



Micro Focus Visual COBOL 4.0 for Visual Studio

Release Notes

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These release notes contain information that might not appear in the Help. Read them in their entirety before you install the product.



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Product Overview

Visual COBOL enables you to develop COBOL applications within Microsoft Visual Studio. You use the Visual Studio integrated development environment (IDE) to edit, compile and debug COBOL applications. The IDE provides all the functionality to manage projects and build applications.

The product is available in the following variants - Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2013, Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2015 and Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2017. The execution environment for applications created with any of these product variants is COBOL Server.

Upgrading from earlier Micro Focus products

Version 4.0 of your product is dependent on a later version of the Microsoft C run-time system than earlier Micro Focus products. This means that COBOL executables (.exe) built with an earlier version of your product might not be compatible with version 4.0 run-time products. If the behavior of your application changes with version 4.0, we strongly recommend that you relink the main executable with version 4.0. This will ensure that the COBOL run-time system fully handles any run-time error conditions that might occur.

A new executable that is fully compatible with version 4.0 can be produced without recompiling the application, as long as the original object code is available and it is relinked with version 4.0.

To allow your executables to benefit from the product's latest programming and performance enhancements, we recommend a full recompilation of your source code.

If you are using Visual Studio, you can configure the IDE to automatically check whether applications created with older releases must be relinked. If the application uses an older version of the C run-time system, Visual COBOL can automatically relink the existing executable or .dll to the new version of the C run-time system without the need to recompile the application first. If a project needs relinking, Visual Studio displays a message in the status bar (Visual Studio 2015 and 2017) or a dialog box (Visual Studio 2013) providing an option for you to choose and relink the project.

What's New

This release provides enhancements in the following areas:

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Integration with Visual Studio

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This release includes the following editor improvements:

- Inline rename refactoring - overwriting a variable name directly in the editor now invokes rename refactoring so you no longer need to select **Refactor** from the editor context menu.
- **Extract to section** - a new quick action (Visual Studio 2015 and later only) is available in the editor. It enables you to refactor your code by adding more sections in the code. This can help you create more entry points that you can use during unit testing.
- Automatic insertion of END-EXEC, END-TRY and END-PERFORM statements - the closing statements are now automatically inserted after you have typed the opening statements.
- IntelliSense filters (Visual Studio 2017 and later only) - when IntelliSense displays a list of suggestions, a number of icons at the bottom of the IntelliSense window now enable you to filter the suggestions.

Working with files:

- Copybook graphs - a context menu command, **Show Copybook Graph**, in Solution Explorer enables you to display the graphical representation of the copybook dependencies of COBOL programs.
- **Open Folder** mode (Visual Studio 2017 only) - support is now available for editing, compiling and debugging files opened in Solution Explorer in Open Folder mode without having to create projects.
- The file property pages now display a list of all Compiler directives that apply to the file.

New IDE configuration option:

- You can use the **Limit IntelliSense Search Scope** setting in **Tools > Options > Text Editor > Micro Focus COBOL > Advanced** that helps improve the editor performance.

Relinking existing applications:

- You can now configure Visual COBOL to check whether applications created with older releases must be relinked. If the application uses an older version of the C runtime, Visual COBOL can automatically

relink the existing executable or .dll to the new version of the C runtime without the need to recompile the application first.

If a project needs relinking, Visual Studio displays a message in the status bar (Visual Studio 2015 and 2017) or a dialog box (Visual Studio 2013) providing an option for you to choose and relink the project.

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This release includes the following enhancements:

- COBOL Resource Adapters now support WebSphere 9.0 and WebLogic 12.2.1.
- Tomcat 7.0 support for servlet generation with J2SEBeans.
- NullSearch utility - for COBOL resource adapters, this new utility provides assistance in locating NULL fields in mappings passed to Enterprise Server. When a large number of arguments is provided in the parameters passed to Enterprise Server, it is difficult to locate NULL fields, which are not allowed. The NullSearch utility isolates NULL fields, so the Java application can be corrected.

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This release includes Visual COBOL Build Tools for Windows, a separately-installable component of Visual COBOL that has been designed to be used in environments where you want to work with your COBOL projects but you don't want the overheads associated with the Visual Studio IDE.

Build Tools provide a lightweight, easy-to-install development environment that is well-suited for use in Docker containers and continuous integration or continuous delivery systems.

Code coverage

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This release provides the following enhancements:

- In Visual Studio, the Micro Focus Code Coverage window now offers a File View in addition to the existing Program View.

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Support has been added to enable codeset mapping to additionally be configured to use IBM's Conversion Tables directly instead of the Micro Focus supplied tables. You need to download IBM's conversion tables from IBM's Web site. Then you can use the MFCODESET environment variable to convert between IBM's CCSIDs.

Compiler directives

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The following Compiler directives are new in this release:

- **DISPSIGN** - determines the display output of numeric fields with included signs, under an IBM mainframe dialect only.
- **GNTLITLINKSTD** - stops the suppression of call-convention 8 when both call-convention 2 and call-convention 8 are in effect for a .gnt file in an Intel x86 32-bit environment.
- **ILSMARTANNOTATE** - adds attributes to the items generated by ILSMARTLINKAGE, based on their data type, which can be used to identify the size or range of the item in COBOL.
- **ILSMARTTRIM** - trims any trailing spaces from a string item returned by the get property associated with an alphanumeric item processed by ILSMARTLINKAGE.

- **MAINFRAME-FLOATING-POINT** - specifies the format of a program's floating point data items: either IBM hexadecimal format or IEEE format. This directive is supported in managed code only.

The following Compiler directives contain new parameters in this release:

- **CHECKDIV** - a new parameter 'ACOS' now emulates a divide by zero operation on an ACOS mainframe system: the quotient and the remainder are set to the value of the dividend.
- **OOCTRL** - a new parameter, **L**, specifies whether to include directory location comments in `.cls` and `.ins` inheritance files.
- **NUMPROC** - a new parameter 'ACOS' provides partial compatibility with the behavior of NEC ACOS COBOL processing of invalid data in USAGE DISPLAY data items and invalid sign information in USAGE COMP-3 data items.

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It is now possible to export any filtered results. When filtering a data file, you can use the results to create a new data file - click **Search > Export Results** when a filter is applied to save the filtered records to a new file. You can:

- Save the filtered records to a new file.
- Save the records that match the specified filter (such as customer information or orders).
- Download a subset of the data from a remote file.
- Save a small portion of the data for testing purposes.

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Database Connectors for Microsoft SQL Server

The following enhancements have been made to Database Connectors for Microsoft SQL Server:

- Database Connectors for MSSQL is now available on Linux/UNIX platforms where MSSQL server is supported; see the Microsoft SQL Server support web pages for an up-to-date list of specific supported platforms.

With Database Connectors for Microsoft SQL Server, you can connect to both an instance running on a Linux machine, or an instance running on a Windows machine. You can also use it to connect to an instance of SQL Server running on Linux from a Windows client. (Note that setting up SQL Server on a Linux machine is beyond the scope of our documentation.)

See *To install Database Connectors for Microsoft SQL Server* for more information.

- Database Connectors for MSSQL now supports connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server running a multi-subnet failover cluster. To use this feature requires changes to the connection string sent to the server, which is accomplished by using the following 4 new configuration variables:
 - **A_MSSQL_MULTI_SUBNET_FAILOVER** - set to TRUE to enable a connection that supports multisubnet failover support. If set to FALSE (the default) support is not enabled, and the other configuration variables have no effect.
 - **A_MSSQL_FAILOVER_PARTNER** - the name of the failover partner used. Refer to your SQL Server documentation for valid values.
 - **A_MSSQL_FAILOVER_PARTNER_SPN** - the name of the failover partner SPN used. Refer to your SQL Server documentation for valid values.
 - **A_MSSQL_SERVER_SPN** - the name of the Server SPN. Refer to your SQL Server documentation for valid values.
- Database Connectors for MSSQL now supports columns of type GUID for existing SQL tables. A new configuration variable, **A_MSSQL_IGNORE_GUID_COLUMNS**, determines the behavior when handling existing tables that contain a column of this type.



Note: Database Connectors for MSSQL cannot create a new column of this type.

Database Connectors for ODBC

- Database Connectors for ODBC is now available, allowing you to use ODBC connectivity to access supported databases from your COBOL programs. See *Database Connectors for ODBC* for more information.

