.
13. In the This Vehicle tab, mark all three vehicle question checkboxes.
14. Click the All Vehicles tab, then mark the Evidence to support business/investment use and Evidence is written checkboxes.
15. Click OK or press F2 to return to the Asset Detail dialog.
16. Click the *Parking fees* field in the Additional 1040 vehicle information group box. Enter **1,723** and press ENTER twice.
17. Enter **2,961** in the *Gasoline* field and press ENTER.
18. Enter **164** in the *Oil* field and press ENTER.

19. Click Done or press F2 to close the Asset Detail dialog.
20. Click the C tab to return to Screen C. (You may need to scroll to the left to access the C tab.)

Now that you have entered auto information, UltraTax CS will produce an Auto Worksheet detailing the actual expenses and standard mileage rate method, and will transfer the optimized amounts to the return.

## Education expenses

Next, you will enter eligible education expenses for the Smiths' two dependents.

### ACTIONS

You are at Screen C.

1. In the folders block, click the Educate folder. You are now at Screen Educate.

2. Press PAGE DOWN twice to move to the *Eligible student information* field in the Tuition and Fees Deduction and Education Credits section, and press E to open the statement dialog in the T/S column.
3. Press ENTER once to move to the *Ed Exp Code* field.
4. In the *Ed Exp Code* field, press F4 to open the drop-down list.
5. Select 1, American Opportunity Credit (Does not optimize) from the available codes and press ENTER.

Note: The Education Expense Optimization utility is currently disabled because the tuition and fees tax deduction has expired. If the deduction is extended, the utility will again be available.

6. In the *Student's SSN* field, press F4 to open the drop-down list.
7. Select Marisa Smith from the list of eligible students and press ENTER. Notice that UltraTax CS automatically completes the *First Name* and *Last Name* fields based on the student you selected in the *Student's SSN* field.
8. Enter **1,500** in the *Pymt Rec'd Qual Tuition* field and press ENTER.



9. Press CTRL+A to create a new row for a second student, then press ENTER to move to the *Ed Exp Code* field.
10. In the *Ed Exp Code* field, select 2, Lifetime Learning Credit (Does not optimize) from the available codes in the drop-down list and press ENTER.
11. Press F4 in the *Student's SSN* field, select Jessica Smith from the list, and press ENTER.
12. Enter **2,500** in the *Pymt Rec'd Qual Tuition* field and press ENTER.
13. Enter the Institution's EIN, Name, Address, City, State, and Zip Code for each student.

TS	Ed Exp Code	Student's SSN	First Name	Last Name	Pymt Rec'd Qual Tuition	Scholarships and Grants	Non-qualified Expenses (Sch)	Inst Contract Reimb	Non-institution Expenses	AOTC Disqualifier	PI Hope (AOTC) Credit	Graduate Student	2018 1098-T Received	2017 1098-T Box 7 marked	State	State Use
1		4 111-33-4444	Marisa	Smith	1,500											
2	2	5 555-33-4444	Jessica	Smith	2,500											

14. Click Done to save the information and return to Screen Educate.

## Editing a transmittal letter

Your next step is to set up a transmittal letter. This step is part of your normal setup tasks and needs to be completed only once for your firm. Remember, if you are satisfied with the transmittal letter defaults in UltraTax CS, you do not need to edit the letters. In addition, you can create custom transmittal letters on a per-client basis when the standard letter is not desired.

UltraTax CS gives you an expansive word-processing capability that allows you to produce customized client documents. The application provides predefined templates for transmittal letters and filing instructions. In addition, many predefined custom paragraphs are included, which you can select to include globally for all clients or just a specific client. For example, predefined custom paragraphs are available for contribution reminders for individual IRAs and self-employed retirement plans. Once selected, UltraTax CS automatically prints the paragraphs as part of the transmittal letter or filing instructions for the applicable clients. UltraTax CS provides the capability to use proportional fonts and borders, to pull text from files built in other applications such as Microsoft Word or WordPad, and to insert your firm logo or letterhead as a scanned (bitmap) file, enabling you to truly customize your client documents. UltraTax CS also automatically saves a backup copy of the default document so if you decide you do not like your changes, you can start over.

