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Programs Included With DPS 8 Development Suite

- DPS 8 development suite includes the following programs:

  - DPS 8 Editor which creates the screens, documents and processing code for DPS 8

  - DPS 8 Table Editor which creates the tables used by DPS 8 to establish various variables

  - DPS 8 Answer Editor which creates the answers and tips in the Guides used by DPS 8

  - DPS 8 Deploy which creates the files necessary to create the installer for DPS 8

  - DPS 8 PIN Maker which creates PINs for Preparers so that they can use DPS 8 to prepare documents for their clients
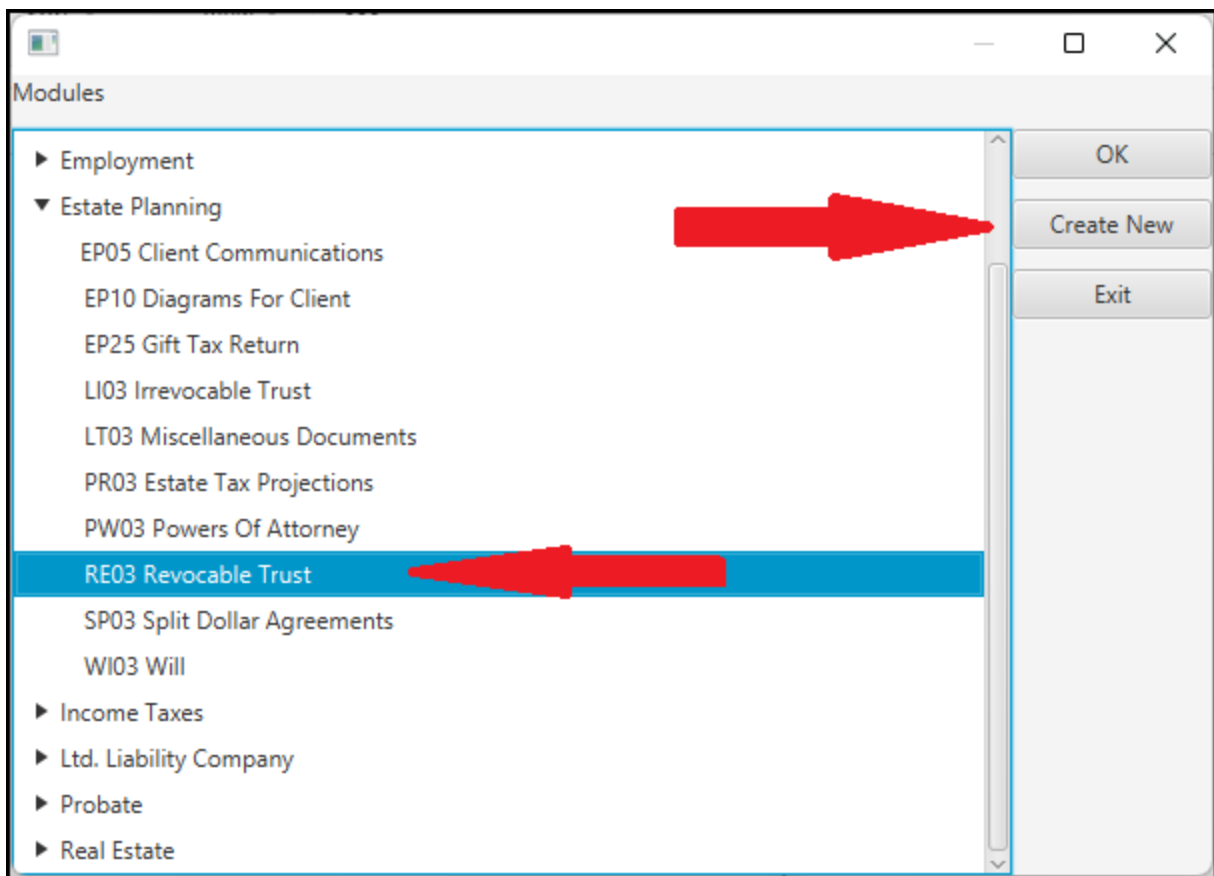
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DPS 8 Editor

- DPS 8 Editor creates and modifies Documents (also called Modules) which are used by DPS 8. Click on this icon to launch DPS 8 Editor.