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This release includes the following enhancements:

- Enhanced .NET debugging in Visual Studio 2017 - a number of advanced debug features are now available when debugging .NET COBOL code. Features include support for performance tips, backwards debugging, an expression evaluator, integration with the Diagnostic Tools window, remote debugging of .NET COBOL applications, as well as support for IntelliSense in the debug windows (such as the Immediate, Watch, and QuickWatch windows).

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This release provides support to enable you to run your COBOL applications in Docker containers, taking advantage of the many benefits offered by the Docker platform such as portability, performance, agility, isolation, and scalability.

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The product help now includes a new section, *Working with a Large Code Base*, that includes recommendations and best practices for working with large applications inside the IDE. It includes tips on how to structure your projects, how to optimize the performance of the IDEs, and step-by-step workflow showing how to move an existing legacy application into Visual COBOL.

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The following enhancements have been made to Enterprise Server:

- Conversation filtering - the Enterprise Server Communications Process (MFCS) can now restrict access to listeners by client address. You can specify any permitted or forbidden addresses either by IP address, network mask, or domain name, and use wildcards. Filters can be applied to individual listeners, communications processes, or to entire regions. More specific filter rules override any general ones.
- The Enterprise Server Security Facility now starts throttling Verify requests when it receives more than 100 requests per second.

This can be used to limit the effectiveness of denial-of-service and brute force attacks. You can configure the value where throttling occurs. See *Verify Request Throttling* for more information.

- (Technology Preview only) Support for adding, deleting, and modifying XA resources in a live Enterprise Server region.

It is now possible to add, edit, or delete XA resources while an enterprise server instance is running. Any changes made come into effect after any in-flight transactions have completed. The ability to make these changes in a live environment comes under the control of the existing enterprise server permissions.

- XA-compliant Resources (XARs) - this release provides enhanced CTF tracing that allows more flexible reporting of warnings and errors on the RM switch module level.
- A new Communications Server resource class - enables you to control the access to the Enterprise Server Console Log and Communications Server Log when external security is in effect for an enterprise server region; see *Resource Classes for Communications Server* for more information.
- Improved catalog availability - there is now an improved resilience to temporary communication issues with the catalog and error reporting enabling a region to stay active if a region has multiple catalogs defined and one of the catalogs is not available.
- Enhanced SSL/TLS certificate support - for communications with TLS (formerly SSL), additional certificate and key file formats are supported. Servers may now be configured with both an RSA and an ECC key and certificate.
- Enhanced SSL/TLS cipher configuration - for communications with TLS (formerly SSL), the permitted cipher suites and their preferred order can now be configured. The minimum size of Diffie-Hellman groups for DH key exchange can also be configured. The defaults have been made more secure.
- The Historical Statistics Facility (HSF) now enables you to write user-defined data to the records produced within a `.CSV` file. Use the `ES_WRITE_CUSTOM_HSF` or `ESCSTHSF` library routines within your COBOL programs to define the custom data, and use the `ES_HSF_CFG` environment variable to configure up to five custom fields in the generated record.
- You can also use the `ES_HSF_CFG` environment variable to configure the number of CICSF, TSQ, and TDQ fields that are written to the record.

File Handler

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This release provides the following enhancements:

- The DFSORT and SYNCSORT emulations now support the NULLOFL parameter of the OUTFIL statement.
- The **ASCIISOSI** configuration option is now available. It adds the required SOSI characters to the relevant EBCDIC DBCS character strings in order for them to be displayed or written out correctly.

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The following library routines contain new functionality:

- **CBL_GET_OS_INFO** - this library routine can now detect if the program is running within a Docker container: `cblte-osi-rts-capabilities` parameter, bit 7.

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This release provides support for the following functionality:

- Generation of unit test stubs for selected entry points within your program.
- Support has been added to Visual Studio for unit testing of managed procedural projects.

OpenESQL

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This release provides the following new features:

- Support for SQL Server 2017.
- The SQL(TRANSACTION) compiler directive has been enhanced to clearly define transaction boundaries.

- A new SQL(NOWHERECURRENT) compiler directive that allows you to define updateable cursors that do not do positioned updates or deletes with PostgreSQL or MySQL.
- Larger communication area (PID) that accommodates longer plan and program names.
- SQL(OPTIMIZECURSORS) has been enhanced for consistent and better cursor performance across all OpenESQL backends.

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Note the following changes in platform support for this release:

- Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 are no longer supported for developing applications. They are still supported for deployment. Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2 are supported.

Significant Changes in Behavior or Usage

This section describes significant changes in behavior or usage. These changes could potentially affect the behavior of existing applications or impact the way the tools are used.

Where present, the numbers that follow each issue are the Support Incident Numbers followed by the Reported Problem Incident (RPI) number (in parentheses).

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- Schema changes that affect the test coverage results generated from the `tcutil` utility mean that if you propagate the results to a third-party application (for example, an XSLT processor), and rely on the `<copyFileCoverage>` element, you need to alter your transformations to focus on `<sourceFileCoverage>` instead. The element was renamed to more appropriately reflect its contents, as `tcutil` now gives global coverage for all source files (not just copybooks).

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- Code-set mappings between ASCII and EBCDIC have been updated when Simplified Chinese is the language in effect. ASCII table 5210 now maps to EBCDIC CCSID 836 for SBCS conversions. This replaces the previously conversion (where ASCII table 1042 was used), which would convert the “\” character to “\$”.
3124321 (1111464)
- New single-byte character set tables for MFCODESET have been added in order to improve support for DB2 LUW - both for off-mainframe databases and for access to z/OS DB2. A number of existing MFCODESET mappings have also been updated. See 'Supported Country Codes' for a full listing of ASCII/ANSI <-> EBCDIC mappings.
3111843 (1109984)

Common Communications Interface

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- You can now configure the Micro Focus Directory Server and enterprise server region's listeners to only use the server's configured SSL and TLS protocols and define a priority ordered cipher suite collection. This forces connecting clients to use the server's preferred ordered list of cipher suites when using the specified protocols.

2866265 (1105526)

- In some circumstances it was possible for a connection to incorrectly accept the identity of an SSL/TLS peer and allow a connection to complete when the connection should have been denied. This occurred due to a failure to check the peer's entire identity certificate chain. This has now been fixed. NOTE: You might need to correct your system's configured certificate chains that fail verification checks at secure connection creation time.
- In some circumstances it was possible to crash the CCITCP module when it was attempting to obtain detailed error information about a closed connection. This has been fixed.

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- TN3270 conversations to Enterprise Server now correctly handle the receive (idle) timeout setting configured for the listener. There are also two new settings for configuring TN3270 timeouts, "Printers time out" and "Output resets timeout". See the online product documentation for more information.

3144133 (1113024)

- MFCS listeners can now be SSL-enabled without the need to have DemoCA installed.

2868627 (1105777)

- MFCS no longer initializes the Security Facility if there are no External Security Managers defined for the region.

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- Programs containing EVALUATE statements of the form: EVALUATE true | false WHEN conditional-expression where conditional-expression included inline method invokes would give an RTS 114 error when run as .int code, and an "Illegal .int code" error when generated. This has been fixed. Also, short circuit evaluation is now correctly observed, such that when evaluating condition-1 AND condition-2, if condition-2 contains an inline method invoke and condition-1 is false, then the inline method invoke is not executed. Previously, despite being correctly evaluated, the inline method invoke in condition-2 was being executed. Similar behavior relating to OR evaluations has also been corrected.

3138510 (1112492)

- During compilation, characters within literals that are unknown in the current locale are now less likely to cause spurious errors. However, the correct (and safest) solution is to ensure that the locale has been set correctly, to match the source encoding of these characters. On UNIX, this means setting LANG, LC_CTYPE, or LC_ALL appropriately; each of these variables takes precedence over the former. On Windows, this means setting the system locale in the 'Region and Language' section of Control Panel.

3123935 (1111148)

- The Compiler now produces an E level message - COBCH1888 Typedef is defined differently in another external program - if different external programs have conflicting definitions of the same typedef name. (To restore the previous behavior, where the earlier definition was ignored, use the directive HIDEMESSAGE"1888".)
- An issue with the Compiler has been fixed so that in the RECORD VARYING clause, if the minimum and maximum lengths are specified, the maximum length must be greater than the minimum length.

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- Records with an invalid value for a conditional field will no longer result in a match for that conditional layout.