### Notes

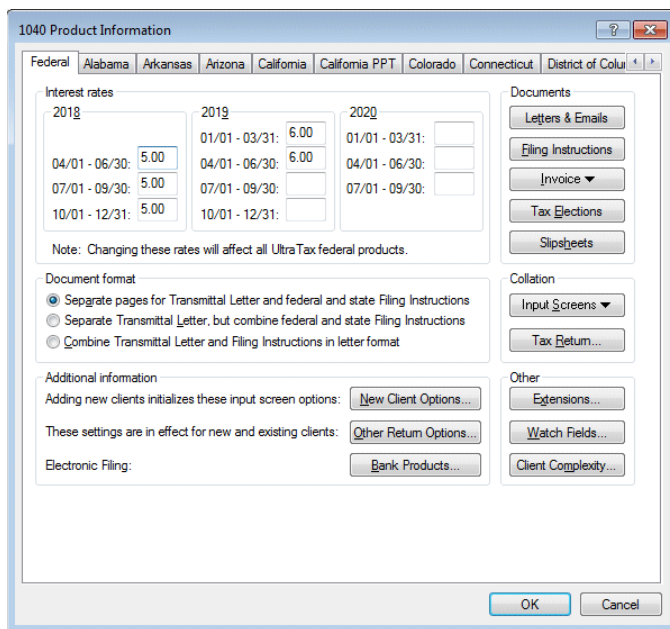
- By using the copy and paste commands within UltraTax CS, you can also bring Microsoft Word or WordPad letters into the application or take UltraTax CS client documents into Microsoft Word.
- The transmittal letter also includes a list of returns that were prepared for the client. If you prefer not to include this information, choose Setup > 1040 Individual from the main UltraTax CS window, click the Other Return Options button in the Federal tab, and clear the *Include list of returns in transmittal letter* checkbox in the Client Documents tab.

Let's look briefly at a few of the UltraTax CS transmittal letter features.

### ACTIONS

You are at Screen Educate in the Educate folder.

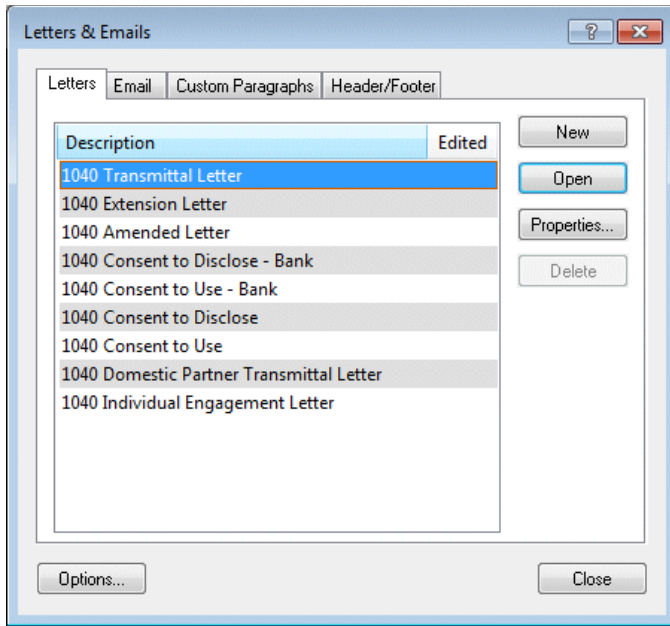
1. Choose Setup > 1040 Individual. The 1040 Product Information dialog opens.



2. Click the Letters & Emails button.



The Letters & Emails dialog opens, listing the existing transmittal letters for 1040 clients. We will make a few changes to show you how easy it is to customize transmittal letters.





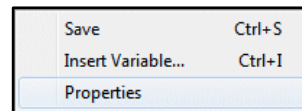
3. Select 1040 Transmittal Letter and then click the Open button to open the Document Editing window.

The letter that appears is the default transmittal letter for 1040 clients.

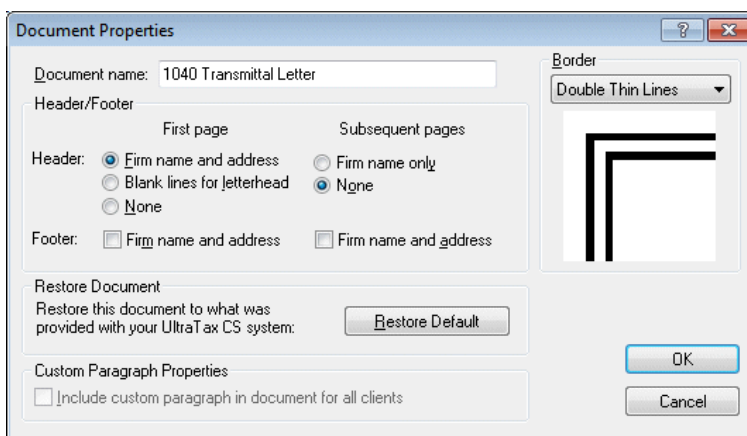
4. At the top of the letter, double-click the word CONFIDENTIAL to highlight it.
5. Click the Underline  button in the Document Editing toolbar.
6. While the word CONFIDENTIAL is still highlighted, click the Center  button on the toolbar to center the word on that line.

Now, let's change the border of the letter.

7. Right-click anywhere in the letter, then choose Properties from the context menu that opens. The Document Properties dialog opens.