- When you open DPS 8 Editor the first screen you see is this selection of Modules screen. Select the Module you want to work on and click on OK. If you want to start a new Module click on Create New.
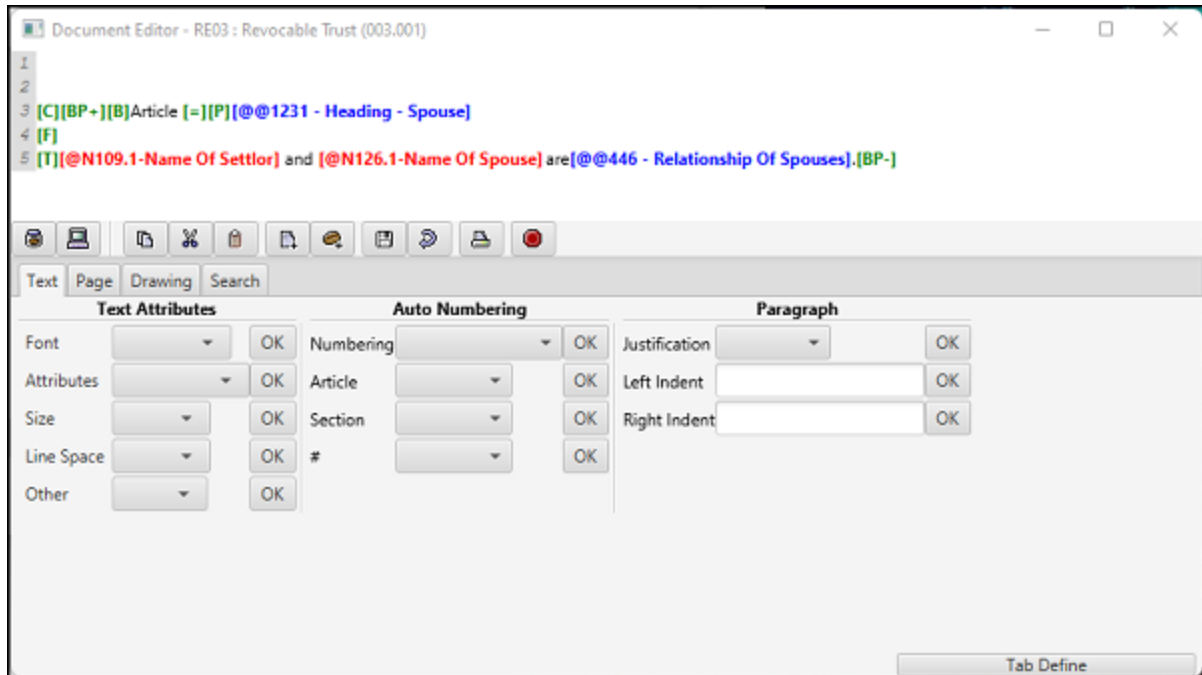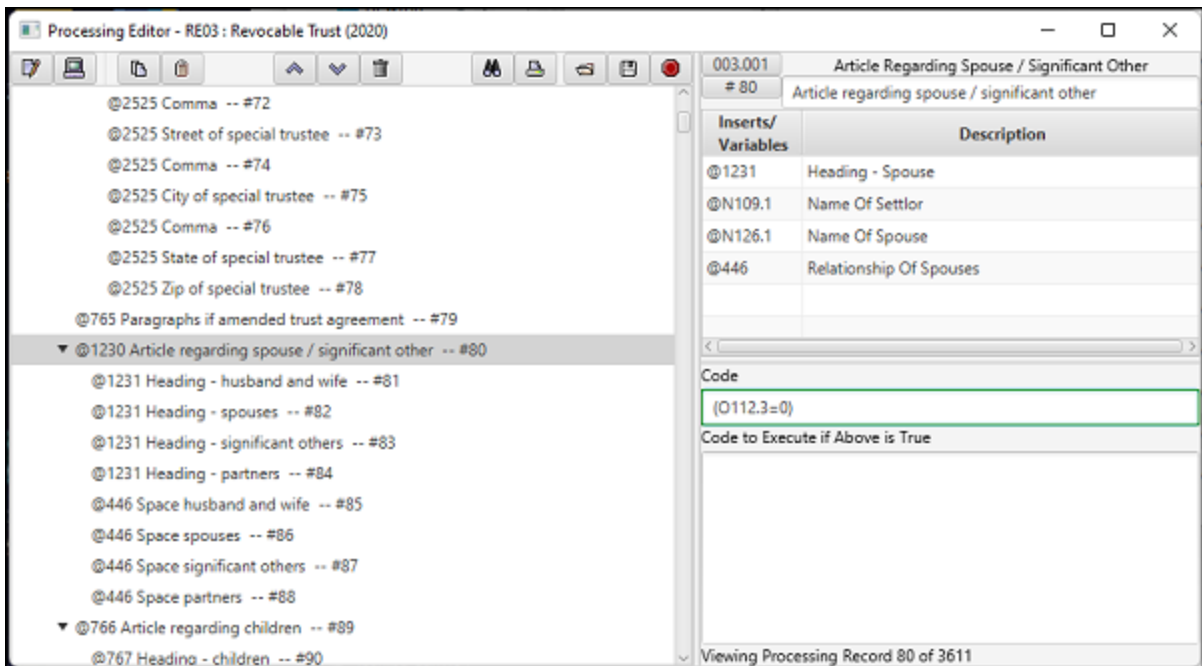