2853226 (1103406)

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- You can use 'byte' or 'BYTE' as a synonym for the binary-char unsigned data type. As a result, 'byte' and 'BYTE' are now reserved words in Managed COBOL. Use the REMOVE"BYTE" Compiler directive to prevent an error being produced for existing programs that use the reserved word as a user-defined word.

3147576 (1113323)

- As of version 3.0, references to types within an assembly other than mscorlib need to be explicitly referenced. You can achieve this by using the ILREF Compiler directive. (Previously, in certain circumstances, the Compiler would allow access to types within the System.dll assembly without the need for an ILREF"System" directive.

3121002 (1111373)

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- The External Security Facility (ESF) can now be configured to throttle large volumes of incoming Verify (user authentication / signon) requests to improve resilience to denial-of-service and brute force attacks. See "Verify Request Throttling" for more information.

3113639 (1110160)

- The LDIF files used to create the sample configuration for Enterprise Server LDAP-based security no longer create an empty "PHYSFILE" resource class. Changes in the JCL engine as of ES 3.0 caused most jobs to fail when submitted to a security-enabled region using such a configuration. See the product help for more information.
- The MLDAP ESM Module, part of the Enterprise Server External Security Facility, now supports the Argon2 hash algorithm for creating password verifiers. See MLDAP ESM Module Custom Configuration Information in the product help for more information. NOTE: The Argon2 hash is optional and not enabled by default.

- The MQ pages in ESMAC are now controlled by a new security resource, MQL. This enables you to either restrict or grant users access. 'MQL*' is a new resource that needs to be added under MFESMAC similar to existing resources such as 'PCT*' or 'XAT*'. The following is a sample export of the LDAP repository:

```
*****
# Sample security definitions for ESMAC MQ Listeners/Writers pages

#####
##### MQL*          ##
#####
dn: CN=MQL*,CN=MFESMAC,CN=Enterprise Server Resources,CN=Micro
Focus,CN=Program Data,DC=X
changetype: add
cn: MQL*
objectClass: microfocus-MFDS-Resource
microfocus-MFDS-Resource-Class: MFESMAC
microfocus-MFDS-Resource-ACE: allow:SYSADM group:alter
microfocus-MFDS-Resource-ACE: deny:*:execute
microfocus-MFDS-UID: mfuid
#description: Allow full access any ESMAC MQ Listeners/Writers Screen

*****
```

3143258 (1112990)

- You can now use the `ECIResponse.getReturnCode()` method to obtain the return code for any errors from Enterprise Server.

3142092 (1113248)

- Communication with the console daemon has been improved. Messages are displayed more quickly and requests are being processed more efficiently and, as a result, times for initialization and shutdown might be reduced.

3136867 (1112483)

- Administrators can now add, delete or modify XA resources in the Enterprise Server Administration Web UI while a region is running.

2589624 (1085625)

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- The `maxRetryTime` value in the audit configuration file now treats 0 as a no timeout time, and any negative number as an infinite timeout.

3150566 (1113592)

- Any extra information that was added to the syslog messages will now correctly appear in the structured data items.

Executables require relinking or recompiling

- Due to an internal change in version 4.0 of your product, you must at least relink any executable programs compiled prior to this version, to make them compatible with the latest run-time system. However, a full recompilation of your source code is the recommended action, to allow your executables to benefit from the product's latest programming and performance enhancements.

Relinking an executable without recompiling means using the original object code with the `cbblink` utility. Original object code is typically the binary file output (usually containing the `.obj` extension) produced during the original compilation process. An application can contain one or more binary files.

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- In some cases the ESF LDAP Security Administration Web Interface inadvertently removed users from groups when changing their password. This has been fixed.

3124294 (1111259)

- The ESF LDAP Security Administration Web Interface can now filter by Class and Resource name, description, and ACL. Previously, you could only filter on Class name.

2871549 (1106119)

- For .NET applications, set `XFHLOG=DEFAULT` to create the `XFHLOG` file in the current directory; otherwise it is created in `C:\ProgramData\Micro Focus\[ED/VS]\[Release]`. From release 4.0 onwards, this variable also has an effect for native applications.

3115116 (1110323)

- Setting the configuration option `ASCIISOSI=ON` will add the required SOSI characters to the relevant EBCDIC DBCS character strings, in order for them to be displayed or written out correctly.

3113802 (1110183)

- The OPEN mode of `SYSOUT` files now honors the `DISP` specified in the JCL.

3109432 (1109745)

- OPEN I-O of a virgin ESDS file now correctly returns a file status of 35, as it does on the mainframe.
2887724 (1108443)

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- The total number of active sessions or clients in MFDS is now limited to 2000.

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- The mfd -g options D, O, and S have been added to the product Help.
2848627 (1102864)
- MFDS now disables and limits the scope of Web listeners on add. It also emits a warning if any insecure Web listeners are displayed in the validate and listener tables.

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- The run-time system now produces a more precise error message if a shared object of the wrong bitism is loaded.
- scan64 is no longer available. This has been superseded by the COBOL Analysis functionality in the IDE.

Known Issues

Refer to the *Known Issues and Restrictions* topic in the *Product Information* section of your product Help.

In addition, note the following:

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Commuter licenses

If there are a number of entries displayed in the License Administration tool, these might be either for different products or for the same product but for different serial numbers, for example.

When a commute request is made using the license manager, that request is serviced from a pool of licenses that could be provided by any number of Micro Focus product licenses stored on that server. The commute request cannot target a particular RMS license by product name, serial number, or number of cores.

The products to which you apply the commuter licenses will be licensed correctly but the number of licenses left in the License Administration tool might appear to be less than expected. This issue is more likely to occur with multiple entries for the same product.

If you are using a number of different products, Micro Focus recommends that you use a different licensing server for each product in order to help minimize the issue.

Enterprise Server

- On Windows 10, if you are using Microsoft's EDGE browser to access the Enterprise Server Administration GUI, issues with EDGE can cause the automatic refresh feature to display a dialog asking whether you want to resubmit a form. To work around this issue, cancel the resubmit request and then refresh the server list page or the Home page of Enterprise Server Administration. You can also turn off the automatic refresh by setting the **Auto-refresh interval** setting on the Home page of Enterprise Server Administration to 0.

Installation

- Installing this product fails if Micro Focus License Manager version 10000.2.02070 (April 2015) or older is already installed on your machine. The setup files does not upgrade the License Manager automatically to the latest version. You must uninstall the existing version before you start the installation.

OpenSSL

The version of OpenSSL included in Visual COBOL and Visual COBOL 4.0 is intolerant of expired X.509 certificates in the CA Root Certificate collection in some circumstances. Specifically, if you configure a PEM file that contains multiple certificates as the collection of trusted CA certificates, and one or more of the certificates in that file have expired, OpenSSL might not be able to load and use other certificates in the file which are still valid. This can cause certificate validation errors and connection failures for SSL and TLS connections.

To work around this, you need to remove any expired certificates from such collections. If necessary, replaced them with any valid certificates that have the same Distinguished Name and Modulus (key). This is a known issue with OpenSSL. Micro Focus is investigating for other possible workarounds.

Resolved Issues

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- When running under DIALECT"RM", a DISPLAY statement using the WINDOW-CREATE clause will create a window. Its position can be relative to the parent window or the screen. The position specified will be the upper-left position of the first character in the window. If the window has a border specified, the border will not change the location of the first character on the window.

3143230 (1112975)

- By default, the ZERO-FILL SCREEN SECTION clause only affects alphanumeric items when the data is modified in an ACCEPT statement. For compatibility with ACUCOBOL-GT, Adis includes a new selection (#3) to the option '16 Force Field to be updated if it is not altered'; it reads: 3: Alphanumeric fields with the ZERO-FILL clause are updated even if the field is not altered.