8. From the drop-down list in the Border group box, select Double Thin Lines.

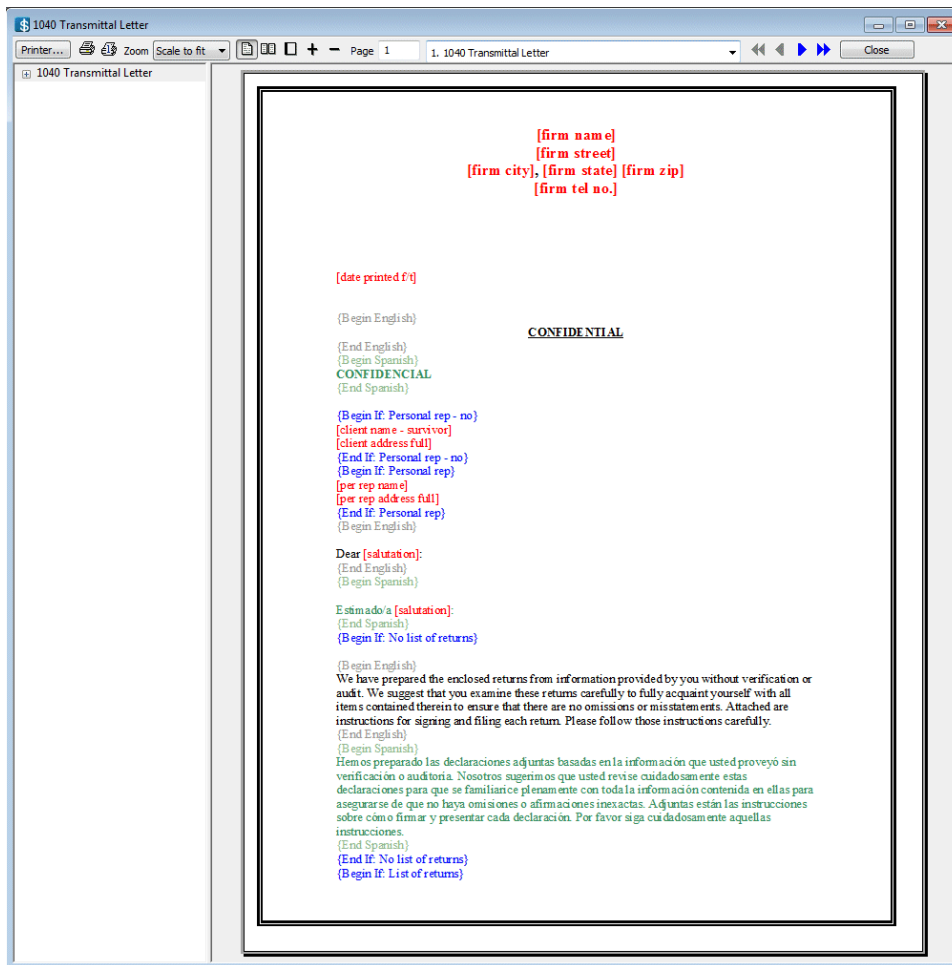


## Beyond a Basic Return

- Click OK to close the Document Properties dialog.

Now, let's view the transmittal letter in the screen.

- Choose Document > Preview, and when prompted to save your changes, click Yes. In the preview window, you can see the edits you made and the border as they will appear when printed. The red text indicates variable information that will print with each client's letter. Green text applies to Spanish text, which is an option available in Screen Letter, located in the General folder of the main data-entry window.



- Click the Close button to return to the Document Editing window.
- To restore the transmittal letter's default settings, choose Document > Properties, click the Restore Default button, then click OK. When prompted to confirm that you want to overwrite all changes you have made, click Yes.
- Choose Document > Exit. Note that if you did not restore the default settings, you will be prompted to save the current changes.
- Click OK to close the 1040 Product Information dialog.



## REVIEWING AND PRINTING THE FINAL RETURN

Earlier in this walkthrough, you viewed client WALK1's basic return in the screen using the Preview command from within an input screen. From the print preview, you can print the current client's return using standard print options. If you want more printing flexibility, UltraTax CS also provides a Print command that gives you more printing capabilities for special situations. For example, you can print returns for multiple clients, for certain clients, or for clients with different entity types in the same batch. You can exclude returns from the print list for all clients and print in bold type or all capital letters. You can also print returns double-sided if your printer is equipped for duplex printing.

In this chapter, you will review amounts on client WALK1's return using the convenient UltraTax CS review tools. Then, you will print the return using the Print command. You will see how UltraTax CS enables you to print the three different collations for the government, client, and preparer copies you learned about in the "Setting Up UltraTax CS" chapter earlier in this walkthrough. You will also see how to print a batch of returns for multiple clients.

Let's start by reviewing some of the key amounts in the sample return.

### Reviewing and checking the return

You may want to regularly review key amounts on the return and confirm that the return is completed as expected. To help you with the review process, UltraTax CS provides a return summary, diagnostic summary, and the ability to add tickmarks and notes.

## Reviewing the Return Summary

Let's take a look at the Return Summary feature.

### ACTIONS

You are at Screen Educate in the Educate folder.