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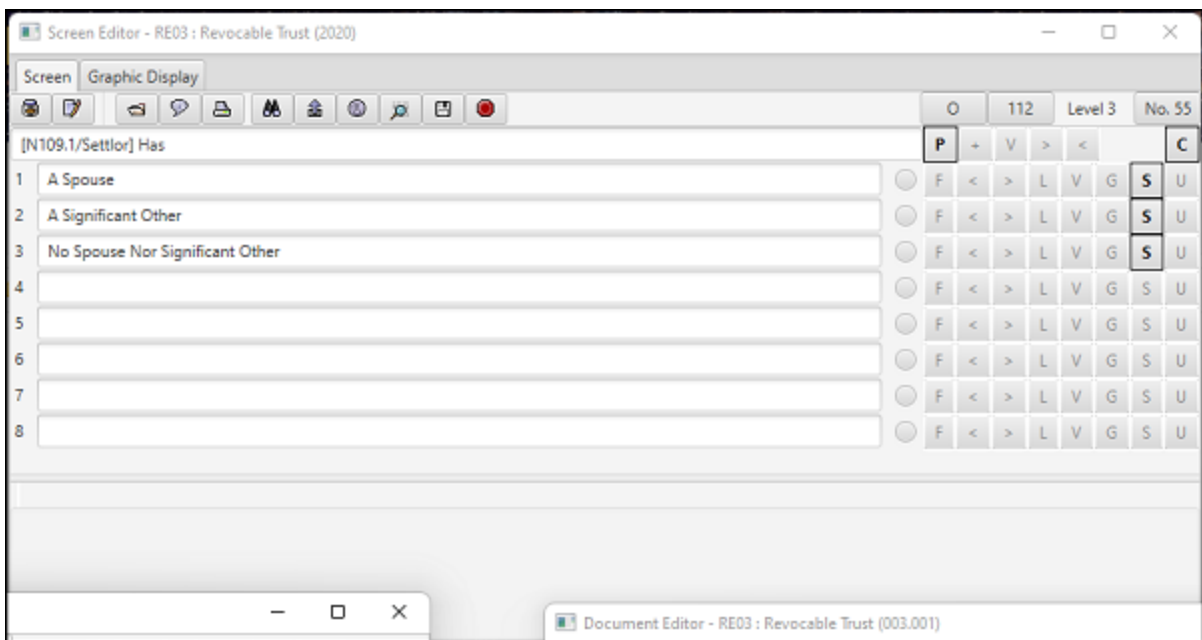# 3 Windows Of DPS 8 Editor

- When a module is selected three windows open for that module:

- One of the windows is the Document Window. this window contains:

  - text -- such as the word "Article",
  - codes -- such as [T] for tab,
  - variables -- such as [@N109.1 - Name of Settlor] and
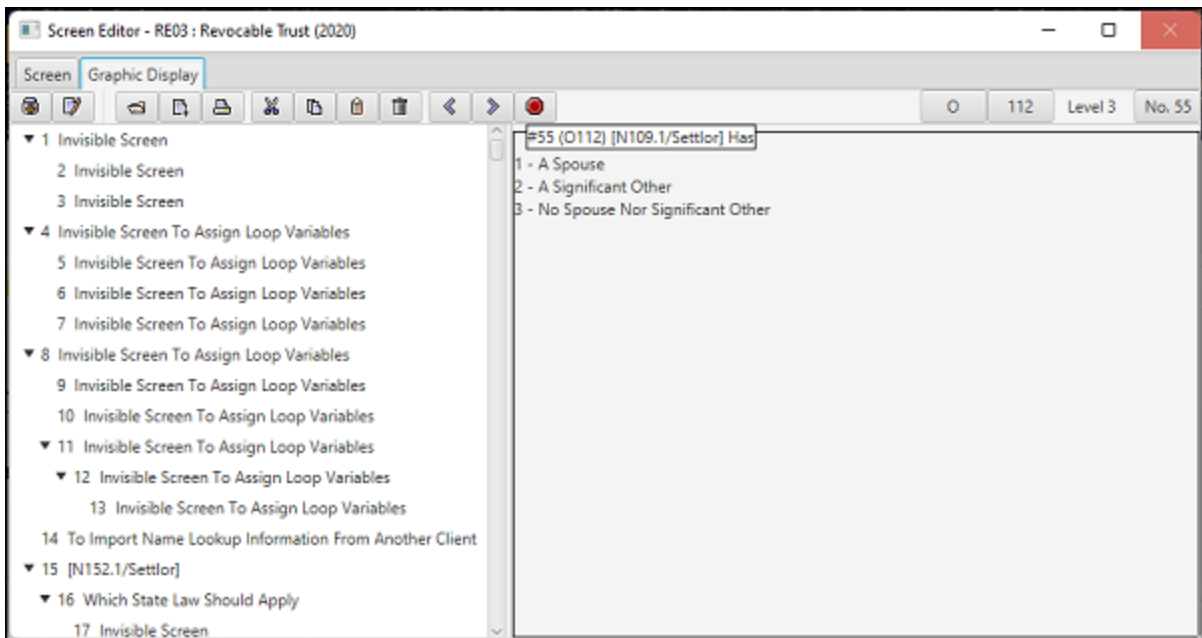 - insert points -- such as [@@1231 - Heading - Spouse]