3137641 (1112412)

- JUST (and RIGHT-JUSTIFY) now works when specified in the data item for a CONTROL clause.
3137065 (1112350)
- Internal limits that would cause a 'COBCH1990-S Internal error - Code generation of SCREEN SECTION exceeded 65535 bytes for large SCREEN SECTION' message have been removed.
3130462 (1112572)
- Box line characters no longer disappear when using DISPLAY WINDOW BOXED and the background contains DBCS characters.
3125337 (1111261)
- The window1 preprocessor now correctly handles underscores specified as part of a data item.
3123437 (1111084)
- When using the Window1 preprocessor to support DISPLAY WINDOW ACUCOBOL-GT syntax, Keisen and reverse-video attributes are now supported. Note: Due to the way that the attribute system works on a Japanese OS, to make space for Keisen attributes, background-color attributes are not supported.
3123217 (1111064)
- To emulate RM/COBOL behavior, an additional action affecting the left- and right-cursor keys within a field has been added to ADISCTRL. Setting 25 contains a new action (value #3) that emulates the behavior of generating an exception when trying to move beyond the left- or right-hand edge of an entry field. However, unlike RM/COBOL, where you can control the exception generation of the left and right cursor keys individually and specify the exception values generated, this action affects both keys, and the values generated are fixed. They are 3 for the left arrow key, and 4 for right arrow key.
3115797 (1110548)
- The PROMPT identifier in a SCREEN SECTION now works as expected.
3115743 (1110380)

COBSQL

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- A problem that caused COBSQL to mishandle EBCDIC conversion when the program was called more than once has been fixed.
3145943 (1113226)
- A problem that caused incorrect indentations in generated code when using the KEEPCOMP directive has been fixed.
3144736 (1113124)
- A problem with COBSQL handling of spaces between the colon and the host variable name has been fixed.
3144632 (1113283)
- A problem with COBSQL incorrectly handling the AMODE directive has been fixed.
3144632 (1113257)
- COBSQL now correctly handles host variables with the same name that are defined in different groups.
3139017 (1112553)
- KEEPCOMP will now check SQLCODE for FETCH statements before performing a byte order swap on COMP data items.
3138321 (1112476)
- A problem with COBSQL correctly handling replaced lines greater than 72 characters in length has been fixed.
3127369 (1111465)
- COBSQL failed to recognize declared host variables that were identified using a two-part name. This has been fixed.

3127102 (1111417)

- A problem that caused the COBSQL preprocessor to incorrectly handle the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION statement has been fixed.

3124957 (1111232)

- An occasional problem with COBSQL reinitialization that caused the second background parse to fail has been fixed.

3124170 (1111154)

- The COBSQL preprocessor was not handling COPY... REPLACING... statements correctly, causing the Debugger to display incorrect information. This has been fixed.

3123903 (1111140)

- A problem that caused COBSQL to fail to parse the PROCEDURE DIVISION statement correctly when part of the statement was in a copybook has been fixed.

3122593 (1111019)

- A problem that caused the COBSQL preprocessor to fail to generate HSF trace data When either the EBCDIC or KEEPCOMP option was specified has been fixed.

3120860 (1110883)

- A problem that prevented COBSQL from processing more than 150 lines of similar source code in a single source file has been fixed.

3112520 (1110134)

- A problem that caused the COBSQL preprocessor to incorrectly process child items when either the KEEPCOMP or EBCDIC options were specified has been fixed.

3110932 (1110772)

- A problem that prevented the COBSQL preprocessor to correctly process data groups when the KEEPCOMP directive was specified has been fixed.

3110932 (1110575)

- A problem that caused COBSQL to fail to recognize all data items correctly when the host variable was a group item has been fixed.

3110932 (1110650)

- A problem that prevented COBSQL from correctly recognizing the parents of some data items when the KEEPCOMP directive was specified has been fixed.

3110932 (1110495)

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- Correct results are now displayed when you generate a report on a program that is part of a shared object.

3108051 (1109995)

- TCUtil will now run correctly without KSH installed.

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- The current Shift-JIS EBCDIC to ASCII support under MFICODESET=81,930,939, and 9122 is based on the Japanese International Standard (JIS) X 0208 1978 revision. New conversion tables have been added based on the JIS X 0208 1990 revision - the tables have been taken from IBM's Conversion Tables CCSID 300 - 941. To use these new conversions instead of the default ones, set MFICODESET_DBCS=941.

3143604 (1112980)

Common Communications Interface

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- An intermittent failure to establish a TCP connection with various components (including CCITCP, COBOL service deployment, and JCL job submission) was caused by the EADDRINUSE error. This has been fixed.

3123202 (1111222)

Compiler

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- The 'cobol' command line tool now produces the correct type of output when a 'dll' file is specified using lowercase; for example: cobol b.cbl,b.dll; Previously, specifying 'DLL' worked as expected, but 'dll' produced an executable file.

3147888 (1113355)

- An error when adding a literal or unsigned-display-item to an unsigned-display-item, where the receiving item contains SPACES or LOW-VALUES, and the SIGN-FIXUP directive is in effect, has been fixed.

3133590 (1112121)

- For .gnt compiled file types on Intel x86 32-bit only, when call-convention 2 (called program clears stack - also known as Windows stdcall) and call-convention 8 (litlink) are both in effect, call-convention 8 is suppressed. This behavior can be turned off by setting the GNTLITLINKSTD directive. This directive has no effect on other platforms.

3132861 (1111990)

- A bug moving a numeric literal to a national alphanumeric variable has been fixed.

3130652 (1111946)

- A fatal error at generate time has been fixed.

3122718 (1111075)

- A bug whilst stepping through the EVALUATE statement in the debugger has been fixed.
- (390 generated code only) An issue that occurred when variable length items used in an IF statement followed by a MOVE statement has been fixed.
- An issue where compiling some large programs to 64-bit generated code on Windows led to an EXCEPTION_STACK_OVERFLOW has been fixed.
- In 64-bit generated code, a call of the form: call "prog" using by value -1 would not sign-extend the by value parameter correctly. Thus, if the receiving program was of the form: linkage section. 01 p0 pic s9(18) comp-5. procedure division using by value p0. then p0 would receive an incorrect value.
- The presence of a hyphen character in a copybook name is no longer flagged under a mainframe dialect if located in the portion truncated by the TRUNCCOPY directive.

3150945 (1113635)

- Certain ACUCOBOL-GT format ACCEPT statements, such as ACCEPT ... FROM SYSTEM-INFO and ACCEPT ... FROM INPUT STATUS, no longer cause unexpected run-time errors. (They continue to be flagged as unsupported, and now have no run-time effect.)

3145581 (1113165)

- In the IDE, when switching between different programs that use the CONSTANT Compiler directive, background parses now complete cleanly, as expected, and do not crash.

3144957 (1113156)

- OO inheritance involving data with non-ASCII characters now compiles and executes as expected.

3143962 (1113013)

- An OPEN EXTEND statement referencing a sequential file with a LINAGE clause no longer produces a spurious warning message.

3141789 (1112810)

- Integer-1 for the LINE clause or the COLUMN clause (of the SCREEN section) must be an unsigned integer, greater than zero and less than 256. However, this value is also restricted by the physical limits of the screen. If you enter a value greater than 256, you receive a COBCH0027 error.

3140501 (1112691)

- An INITIALIZE statement whose target is subscripted and contains one or more object references now produces correct object code.

3138563 (1112509)

- An ILREF directive that contains non-ascii characters is now processed as expected.

3137227 (1112362)

- When the run-time system detects that external files have inconsistent declarations, it now reports the internal file-name of the file in question, and where possible, reports the inconsistency.

3133860 (1112467)

- Compiler output associated with the XREF option now shows correctly for NATIONAL types.

3131449 (1111836)

- A COPY REPLACING statement that has parenthesis in the replacement text, and is compiled with the COBSQL preprocessor with CP enabled, now compiles as expected.

3131355 (1111897)

- A bug has been fixed in programs that contain both XML PARSE and XML GENERATE statements, and the last such statement is XML GENERATE.

3130455 (1111752)

- Passing an intrinsic function as a parameter in a standard INVOKE statement, where the target method interface defines the parameter as BY REFERENCE, now compiles and executes correctly, as long as the INVOKE correctly specifies 'BY CONTENT' and is compiled with the REPOSITORY"CHECKING ON" Compiler option.

3129593 (1111645)

- Support has been added for a new directive DISPSIGN, which emulates the IBM mainframe option of the same name. It controls the display output of included signs for numeric items, and only affects output when an IBM mainframe dialect has been specified.

3127646 (1111445)

- Implicitly declared assign names in a program compiled with the REENTRANT"2" directive are now processed as expected.

3126919 (1111383)

- The COBOL Copy View now correctly shows copy contents for remote projects that use the CP preprocessor and a mainframe dialect.