1. While in any input screen or form, press CTRL+Q or choose View > Return Summary to view a summary of the return.

Income		Tax Computation	
Salaries & wages	50,000	Regular tax	7,902
Taxable interest income	2,975	Alternative minimum tax	
Tax exempt interest		Excess advance premium tax credit	
Dividend income		Total tax before credits	7,902
Qualified dividends		Child and dependent care credit	
Taxable state/local refunds		Education credits	1,400
Alimony received		Other credits	2,500
Business income/-loss	-3,940	Total credits	3,900
Capital gain/-loss	1,000	Tax after credits	4,002
Other gain/-loss (Form 4797)		Self-employment tax	989
Taxable IRA distributions		Additional tax on IRAs, etc.	
Taxable pension distributions		Other taxes	2,085
Rental, royalty, partnership, etc. income/-loss	44,550	<b>Total tax</b>	<b>7,076</b>
Farm income/-loss			
Unemployment compensation			


2. Take a minute to review the return summary calculations of the data you entered. The display includes return calculation results, as well as critical and informational diagnostics.

Upon review, suppose you recognize a problem with the Smiths' return. You realize you have forgotten to enter estimated tax payments of \$4,100 made by the Smiths.

Let's see how you can quickly make a change to the return and view an updated summary in UltraTax CS.


### ACTIONS

You are currently viewing the summary of the return.

1. Click the  button or press CTRL+I to switch to input screen view.
2. Press ESC to move the focus to the folders block.
3. Press P to move to the Payments folder and press ENTER to open Screen Est.

4. Press ENTER to move to the *Enter total, or* field.
5. Enter **4,100** and press ENTER.

6. Press CTRL+Q to open the Return Summary again.  


The return recalculates briefly to refresh the summary. Then, you can verify in the summary that the data is now correct. The \$4,100 estimated tax payments now appear in the summary; therefore, you know the return is correct.
7. Press PAGE DOWN to view the bottom half of the summary screen.
8. Click the  button or press CTRL+I to return to the input screen view.

## Reviewing diagnostic messages

UltraTax CS includes a diagnostic feature that provides feedback about the return you are processing. Let's review the diagnostic messages for the Smiths' return.

### ACTIONS

You are at Screen Est in the Payments folder.

1. Press CTRL+D (or click the Diagnostics  button) to open the Federal Diagnostics window. You can open this window from any input screen or form.

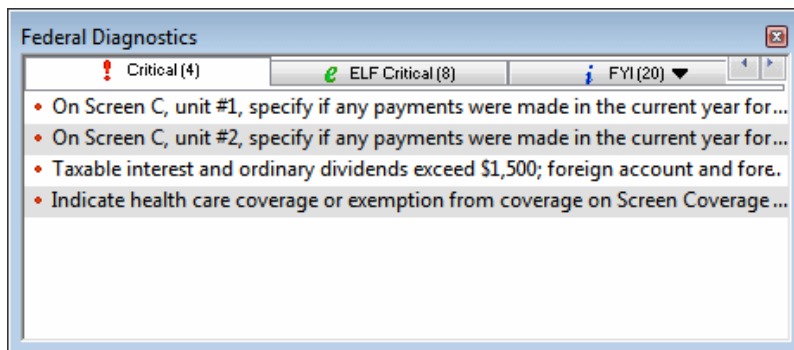
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UltraTax CS displays a list of critical and FYI diagnostic messages for the federal return, pending form approval information, a list of overruled fields, a list of watch fields, and a list of customized to-do items. If the *Display the Client Complexity factor* checkbox is marked in the Setup > User Preferences > Misc tab, you can also view the client complexity values for the tax forms and schedules in the open client's return. If desired, you can click and drag a border to resize the Federal Diagnostics window so you can see all of the relevant information.

**Note:** You can set presentation options to view diagnostic messages on the Display Settings tab. You can display diagnostic messages in a floating window with horizontal tabs or vertical lists, or as a right, bottom, or top pane. To open the Display Settings dialog, do one of the following: choose Window > Display Settings or right-click in input screen or form view and choose Display Settings. In addition, you can choose to display diagnostic messages on the Return Summary form. To do so, choose Setup > User Preferences, click the Misc tab, and mark or clear the *Display diagnostics on the Return Summary form* checkbox.

### Critical diagnostics

The Critical tab lists important diagnostic messages to inform you of missing data or other issues that could significantly impact the accuracy of the return. Because these diagnostics should be addressed prior to submitting the return, we'll do it now.



1. In the View > Diagnostics > Critical tab, click the first diagnostic. The application takes you to Screen C for the 1 Deli business, *Payments were made that require filing Form(s) 1099* field.
2. Click the drop-down arrow and choose **2 No**. Note that when you click off the field, the application deletes the diagnostic you just resolved from the Federal Diagnostics dialog.
3. Click the second diagnostic. The application takes you to Screen C, 2 Computer Programming business, *Payments were made that require filing Form(s) 1099* field.
4. Click the drop-down arrow and choose **2 No**.
5. Click the third diagnostic. The application takes you to Screen B&D, *Interest in or signature/authority over foreign account in a foreign country?* field.
6. Click the drop-down arrow and choose **2 No** in this field and in the *Receive distribution from or a grantor/transferor to foreign trust?* field as well.
7. Click the remaining diagnostic. The application takes you to Screen Coverage, *Entire family covered for full year with minimum essential health care coverage* field.