- The second window is the Processing Window. this window contains the documents which may be inserted based on the indicated code.

- The third window is the Screen Window. The 1st tab of this window shows:

  - whether the screen is a N - name entry, C - checkbox, O - option button or T - text screen
  - what the text will appear on the screen
  - formatting and other codes, including calculations, shared designations and lookup information

- The 2nd tab of the Screen Window shows contains a graphic display of all of the screens which may appear based on the indicated code.
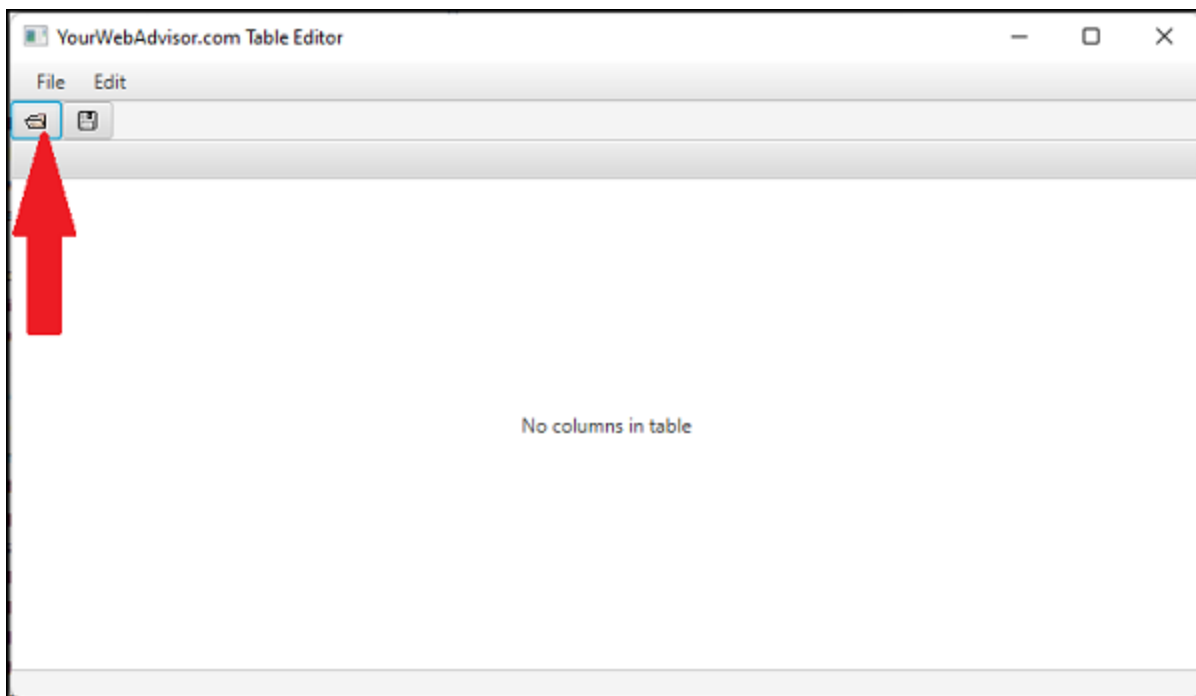