3125362 (1111326)

- The FDCLEAR directive now works as expected for a WRITE statement with an INVALID KEY clause that contains statements referencing other files.

3124343 (1111171)

- The 'window1' preprocessor now respects the setting of the MFCOMMENT directive.

3123999 (1111149)

- A tooltip query of an item defined in a method and whose parent shares a name with another unrelated item in a different method now works as expected.

3123598 (1111113)

- An INITIALIZE statement with FASTINIT enabled (which is the default) should not affect table contents if no portion of the table is explicitly assigned a value by the statement (strictly speaking the content is documented as undefined).

3123417 (1111098)

- A program compiled with FOLDCALLNAME"LOWER", which contains a CALL to a nested program, now executes as expected.
3123260 (1111085)
- A DISPLAY of a signed usage display numeric field that contains non-numeric data now better emulates mainframe behaviour when under a mainframe dialect.
3121234 (1111025)
- A national data item with an associated 88 level that uses the THRU phrase and references alphanumeric literals (rather than national literals), is now processed as expected, for better mainframe emulation (that is, the literals are treated implicitly as national literals).
3119944 (1110838)
- A program with an EXEC CICS statement that references the address of a linkage item no longer receives a spurious warning message about the item not having addressability.
3119004 (1110648)
- A 'Determine Directives' request for an Eclipse remote project now functions as expected, and does not crash.
3119003 (1111177)
- Inherited object storage from the OO class library now gives correct results.
3117353 (1110502)
- The 'headers' preprocessor now functions as expected during a background parse.
3115971 (1110871)
- Under the Enterprise COBOL dialect, the limit for the size of a record in a sort file description has been increased to 32767; this is to reflect the limit on the mainframe.
3115808 (1110443)
- The SSRANGE Compiler directive no longer causes an erroneous out-of-bounds error for a reference-modified variable length group specified as a target item and where the occurs depending on field is located within the group.
3113495 (1110154)
- When using Quick Browse, the various counts around comment lines no longer grows between background parses.
3112271 (1110046)
- A non-ANSI abbreviated condition that compiled in older products now similarly compiles and executes (for backward compatibility) in this product.
3109284 (1109737)
- Using the PROFILE directive with a nested program no longer causes a Compiler error.
3108308 (1109633)
- Compiling a program containing ENTRY statements with an SQL ECM no longer produces a spurious warning about code being unreachable.
2991017 (1108767)
- The MOVE-LEN-CHECK directive now verifies MOVE statements with reference modified operands that have literal lengths.
2988987 (1110162)
- Compilation using the CP preprocessor, where one or more source files are located on the mainframe, now works as expected.
2886117 (1109429)
- A DISPLAY of a large amount of data in a program compiled with the OUTDD directive now produces a SYSOUT file with all data included without truncation.
2885153 (1108021)

- A DISPLAY statement with a very large number of operands now compiles as expected.
2882748 (1107771)
- The correct source location is now reported for the FLAGSTD format error message associated with code being in the wrong area of source.
2880234 (1107348)
- A SCREEN section declaration with FOREGROUND-COLOUR and HIGHLIGHT clauses now compiles as expected.
2873489 (1106450)
- Siemens BS2000 COBOL support now extends to the BASED clause and the BYTE-LENGTH intrinsic function.
2855428 (1103760)
- A new toggle option has been added to the OOCTRL directive, to allow the choice of whether .ins and .cls inheritance files have directory location comments. OOCTRL(-L) now turns the comments off.
2853073 (1103758)
- An ON EXCEPTION clause on a CHAIN or CALL PROGRAM statement now works as expected, and does not cause bad stepping behavior while debugging.
2852872 (1110615)
- A SORT or MERGE statement where the maximum size of an input record is larger than the sort description, or the maximum size of an output record is smaller than the sort description, is now flagged with an E-level Compiler message.
2826647 (1100193)
- Using an intrinsic function as a parameter to an inline method invoke now works as expected.
- An inline method now works as a parameter to an inline method. Using the workaround of making the parameter an arithmetic expression (for example, by adding "+ 0") is no longer required.
- The Compiler directive ACUSYNC now appears in the SETTINGS output, as expected.
- The use of abbreviated, combined conditional expressions involving object types, and with more than one AND/OR, no longer causes spurious errors.
3139986 (1112733)
- In Managed code, when a SET or COMPUTE statement has a target of type 'decimal' and a source that is an arithmetic expression involving COBOL numeric items, incorrect results are no longer produced.
3139348 (1112587)
- A NEXT SENTENCE statement in a TRY/CATCH block will now generate valid code. However, NEXT SENTENCE is not advisable within a TRY/CATCH block as its effect is to transfer control to the statement following the next statement terminated by a period ('.'), which will be outside the scope of the TRY/CATCH block. In most cases where older COBOL used NEXT SENTENCE, this can be substituted with the CONTINUE statement.
3137297 (1112427)
- A change in behaviour in Microsoft .NET version 4.7 means that a previously valid use of the IL cpbk instruction now causes an access violation exception. The Micro Focus Compiler has been altered so that it no longer generates the cpbk instruction if the length is known to be 0.
3134521 (1112127)
- In managed code, the CHECKDIV"ACOS" directive now functions correctly when one of the operands in a DIVIDE/REMAINDER statement is subscripted.
3131075 (1111787)
- When a class program is compiled with SQL directives, and when that class includes a constructor starting with an explicit call to the super constructor (or to another constructor in the same class), then incorrect code was generated, resulting in a null reference exception. This is now fixed.
3119858 (1110755)

- The SHARING WITH ALL phrase in the SELECT statement now works as expected in managed code.
3115943 (1110393)
- The RECORD-POSITION construct, provided as part of the ACUCOBOL-GT compatibility support, now behaves as it does in ACUCOBOL-GT COBOL. Previously, if used on an item within a group, then the offset produced could be less than expected, which was due to an optimization in the Compiler that eliminated unused data.
3115356 (1110346)
- Invoking a method that has a return type with attributes no longer leads to incorrect analysis of the optional parameters, or spurious compilation errors.
3115237 (1110370)
- The directives ILSMARTANNOTATE and ILSMARTTRIM have been added. ILSMARTANNOTATE - adds attributes to the items generated by ILSMARTLINKAGE, based on their data type, which can be used to identify the size or range of the item in COBOL. (.NET COBOL only) ILSMARTTRIM - trims any trailing spaces from a string item returned by the get property associated with an alphanumeric item processed by ILSMARTLINKAGE Full details can be found in the product documentation.
2885821 (1111970)
- ILSMARTLINKAGE now produces a COBCH0842 error if two items in a smart linkage record differ only by the presence or absence of a '-' character. If such an error is encountered, it will be necessary to modify one of these names so that the two are different once '-' characters are removed. Previously, this scenario was producing a system error during the ilasm phase.
2851761 (1103271)

Data Tools

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- The /d parameter of the DFSTRCL command line utility is no longer case sensitive.
2989512 (1108654)
- Applying a filter to a data file after selecting a field no longer causes the editor to crash.
3139552 (1112637)
- Large structure files can now be loaded within the editor.
3122802 (1111101)
- When performing a filter more than once, the filter no longer encounters a 9/41 corrupt indexed file, and the correct navigation buttons are enabled. Additionally, the filter now shows the correct number of filtered records.
2883777 (1110293)
- The Data File editor now enables you to export filtered results to a new data file: option Search>Export Results when a filter is in effect.
2878521 (1107103)
- DFCONV now shows its version number, rather than "TEST", when used from the command line.
3114824 (1110281)
- Classic Data File Tools now supports IDXFORMAT(12). You can create files of this format, and use the Data File Convert tool and DFCONV command line utility (including .pro files) to convert to and from this format.
3113772 (1110180)

Debugging

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- Conditional breakpoints are now hit when evaluating conditions involving decimal values.
3126090 (1111323)
- The IDE no longer crashes when debugging is stopped after an OO exception has occurred.
3117381 (1110513)
- Conditional breakpoints now work in OO classes.
3117357 (1110507)
- Examining Object COBOL instances in the debugger now works for 64-bit applications.
3106962 (1109917)

Database Connectors

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- A correct XFD is now produced when using the \$SET CREATEXFD Compiler directive and the COBOL code contains a Report section.
3107863 (1109681)
- An internal error involving moving XML data has been corrected in File Handler used by Database Connectors. This error caused an issue involving XML-format XFD files when using the Oracle Database Connector in certain circumstances.
3120238 (1110790)

