Micro Focus Connect 3.1

Installation Guide

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About Micro Focus Connect

Micro Focus Connect is a tool used to synchronize item and relationship data between various Micro Focus software change and configuration management systems and other repositories or clients. Once data is synchronized into the system, all of the change management capabilities of the system, including versioning, branching, tracing, labeling, and reporting, are available on that data.

Note: SCM (Git, SVN or StarTeam SCM) is not supported in 3.1. See the *Known Issues* section for further details.

Micro Focus Connect System Requirements

This section lists system requirements needed to run Micro Focus Connect.

Web Browsers

- Google Chrome 35+
- Mozilla Firefox 30+
- Internet Explorer 10+

Operating Systems

- Microsoft Windows Server 2016
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 (64-bit)

  Note:

  Micro Focus Connect only provides a 64-bit installation.

Hardware

Recommended	64-bit, quad-core systems with 8-16GB of memory.

Installing Micro Focus Connect

Perform the following steps to install Micro Focus Connect:

1. Double click the installer named `MicroFocusConnect-<version-OS_Info>.exe.` The **Introduction** page opens.
2. Click **Next**. The **License Agreement** page opens.
3. Choose **I accept the terms of the License Agreement** and click **Next**. The **Choose Install Folder** page opens.
4. Accept the default or click **Choose** to select a new location. Click **Next**. The **Choose Shortcut Folder** page opens.
5. Select where you want the **Shortcut Folder** and click **Next**. Micro Focus Connect will be configured for your system and the **Pre-Installation Summary** page opens.
6. **Click Install**. The **Installing Connect** page opens and the installation process starts. When the installation is done, the **Install Complete** page opens.
7. Click **Done**. The installation is complete. The service `Micro Focus Connect Web Server` is installed and running.

Upgrading from APTS or other Micro Focus Connect Releases

Before upgrading Micro Focus Connect, you should first stop any connections that are running in your existing installation. The updated version of Micro Focus Connect uses a database for tracking relationships of items and once information has been fully migrated to the new system, any changes back to prior configurations may cause duplication of data.

> **Note:** For the stand-alone installation, the `Connect.xml` file must be in-place before starting the service. The migration occurs only once. If a `Connect.xml` file is not there then the default is migrated.

Users upgrading Micro Focus Connect from a prior release should install the new product on a new system. Once installed they should stop the system service Micro Focus Connect Web Server), remove the `AppData/data/db` directory and replace the `AppData/data/Connect.xml` file with their `Connect.xml` file from their prior release, and restart the system service.

Starting the Connect UI

To run the Micro Focus Connect UI:

1. In a supported browser, type in: `http://<machine-name>:8081/ConnectWeb/`. The Micro Focus Connect **Sign In** page opens.
2. Enter `Administrator` and `Administrator` for the **Username** and **Password**.
3. Leave the `DefaultAuthenticator` selection for the initial installation.
4. Click **Sign In**. The Micro Focus Connect UI opens.

For more information on using the UI, refer to *Using Micro Focus Connect* .

Backing up Micro Focus Connect data

With the additional support of Micro Focus Products as *Master* products in configurations, Micro Focus Connect now stores necessary field relationship information and configuration information in a database. The simplest mechanism for backing up the database is to stop the Microsoft Windows service, backup the `AppData/data/db` directory and its contents (optionally also backup the `AppData/data/Connect.xml` file) as you would backup other critical data.

Licensing

Micro Focus Connect will run in evaluation mode for 60 days. At the end of this period, contact Micro Focus for a license file, `BCLicense.bin`. When you receive the license file, place it in the `C:\Program Files \Micro Focus\Connect\AppData\data` directory.

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