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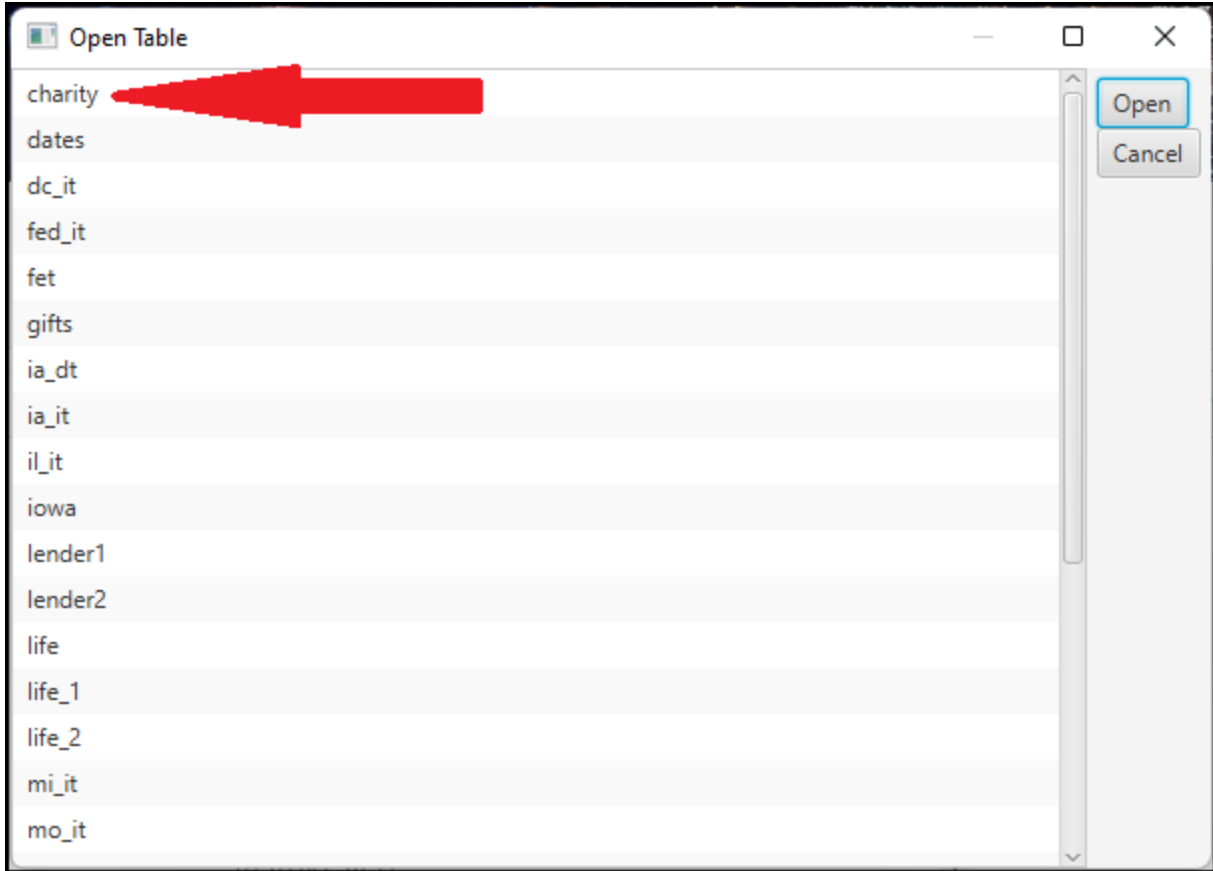
DPS 8 Table Editor

- DPS 8 Table Editor creates the tables used by DPS 8 to establish various variables. Click on this icon to launch DPS 8 Table Editor.

- When you open DPS 8 Table Editor the first screen you see allows you to select the table to modify by clicking on the Open icon.

- You can then select appropriate table on the next screen shown.

- The selected table will then be shown and can be modified as desired.
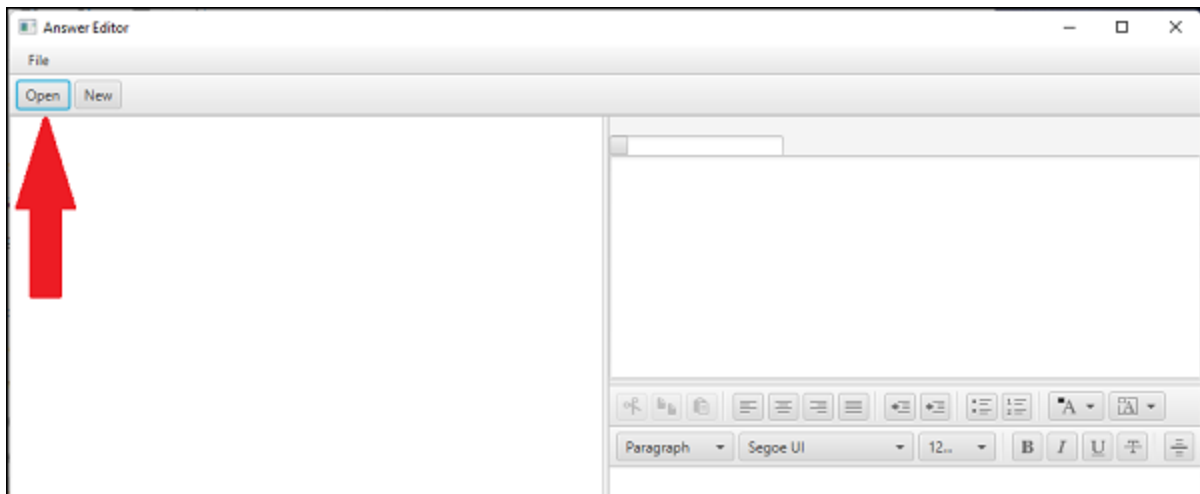