Dialog System

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- ActiveX controls can now be accessed when using visual styles enabled by the MFVSSW environment variable on Windows 7.
3126684 (1111746)
- The behavior of the Dialog System painter when positioning and resizing dialog boxes now matches the behavior in Net Express.
3123843 (1111132)
- DSOPTIONM is now supported in Visual COBOL and Enterprise Developer.
3121434 (1110923)
- Trying to run a user program that uses Dialog System Character mode no longer fails with error "198 Load failure".
3125166 (1111342)

Documentation

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- The documentation now states that the ILSMARTLINKAGE directive is only for use with procedural COBOL programs, not COBOL classes.
3147500 (1113420)
- The product help now clarifies that cblcored.exe requires write permission to the current user's HKEY_CURRENT_USER key in the Windows registry. This ensures that any changes to the Core Dump settings made with the utility will persist.
3142772 (1112972)
- The IMS Tracing Flags topic has been updated to accurately reflect the options available in Enterprise Server.
3142342 (1113320)

- An important distinction has been made in the documentation, in that the content of nonnumeric literals, comment lines, comment entries and data can include any of the 'printable' characters available in the current character encoding scheme. See the 'Character Set' topic of the Language Reference Manual for more information.
3140851 (1112720)
- The 'Standard File Header' topic now states that the definition is not applicable to certain indexed file formats. The definition of the node sizes, as specified in the 'Index File - File Header' topic, has also been clarified so that it applies to all applicable MF index file formats.
3140352 (1112840)
- The ACCEPT statement documentation now contains the possible values codes/definitions returned for EXCEPTION STATUS.
3138691 (1112556)
- The documentation now documents the difference between MF COBOL and RM/COBOL when inspecting the EXCEPTION STATUS in an ACCEPT statement.
3138691 (1112555)
- Documentation for the SPZERO Compiler directive now directs you towards the preferred replacement, SIGN-FIXUP.
3135675 (1112227)
- The order in which the File Handler searches for the File Handling configuration file has been correctly documented for UNIX and Windows platforms.
3132391 (1111933)
- The use of the INTLEVEL Compiler directive has been clarified in the documentation; that is, it is an internal directive, not intended for customer use.
3129661 (1112191)
- If mnemonic-name is associated with ENVIRONMENT-NAME in an ACCEPT or DISPLAY statement, its value must not exceed 255 bytes.
3126506 (1111354)
- The "Tutorial: Creating and Accessing WCF COBOL Services" now includes the correct instructions.
3125963 (1111310)
- A restriction has been documented for the X"B0" Function 2 library routine, where console applications cannot distinguish between the left and right Shift key presses.
3125717 (1111316)
- The "Tutorial: Creating a Native COBOL Application" in the product help has been updated. It no longer mentions a Reference folder in the solution as native COBOL applications projects do not use the Reference folder.
3120440 (1110804)
- The documented example for OO switches has been updated to remove an obsolete switch.
3117356 (1110506)
- A new syntax rule (#9) has been added to the CALL statement topic in the Language Reference Manual, stating the restriction of passing a floating point item BY VALUE in native COBOL.
3115091 (1110326)
- The documentation for the BELL directive has been corrected to state that it is checked during the syntax checking phase, and not at the generate phase.
3110088 (1109799)
- In the documentation, the steps required to customize ASCII\EBCDIC character set conversion have been clarified.
3108884 (1109682)

- More information has been added for file and project level problem error markers. See Maximum Number of Problem Error Markers for more information.
2881233 (1107671)
- An error has been corrected in the description of the "Go To Procedure Division" option in the "Making the Most Out of The COBOL Editor" topic.
2877216 (1106910)
- Documentation for 'COBRT181 Invalid parameter error' has been expanded to include a possible cause and solution for the error.
2876095 (1106782)
- The instructions on how to install Fileshare as a Windows service have been clarified - see 'Walkthrough - Fileshare as a Service' in the product docs.
2876085 (1106746)
- The product help now clarifies that adding the Micro Focus Runtime (Interop RuntimeServices) assembly adds the MicroFocus.COBOL.RuntimeServices reference to a Visual Studio project.
2850791 (1103124)
- The Sharing Database Connections Between Java and COBOL topic has been updated with an example showing object sharing with other languages both when Java opens the connection and when COBOL opens the connection.
2674454 (1091949)
- The ANSI92ENTRY topic has been updated to include OpenESQL behavior in conformance with the ANSI-92 standard.
2596163 (1086171)
- The SQLCODE Values topic has been updated to reflect the most current information available.
2593799 (1085947)
- The error message description for COBCH1558 has been expanded to include the possible scenario of when a difference in bitism (between Java version and compilation mode) has caused the error.
- The COBCH1006 error message text has been corrected to encompass the fact that different dialects have different limits for the length of a COBOL word.
- The documentation has been corrected to state that the LINKLIB directive is not required by the cobol command. (LINKLIB was an old directive that should no longer be used.)
- The Codecomp Utility documentation now states that you can only create customized tables for single-byte character sets.
- An incorrect reference to SYSREC has been removed from the example in the topic "SQLTP2 Utility - Executing Dynamic SQL Statements".
3145877 (1113167)
- When using the MVSSPLHK spool housekeeping process to override the retain period of a class; for example: CLASS A 003 Y this refers to the output dataset class, and not the job class.
3138584 (1112576)
- The instructions on running the SPOOL conversion tool (splconv) have been updated with recommendations for setting the MFSYSCAT_ERRS variable. This is because there are a number of errors generated whilst running the conversion that can be safely ignored, and setting this variable to a sufficient value will allow the conversion to complete successfully.
3124350 (1111280)
- Documentation for MFJSABCODE has been added to the Sort environment variables.
- When running the dfconv command line utility, the (optional) -d option must be the first parameter specified in order to have an effect.
3135598 (1112570)

- The product help about "Datetime Literals in SQL Statements" now correctly states that to enable the functionality, you need to code any of the specified SQL comments into your DB2 mainframe application, positioned before a literal declaration.
3133502 (1112053)
- Where appropriate, the SYNC SORT and DFSORT documentation now links directly to the topic that explains the various field types in use.
3123796 (1111143)
- Error message BMSCH1099W has been documented.
3122477 (1111005)
- The topic that lists the Compiler directives restricted in Managed COBOL has been brought up to date.
3120358 (1110789)
- Information on the TCLS Entity has been added to the product documentation. See Resource Classes for ESMAC and Operator Command Security for more information.
2913474 (1108497)
- The documentation now references the es_default_ldap.ldf file, which contains a working example for using the DATASET resource class.
2860914 (1104513)

EJB Generation

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- A problem that caused EJB client generation to fail when processing OCCURS arrays has been fixed.
3131411 (1111877)

Enterprise Server

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- Starting the MFDS process with the -r option will now disable the Web administration UI. If using a browser to connect to the MFDS TCP network address, you now receive an HTTP 403 response.
- A missing form name in some Enterprise Server Administration pages could result in a JavaScript error.
- The default options under ESMAC > Resources now depend on the Region options. If JES is installed, the new default resource to show under Resources is JES. If IMS is installed, and JES is not installed, then IMS is the default. If MQ is installed, and both JES and IMS are not installed, then MQ is the default. If iFS is installed, and each of JES, IMS, and MQ are not installed, then iFS is the default. Otherwise, the default resource is Services.
2871166 (1106098)
- An issue using single sign-on between MFDS and ESMAC has now been fixed.
3106232 (1109779)
- The Enterprise Server External Security Facility (ESF) has improved redundant / failover support for Security Managers. See "Security Configuration Custom Configuration Information" in the product help for more information.
2990790 (1109080)
- The Enterprise Server External Security Facility's MLDAP ESM Module can now generate an audit event describing the "effective rule" that determined the decision (allow / deny / permissions set) for an Auth or XAuth request. The effective rule is the security rule that was used to make the decision. See "MLDAP ESM Module Custom Configuration Information" in the product documentation for more information.
2887945 (1110096)