- Click the drop-down arrow and choose **1 Yes**.

The Critical tab now displays “None,” which indicates that all critical diagnostics have been addressed.

## FYI diagnostics

The FYI tab lists diagnostic messages that point out noteworthy issues in the return, but don't necessarily require action on the part of the preparer. You can customize the list of FYI diagnostic messages reported by UltraTax CS (and suppress those messages that aren't relevant to your firm) via the Setup > Office Configuration > Diagnostics tab. You can also use this tab to print an FYI Diagnostics report which lists all FYI diagnostic messages for the selected product and indicates whether they are currently set to display in the Diagnostic view.

- Click the FYI tab, and then click the “Occupation not entered for the Taxpayer” diagnostic message.

UltraTax CS automatically takes you to the taxpayer's *Occupation* field in Screen 1040, where you can fix the cause of the diagnostic message.

- Enter **Engineer** in the *Occupation* field in Screen 1040 and press ENTER.

The screenshot shows the UltraTax CS software interface. The main window is titled "1040 (2018)" and displays the "General Information" screen. The "Filing Status" section is active, showing "Filing Status (1 = Single, 2 = MFJ, 3 = MFS, 4 = HOH, 5 = QW)" set to "2". The "Occupation" field is set to "Engineer". A "Federal Diagnostics" window is open, displaying a list of diagnostic messages, with the first message "Occupation not entered for the Taxpayer" highlighted. The taxpayer's first name is "John" and last name is "Smith". The spouse's first name is "Sally L." and last name is "Smith". The taxpayer's SSN is "222-33-4444" and the spouse's SSN is "222-33-4444". The taxpayer's date of birth is "5/27/1958" and the spouse's date of birth is "8/19/1960". The taxpayer's age as of January 1, 2019, is "60" and the spouse's age is "58". The taxpayer's daytime telephone number is "800-555-2222" and the spouse's daytime telephone number is "800-555-6666". The taxpayer's home/evening telephone number is "213-555-4444".

Federal Diagnostics window

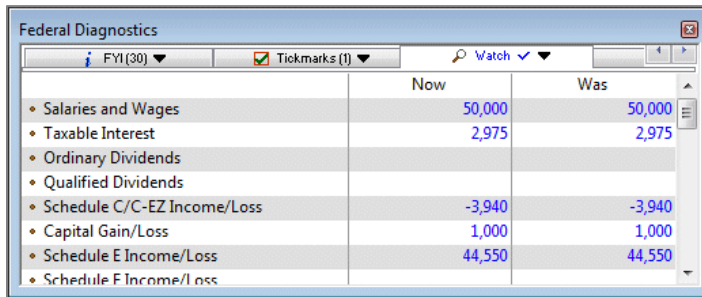
Notice the Federal Diagnostics window was automatically updated after you entered an occupation for the taxpayer. This feature allows you to work with the most current diagnostic messages in any category, making the process of reviewing a return even easier.

- Click the Watch tab in the Federal Diagnostics window to view predefined values in the tax return. You can use the Watch tab to monitor important values in the tax return.




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- Click the down arrow on the Watch tab and select Freeze from the drop-down list to monitor those values. Note that the values turn blue. If a return value changes after it is frozen, the amount will turn red and both the old and new amounts will be listed.



	Now	Was
• Salaries and Wages	50,000	50,000
• Taxable Interest	2,975	2,975
• Ordinary Dividends		
• Qualified Dividends		
• Schedule C/C-EZ Income/Loss	-3,940	-3,940
• Capital Gain/Loss	1,000	1,000
• Schedule E Income/Loss	44,550	44,550
• Schedule F Income/Loss		

**Note:** You can add a watch field while in form view. Right-click in the field where you want to add the watch field and choose Watch Field from the context menu. You can also delete watch fields, modify watch field descriptions, and customize the watch list order by choosing Setup > 1040 Individual and clicking the Watch Fields button.

- Click the down arrow in the Watch tab and select Unfreeze.
- Click Yes to confirm that you want to unfreeze the values in the watch fields.
- Close the Federal Diagnostics window by pressing CTRL+D or clicking the Diagnostics  button.

### Notes

- All fields in which you have overridden the calculated amounts are listed in the Federal Diagnostics window's Overrides tab.
- You can also view the approval status of forms for the current return in the Federal Diagnostics window. If the current return contains forms that have not yet been finalized, the Federal Diagnostics window displays a Forms Approval tab. All forms calculated in the current return that are pending approval will be listed in the tab. Forms that are already approved or do not require approval will not be listed.

## Attaching tickmarks and notes

You can attach tickmarks and two types of notes to a client's return to assist with your review of the return.