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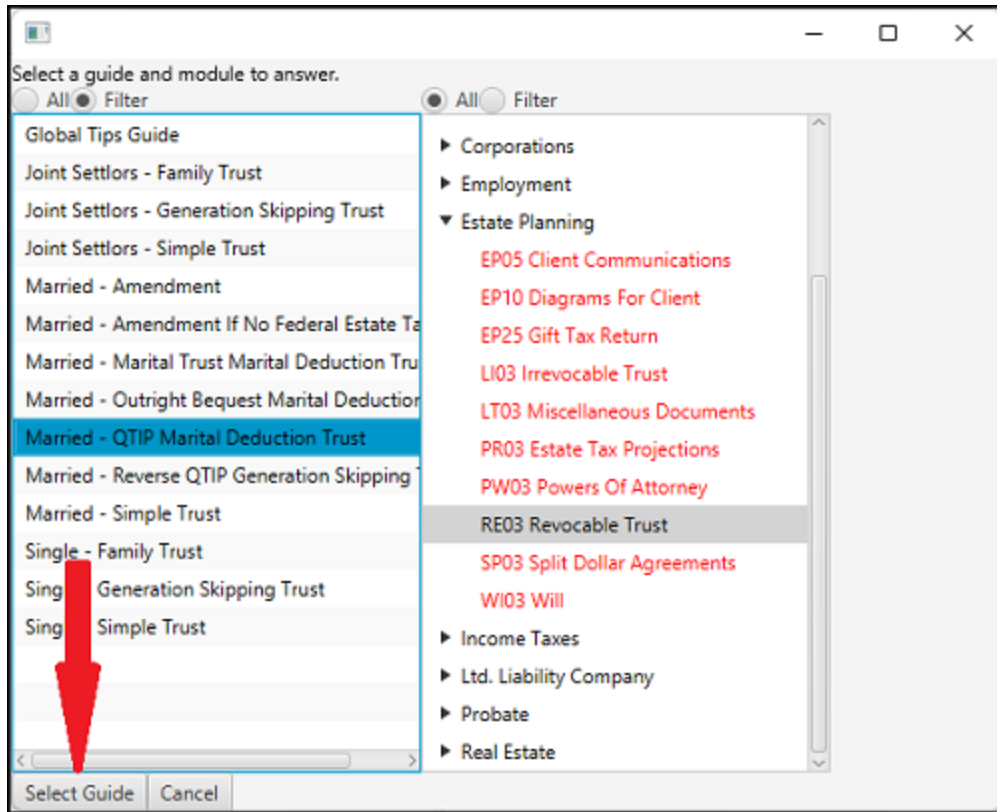*Click here* to send comments on this topic.