- Enterprise Server Security trace message 2003, emitted when a SAFROUTE(Auth) request is made with the "API trace" flag enabled and access to the resource is denied, no longer truncates long resource names. Long names are abbreviated but still provide the prefix and suffix of the name.
2885856 (1108682)
- Enterprise Server's External Security Facility, when using LDAP-based security, has an "Update" mechanism that can be used to notify MFDS and running Enterprise Server regions of changes to security information. This now works correctly for changes to group membership, for example, when a user is removed from a group.
2873024 (1106452)
- Depending on the sequence of login, users with long usernames that contained spaces and that had usernames similar to other users could login and find that they are treated as if they do not have the correct user permissions. This has now been fixed.
- In Enterprise Server, when using LDAP-based security, if a user belonged to a group with an LDAP wildcard character (such as "**") in its name, and there were nested groups defined, and the use-all-groups mode was enabled, groups that contain other groups could be incorrectly added to the user's group set. This has been fixed.
- mfds and casstart will now run successfully on machines with locale names with the @modifier part, such as fr_FR.iso885915@euro.
2868439 (1105641)
- Extended ECI LUW context is now maintained.
3148577 (1113418)
- Using the dump command from an MQ listener resulted in an AB/BA lock.
3146317 (1113217)
- In 64-bit environments, ECI requests that do not use ES_ECI_SOCKET to identify or locate the target region used to fail.
3143232 (1112962)
- A request made with valid credentials no longer fails after an initial request that returned an error ECI-ERR-SECURITY-ERROR.
3142092 (1113220)
- The Data File Editor now supports DSNs that contain the '£' and '#' characters.
3140182 (1112661)
- The casstop /w command no longer creates a ccierr.log when a region terminates during the /w delay.
3135994 (1112257)
- Previously, when creating a new DFHDRDAT, the provided users had an invalid phrase setup which resulted in sign-on errors.
3135433 (1112238)
- When a job that performs an EXCI LINK without the SYNCONRETURN option was submitted twice in succession, the second job did not run successfully.
3129348 (1111596)
- previously, HSF records for tasks that executed prior to a switch of the active file could be written to the newly active file. This has been fixed so that records are written to the file that was active at the time the task ran.
3125864 (1111322)
- An issue with DFHJSON where JSON data would not be written to a container has been resolved.
3121607 (1110917)
- The casutl command line utility supports a new option, /x, which enables you to switch the active trace, dump and/or hsf files. For more details, see your product's documentation.

- 3120728 (1110848)
 - When recycling SEPs in a busy JES system, jobs that have not run yet are now managed correctly.
- 3120670 (1111235)
 - In a busy system, if JCL jobs timed out or were cancelled, the local trace entries could sometimes corrupt the shared memory causing the region to become unresponsive.
- 3116835 (1110501)
 - Mapping structures to containers in DFHJSON when there are consecutive multiple empty elements now works as expected.
- 3114815 (1110285)
 - If the result length from a call to CBL_CCSSID_CONVERT was smaller than the original buffer length, garbage was written at the end of the buffer. This was because the length used was the original length and not the length returned from the call.
- 3114365 (1110223)
 - A FREEMAIN of a shared pointer which had been populated in a SEP other than the one attempting the free would provoke a trap.
- 3112416 (1110196)
 - When either a CPMT NEW COPY is issued or FORCE PHASEIN is enabled on the SIT, MAPs are now reloaded from the disk and the memory version will not be used.
- 3105813 (1109891)
 - System folders that have a backslash at the end of the name are now supported in region configurations. Previously, a region would fail to start in such scenarios.
- 2886956 (1108250)
 - If there was an error when trying to start cobdebugremote, the port was not retrieved.
- 2864798 (1105495)
 - When defining a GDG model, the path is now grayed out.
- 2855374 (1103840)
 - It is now possible to use environment variables in MQ Listeners queue names.
- 2842137 (1102027)
 - If a casout -g command to retrieve relative DD for a job was issued and the resulting file had a size of 0, the file was left open which resulted in a leak of handle.
- 2814439 (1098608)
 - An issue causing the BlueZone terminal emulator to disconnect has been resolved.
- 2807210 (1098676)
 - Requests are now aborted if the ECI luw token is invalid.
 - The "Use all groups" option for a secure enterprise server instance now enables the Data File Editor to authenticate a user against all of the groups for a particular user.
 - Using casout with the /v option (to list initiators, printers and mprs) could cause incorrect HSF records to be generated.
 - It is now possible to edit the dataset name entry in ESMAC if an incorrect name was submitted when adding the dataset.
 - Imported hexadecimal transactions are not truncated anymore.
- 3153155 (1113813)
 - Fixed an issue with the admin seps terminating abnormally when a USER (who is not associated with a group in ESM) tries to logon to ESMAC.
- 3152197 (1113814)

- Access to the XAT resources in ESMAC (casrdo65) is now controlled by the user's security settings for the 'XAT*' resource under MFESMAC. The user will require "Update" access to the GRP resource in order to see the XAT Delete button.
3143258 (1112991)
- TCPIPSERVICE resources are no longer erased when the URIMAP resource is set to PIPELINE. In addition, ESMAC now accepts blank WEBSERVICE fields.
3141235 (1112752)
- The deletion of a PDS member in a secure region now use the correct classes.
3140443 (1112709)
- Sometimes the STOP button for connected clients in ESMAC was not displayed when security was on. This has now been fixed.
3139885 (1112724)
- Date and time filter values are now retained when the jobs are filtered to user requirements in ESMAC.
3138516 (1112498)
- The Reply button for a waiting from console JOB in ESMAC is now enabled or disabled depending on user authority.
3137426 (1112397)
- The environment variables ES_DISABLE_DFLTUSR_SIGNON/
ES_ESM_DISABLE_DFLTUSER_ESMAC are now correctly honored in secure regions.
3133646 (1112061)
- When specifying the ES_MAX_CATALOG_LINES environment variable, one line fewer were displayed in the ESMAC catalog view. This has been fixed.
3129034 (1111563)
- The 9/041 error no longer occurs when accessing catalog after running a job that accesses the proclib.
3122584 (1111066)
- An issue in the date and time filters in the ESMAC spool display page has now been fixed.
3122475 (1111003)
- The Job page now displays in Shift JIS encoding if the operating system encoding is determined to be Shift JIS.
3115107 (1110311)
- The SIT 'New' button is no longer greyed out when the ESMAC user has the appropriate permission.
2913474 (1108809)
- If the Data File Editor was used to retrieve the DCB information for a data file hosted by Enterprise Server and the catalog did not contain a physical filename, an RTS 114 error would be encountered. This has now been fixed.
- The PostgreSQL switch module now loads correctly in 64-bit mode.
3149380 (1113516)
- A problem recovering from errors where SQL Server unilaterally terminates an XA transaction has been resolved.
3145058 (1113133)
- User Impersonation now works as expected when using an ODBC switch module in batch mode.
3140100 (1112655)
- The ESMSSQL switch module no longer returns an RTS153 error if USERP=T is set and the user does not exist.
3140097 (1112649)

- The Oracle switch module no longer fails with an RTS153 error when being enabled after an initial connection error.
3129198 (1111608)
- Auditing using syslog now reconnects correctly after the syslog server restarts.
3135191 (1112186)
- Auditing modules are now loadable on all supported platforms.
3124417 (1111183)
- Syslog messages can now be configured to use TLS as the transport protocol.

File Handling

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- Users, Groups, and Classes can once again be searched based on substring matches, rather than full exact matches.
3127314 (1111414)
- Password Expiry and Account Expiry dates are now correctly displayed in the ESF LDAP Security Administration Web Interface when specifying times in 24 hour format.
2883964 (1107911)
- The Users in the "Members" list for Groups and Groups in the "Group Membership" list for Users are no longer incorrectly filtered by the filter on the respective "Users" and "Groups" main tabs.
2871547 (1106121)
- The ESF LDAP Security Administration Web Interface no longer incorrectly displays a blank Users/Groups list when changing tabs.
2863056 (1104795)
- The REPRO of a cluster that contains an alternate index no longer performs the copy using the alternate index. It uses the primary index instead.
3136566 (1112386)
- When running under a mainframe emulation, if the INDD record length does not match the cataloged length for SYSIN when performing an ACCEPT statement, and that results in a partial record being read, that record is now returned (as it does on the mainframe).
3120786 (1111421)
- 9/41 additional statuses 2, 4, 5 are no longer printed to the log without an associated log entry for the actual 9/41 error.
3115318 (1110341)
- Setting RUNITLOCKDETECT=OFF no longer causes an unhandled exception when a file is opened multiple times in managed code.
2885757 (1108212)
- File Handler settings supplied by the extfh.cfg configuration file are now captured in CTF tracing of the File Handler.
2849599 (1102983)
- If, in a single process, Fileshare is called with both FCD2 and FCD3, the filename sent to Fileshare no longer becomes corrupted.
3131960 (1112168)
- The reading of keys no longer fails when the indexed file that was open prior to the current file was not explicitly closed.
3129038 (1111565)