- Tickmarks** are check marks you can enter next to a field in any form or input screen. Tickmarks, or check marks, next to various items in a client's return help with your review of the return. You can display tickmarks in four colors; create custom tickmarks that display as a letter, number, or punctuation mark; add descriptions for each tickmark color; and customize how you use tickmarks. There are many variations of tickmarks, and how tickmarks display depends on many factors, including whether the information changed after a tickmark was added. You can enter tickmarks on input screens, forms, and most statement dialogs. Note that tickmarks do not appear on printed forms. To customize how you use tickmarks, choose Setup > User Preferences, and click the Tickmarks tab. For more information about tickmarks, click the arrow next to the Help button on the toolbar, enter **Tickmarks** in the search field, and press ENTER. In the search results page that opens, click "Entering tickmarks."




- **Client notes** are notes to yourself or to another reviewer about the client or the client's return. To attach one note of any length per client, choose Edit > Client Note. Client notes are shared among UltraTax CS, Fixed Assets CS, Practice CS®, and FileCabinet CS, if licensed, via data sharing. Client notes print with the Review Notes report if you selected that report to print in the Return Collation dialog (to open, choose Setup > 1040 Individual and click the Tax Return button.)
- **Field notes** are notes you can attach to a field in any input screen or form. When you attach a note to a field, a musical note displays next to that field. You can choose from among four colors for the musical note. Note that field notes do not appear on printed forms.

Let's see an example of tickmarks and field notes.

### ACTIONS

You are at Screen 1040 in the General folder.

1. Click  or press CTRL+F to switch to form view.
2. Click the P2 tab.
3. If necessary, use the scroll bar or press PAGE DOWN to move to line 1, *Wages, salaries, tips, etc.*
4. Double-click in the *Wages, salaries, tips, etc.* field.

UltraTax CS displays a green checkmark to the left of the *Wages, salaries, tips, etc.* field in the form.



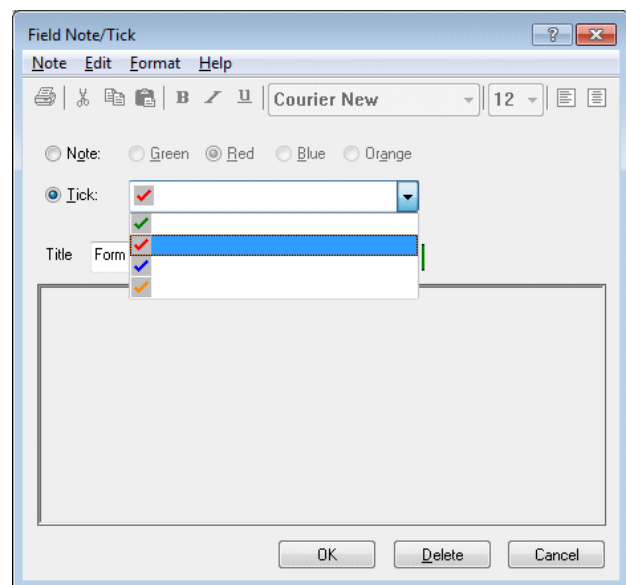
Now, let's change the color of the tickmark.

5. Click the Tickmark  button on the UltraTax CS toolbar to open the Field Note/Tick dialog.

Use this dialog to add a tickmark or a note to any form field. Note that the *Tick* option is already selected and that green is the default color.

6. Click the drop-down arrow, select the red tickmark, and click OK. UltraTax CS displays a red tickmark next to line 1.

**Note:** You can customize the order in which tickmarks display next to a field so that you can quickly add tickmarks as you work in a client's return. To assign a rotation for tickmarks, choose Setup > User Preferences, and click the Tickmarks tab.




Now, let's add a note to a field.

7. Click the Sch 5 tab.

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8. Click line 66, *2018 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2017 return*.

9. Click the Field Note  button on the toolbar to open the Field Note/Tick dialog.

10. In this dialog, enter **Verify amount and date paid for each estimate**.

11. Change the color of the musical note by clicking *Blue* next to the *Note* option, and then click OK.



UltraTax CS displays a blue musical note next to the field. Later, you or another reviewer can return to this field, click the musical note to open the Field Note/Tick dialog, and then read the note. You can also edit or delete it, if appropriate.

**Note:** You can choose to view information about current-year tickmarks and field notes that have been deleted when you view the drop-down lists next to the Tickmark and Field Note toolbar buttons. To enable this preference, choose Setup > User Preferences, click the Misc tab, and mark the *Display fields with deleted Notes/Ticks in the toolbar drop-down lists* checkbox.

## Printing the return

Now that you have reviewed the return, let's modify the print options and print the return.