DPS 8 Answer Editor

- DPS 8 Answer Editor creates the answers and tips in the Guides used by DPS 8. Click on this icon to launch DPS 8 Answer Editor.
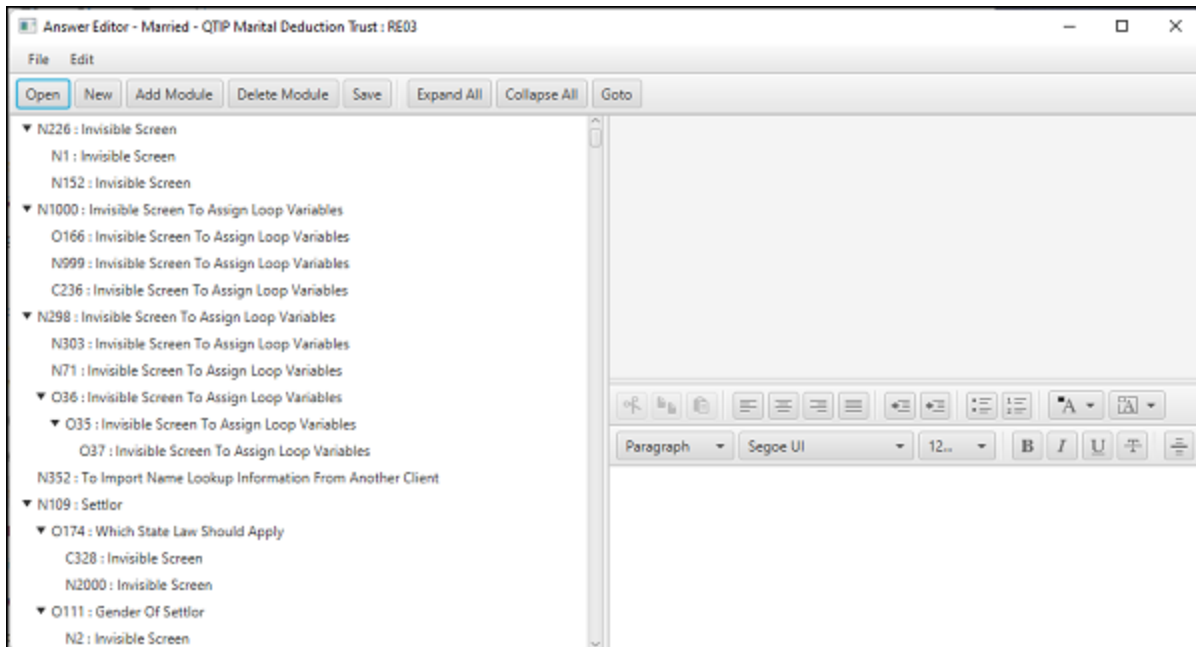

- When you open DPS 8 Answer Editor you see this screen. Select Open to select the Module and Guide on the next screen.

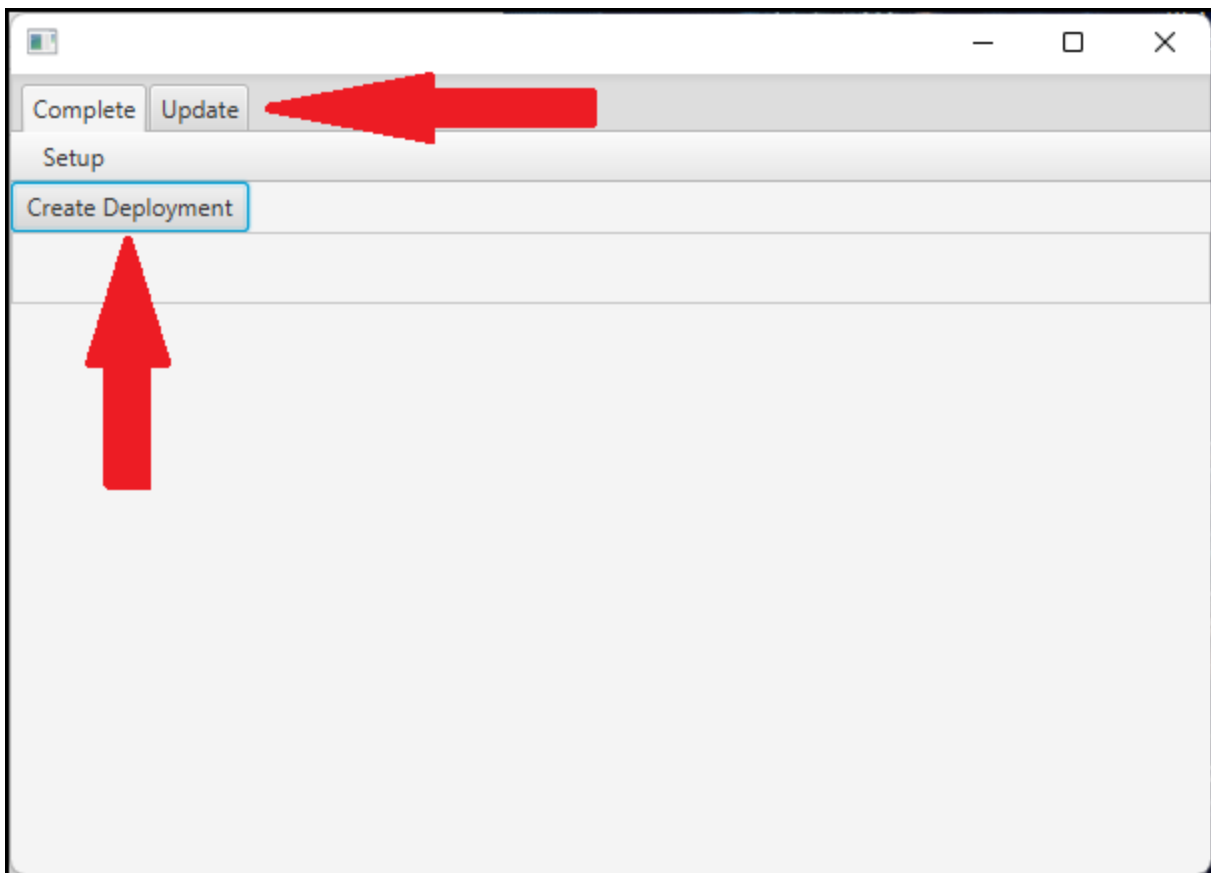- Once the Guide is selected the screens are shown. Answers can be changed and tips can be added.