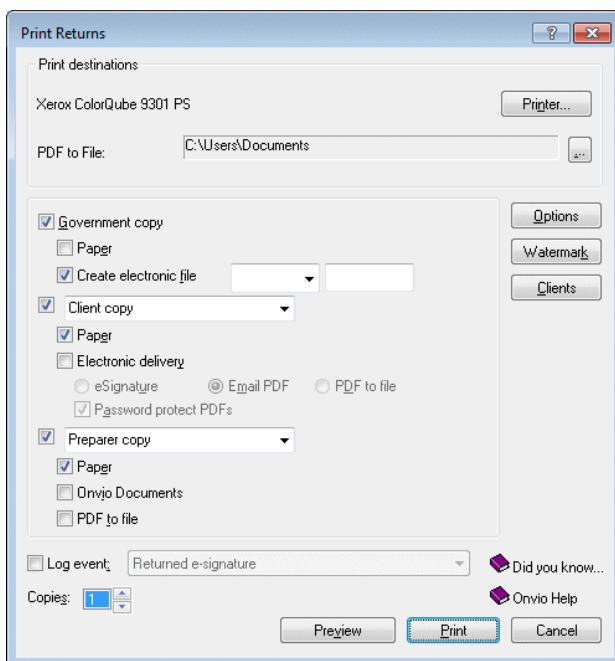
### ACTIONS

You are at Schedule 5 (Form 1040).

1. Choose File > Print Returns to open the Print Returns dialog. Note that you can also click the Print

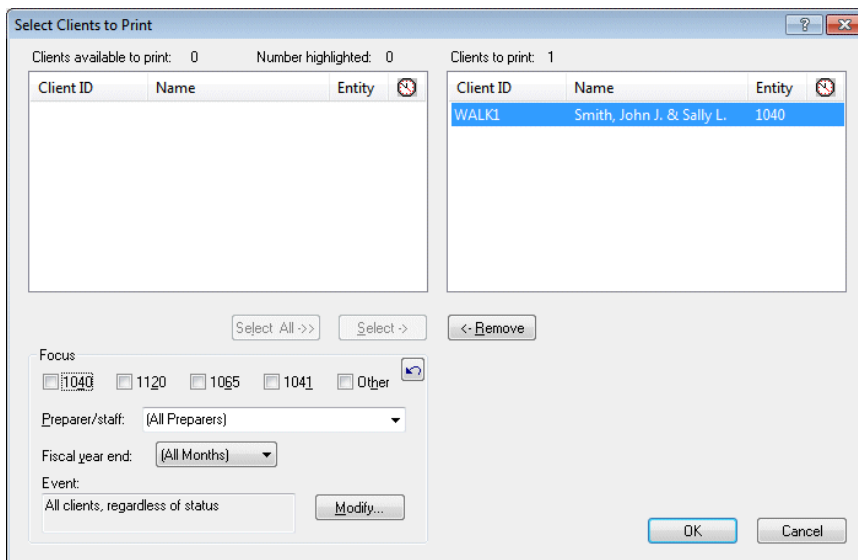


button on the toolbar or press CTRL+P.



## Notes

- If you have FileCabinet CS or GoFileRoom® installed or if you have licensed Onvio™ Documents and enabled integration between Onvio and UltraTax CS, you can print to the printer and either FileCabinet CS, GoFileRoom, or Onvio Documents. If you have questions about FileCabinet CS, GoFileRoom, or Onvio Documents, or would like more details, see the [UltraTax CS integration with other applications](#) article in the Help & How-To Center or contact your CS account representative.
  - By default, the installation program for the evaluation application marks the checkbox to install FileCabinet CS. If you cleared the FileCabinet CS checkbox, you did not install FileCabinet CS.
  - If you have not licensed and installed FileCabinet CS or GoFileRoom, or if you have not licensed Onvio Documents and enabled integration between Onvio and UltraTax CS, a simplified version of FileCabinet CS, called File Drawer, is installed automatically. You can then print and electronically store UltraTax CS returns, extensions, and input screens, which you can access directly through UltraTax CS via the Drawer button under the federal and state buttons in data entry. Documents printed to File Drawer will be available in FileCabinet CS if you purchase FileCabinet CS at a later date.
  - UltraTax CS uses your default Windows printer, but you can click the Printer button to select a different printer.
  - You can also use the Print Returns dialog to print returns for multiple clients in the same batch, print returns for only certain clients, print returns for clients with different entity types in the same batch, exclude forms from the print list, and more.
2. Press ALT+C to open the Select Clients to Print dialog, or click the Clients button. All clients who meet the criteria set in the Focus group box at the bottom of this dialog are listed in the Clients available to print pane on the left.



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**Note:** Unless you specify otherwise, UltraTax CS defaults to printing a return for the open client. By clicking the Select and Remove buttons, you can choose additional clients whose returns you want to print. You can also exclude clients from the list of available clients to print using the settings in the Focus group box.

3. Because you want to print only the current client's return, click OK to accept the default setting and return to the Print Returns dialog.
4. Clear the *Government copy*, *Client copy*, and (if licensed) *FileCabinet CS* checkboxes to print only the preparer copy.

**Note:** For most clients, you do not need to change these options. Printing a return is usually straightforward and automatic. Just click the Print button on the toolbar, and mark the *Government copy*, *Client copy*, or *Preparer copy* checkbox.

Before you print the return, let's review the available print options. Typically, you do not need to open the Print Options dialog unless you want to change the default settings. These are options for all 1040 clients that you can override for specific clients.

Now, let's set up the return for printing.

### ACTIONS

You are at the Print Returns dialog.