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DPS 8 Deploy

- DPS 8 Deploy creates the files necessary to create the installer for DPS 8 and Updates for DPS 8. Click on this icon to launch DPS 8 Deploy.

- When you open DPS 8 Deploy this is the first screen you see. A new installation file and an update file for DPS8 can be created using this program.

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DPS 8 PIN Maker

- DPS 8 PIN Maker creates PINs for Preparers so that they can use DPS 8 to prepare documents for their clients. Click on this icon to launch DPS 8 PIN Maker.

- When you open DPS 8 PIN Maker you see the screen which allows the creation of PINs for Preparers once the DPS 8 Development Suite is licensed. The PIN created changes based on the areas of law licensed, the billing cycle and the customer ID.
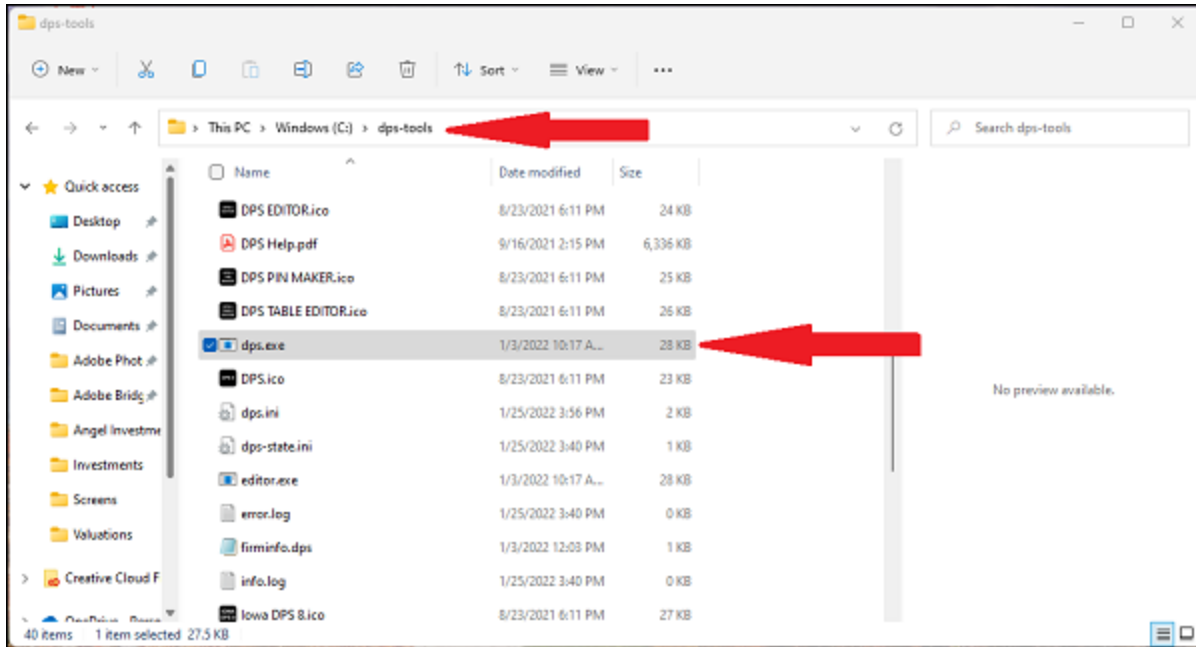

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Testing Changes

- To set up DPS 8 Development Suite for testing the changes you make, you should create a shortcut to C:\dps-tools\dps.exe and use that shortcut to test the changes.

- When you've made changes using DPS 8 Editor or DPS 8 Table Editor changes are made in C:\dps-tools\module.db
- When you've made changes using DPS 8 Answer Editor, changes are made in C:\dps-tools\guides\guides.db

- Once the changes have been tested you can use DPS 8 Deploy to create the files necessary for a new DPS 8 installation file. You can also use DPS 8 deploy to create an update.db which can be sent to preparers to update their DPS 8.

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