1. Verify that *Preparer copy* is chosen in the drop-down menu with the checkbox marked, and that the *Paper* checkbox is also marked.
2. Click the Options button to open the Print Options dialog. It may take a few moments to calculate the list of forms to print.
3. On the Selected Returns tab, clear the state-specific checkboxes and leave the *Federal* checkbox marked to print only a federal return.

**Note:** You can select the forms and schedules you want to print for the client in the Selected Pages tab in the Print Options dialog. However, options cannot be selected in **both** the Selected Returns and Selected Pages tabs. When options in either tab are selected, the options in the other tab are not available.

4. Click OK to close the Print Options dialog.

The screenshot shows the 'Print Options' dialog box with the 'Selected Returns' tab selected. The 'Return' list contains 'Federal' (checked), 'California' (unchecked), and 'Massachusetts' (unchecked). Below the list are buttons for 'Mark Federal', 'Mark States', 'Mark PPT', and 'Unmark All'. The 'Additional pages' section has checkboxes for 'the Firm to Client slipsheet', 'the folder insert', 'the transmittal letter', and 'the invoice'. The 'Return inclusion' section has radio buttons for 'all client's returns' and 'only selected returns' for 'If combined, filing instruction includes inserts for:', 'Invoice includes forms/prices for:', and 'Transmittal letter contains list of returns for:'.

5. In the Print Returns dialog, click the Print button.

**Note:** UltraTax CS prints one copy of the federal return for John and Sally Smith. Because you selected returns from the Print Options dialog, those options override the selected government, client, and preparer copy options selected in the initial Print Returns dialog.

After UltraTax CS has calculated and collated the return, the print file is sent to the print spooler so that you can continue processing tax returns or completing other tasks while the return is printing.

Now, let's delete the 1040 client and restore the default collation so others in your firm can use this walkthrough to learn about UltraTax CS.

### ACTIONS

You are at Schedule 5 (Form 1040).

1. Choose File > Delete to open the Delete Clients dialog.
2. Make sure that WALK1 is the only client listed in the Clients to delete pane on the right. If additional clients are listed in the Clients to delete pane, highlight the additional clients' names and then click the Remove button to move each client back to the Clients available to delete pane.
3. When WALK1 is the only client listed in the Clients to delete pane, click the Delete button to delete the WALK1 client.
4. When prompted for confirmation, click OK or press ENTER.

**Note:** Always use caution when you work in this dialog. Before you delete a client, verify that the selected client should actually be deleted. When you delete client files in UltraTax CS, the files are permanently deleted and cannot be recovered.

5. Choose Setup > 1040 Individual.
6. Click the Tax Return button to open the Return Collation dialog.
7. Click the Preparer tab.
8. Click the Restore Default button and select CS Default Collation.

**Note:** If the return collation was changed in a prior year, click the Restore Default button and select prior year from the drop-down list.

9. Click OK to return to the 1040 Product Information dialog.
10. Click OK to close the dialog.
11. Choose File > Exit to close UltraTax CS.





## LEARNING MORE ABOUT ULTRATAX CS

We encourage you to use this walkthrough to explore the many features, options, and capabilities of UltraTax CS. To learn more about using UltraTax CS to process a return, as well as additional features, choose Help > On the Web > CS Professional Suite Home Page. Click Products & Services, choose Tax & Asset Management and then UltraTax CS to view the UltraTax CS Overview.

### New features and changes for UltraTax CS this year

To view the latest features and changes available in UltraTax CS, choose Help > Help & How-To Center and click the [What's new in UltraTax CS](#) link in the Alerts and notices section of the box on the right side of the screen. For more detailed information regarding application releases and updates, changes to the application, and any other relevant or special issues regarding our applications, access the user bulletins from within the application, choose Help > Bulletins. To search for information within current-year user bulletins, by choosing Help > Help & How-To Center, and then click the link to the user bulletins in the Alerts and notices section of the box on the right side of the screen.

### Application security

UltraTax CS (as well as other CS Professional Suite applications) includes security measures that meet IRS requirements to help safeguard taxpayer and tax preparer information. These requirements include a unique username and strong password for each user, as well as a timeout period that will require users to log back in to the application after 30 minutes of inactivity. For more information about our security measures, see the [CS Professional Suite application security overview](#) in the Help & How-To Center.

### Integration with other applications

UltraTax CS integrates with the entire CS Professional Suite (Accounting CS, Trial Balance CS, Workpapers CS, Fixed Assets CS, and Practice CS), as well as OnBalance™, and Onvio Documents, Workpapers, and Client Center. With our applications, you do not need to run time-consuming data conversion applications. For more information, see the [UltraTax CS integration with other applications](#) article in the Help & How-To Center.

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- The [Tax & Accounting Community](#) enables our customers from across the globe to share information immediately and to help one another save time, effort, and money.
- Our annual users' conference provides a means to earn CPE credit, get hands-on training, learn about technology updates, be inspired by nationally-recognized experts, and communicate directly with our staff and your colleagues.