- The EXTFH option RETRYOPEN has no effect when set in the Fileshare Server configuration file.
3106992 (1111699)
- An SPLJNO filename will no longer become corrupted when being accessed simultaneously through a Fileshare server currently under load.
3106992 (1112094)
- iFileshare no longer hangs during a stop run operation if files being used in the program are accessed through different iFileshares.
3142333 (1112939)

IDE

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- Visual Studio no longer becomes unresponsive when you hover certain data items in the editor. An issue with handling if sources files that contain a high number of data items that share the same name has been resolved.
3151264 (1113641)
- Visual Studio no longer hangs when IntelliSense parses large conditional expressions that contain multiple AND and OR operators that are bracketed. For example: IF (AAA equal BBB) OR (BBB equal AAA) OR (AAA equal BBB) OR (BBB equal AAA) OR.
3139764 (1112650)
- A .dep file becoming corrupted no longer results in performance issues in Visual Studio.
3138956 (1112588)
- The Compile menu item is now disabled if the Find editor window is in focus.
3137573 (1112573)
- Performing the Clean command on a project now only cleans the .idy files which that project generated or has information about. It will not delete other .idy files that might be found in the same locations .
3137375 (1112846)
- Using the editor in over-type mode (when the Insert key is active) was incorrectly causing word wrapping.
3136781 (1112335)
- The editor now colors correctly any variables referenced inside the String and Unstring statements.
3133687 (1112102)
- Visual Studio now sets the correct INT directive when working with UNC paths.
3132695 (1112036)
- Ambiguous data items are now colored correctly in EXEC SQL blocks.
3128123 (1112088)
- The Clear Credentials menu option in Server Explorer is now enabled for remote enterprise servers.
3127998 (1111474)
- The Net Express Import Wizard no longer ignores user-specified copybook paths.
3127338 (1111425)
- Double-clicking the text in the COBOL margins in the Visual Studio editor now selects the specific word. Previously, it would select the the entire contents of the margin.
3125347 (1111281)
- The Go To Definition command now works correctly in native object-oriented programs and distinguishes between static and instance data items.
3124150 (1111155)

- Double-clicking on a quoted method name that contains hyphens in the editor now selects both the word and the quotation marks.
3123638 (1111123)
- Source files that use the PREXML preprocessor no longer get locked after parsing.
3123413 (1111115)
- It is now possible to view read-only application.config files in Visual Studio.
3122397 (1111007)
- QuickInfo ToolTip now show the correct content for ambiguous data items in native classes.
3120787 (1110840)
- A new option is now available inside Visual Studio in Tools > Options > Micro Focus > Standalone Editing > General. It enables you to specify whether only the current file is saved when compiling a standalone program.
3118218 (1110587)
- Executing the Find All References command on a project which requires more memory than available on your machine now fails more gracefully, without crashing the IDE.
3117355 (1110505)
- An issue where the MicroFocus.COBOL.QualityTools package could fail to load on non-English locale installations of Windows has been fixed.
3117354 (1110503)
- The debug information is now displayed correctly for qualified variable names in SQL statements.
3114079 (1110336)
- Visual Studio no longer emits a message "Value of data item shown as "5-S User-name FIELD-NAME not unique" when you are adding variables to the Watch window while debugging. The IDE now correctly resolves the fully qualified names of group items and adds the respective variables to the Watch window.
3114062 (1110334)
- The tooltip style checkbox 'Show OCCURS or reference modification value' now uses the correct value when set from TOOLS > Options > Debugging > Micro Focus COBOL.
3114052 (1110353)
- Watchpoints now work correctly when attaching the Visual Studio debugger to a running process.
3111005 (1109942)
- In Visual Studio 2017 and later, it is now possible to query the properties of managed objects in the Immediate and the Watch windows during debugging.
2878336 (1107091)
- When you double-click a quoted method name in the editor to make a selection, it now includes the quotes.
2862321 (1104724)
- In Visual Studio 2017 and later, it is now possible to add properties of managed objects to the Watch window during debugging.
2697588 (1094159)
- In Visual Studio 2017 and later, it is now possible to expand IEnumerable object types while debugging .NET COBOL code.
2613665 (1087919)
- Building a project which you renamed could fail.
- After a successful project build when there was an .idy file in the output folder, if you later deleted that .idy file and rebuilt the project, the .idy file would reappear in the folder.

- When expanding copybooks within a COBOL program, files which you do not have write access to (such as 'system' copybooks supplied with the COBOL product) are now read-only within the editor. This depends on the permissions which you start Visual Studio with. If you start the IDE with Administrator privileges, then you will have permissions to write to the system copybooks, and they do not appear as read-only in the editor.
- The Project Details now shows the correct file type for files with non-standard file extensions which you add to COBOL projects.
- If you open a source file that is not part of a COBOL project, such as a stand-alone COBOL source file, or a source file within a folder that you have opened, the file is now shown in the Project Details window. If you close the file, it will disappear from the Project Details window.
- Cancelling a Find All References command when the search scope is set on the entire solution now works as expected. Previously, the cancellation only occurred after all projects have been parsed.
- The performance of the Find All References command executed after a build when the search scope is the entire solution has been improved.
- Managed projects that contain resources are no longer rebuilt on each build or run in Visual Studio 2017.
- The time to load projects containing many thousands of items has been improved.

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- A problem that caused memory leaks in JSON-based Web Services has been fixed.
3109465 (1109773)

J2EE Connector

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- You no longer receive Java heap errors when a resource adapter is passing large amounts of data.
3120684 (1110892)
- JSP generation works correctly when there are OCCURS fields.
2869932 (1105858)

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- The Javademos Readme files have been updated with new instructions.

MF Communications Server

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- Enterprise Server and the Micro Focus Common Client now support opening more than 256 SSL-enabled endpoints simultaneously. Also, a resource leak in the MFCS process for HTTPS connections made with CICS Web Interface or CICS Web Services has been fixed.
3137166 (1112477)
- A situation where some terminal emulators were unable to connect to an enterprise server region has been fixed.
3135166 (1112195)
- The maximum size of an HTTP header value allowed for a CICS Web Interface or CICS Web Services server can now be configured. Include an [HTTP] section in the configuration information on the Edit Communications Process page, and use the option 'maximum header value length=<num-of-bytes>'. If not specified, the default number of bytes is 1024.
3127781 (1111480)

- A bug that caused some clients to crash MFCS when submitting 3-character trancodes has been fixed.
3121264 (1111026)
- Enterprise Server now correctly handles chunked HTTP message bodies. The CRLF sequences, which appear after each chunk, are now removed when the chunked body is consolidated.
3100279 (1109784)
- The Enterprise Server Communications Process (MFCS) can now restrict access to listeners by client address. See "Conversation Filtering" in the product Help for more information.
2887418 (1108517)
- Enterprise Server's backward compatibility with older versions of MFDS has been restored.

MF Directory Server

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- Automatic corrections are now made to invalid Enterprise Server listener ISC configurations when they are loaded or imported.
3136730 (1112328)
- Regions exported using MFDS now include the IMS query name if present.
3130077 (1111684)
- A missing product HTML file could cause the Enterprise Server Administration HTML GUI to revert to using English text rather than the configured language. This is now fixed.
3118363 (1110595)
- A memory leak in the MFDS process which could cause an intermittent crash has been fixed.
2886846 (1108593)
- The "mfCASIMSMFSNullChar" and "mfCASIMSTMMQColdStart" IMS region attribute values are now imported correctly from a previously generated XML export from the Micro Focus Directory Server.
2879665 (1107226)
- The "IMS Configuration Directory" configuration value has been deprecated and has been removed from the Enterprise Server Administration Web UI for Enterprise Server instance properties.
- For additional security, any start, stop or not-responding region scripts region will only be executed if the Micro Focus Directory Server restricted administration is enabled.
- You could get an RTS115 error in MFDS on AIX when performing certain actions such as browsing the properties of an ESM.
- When executing Enterprise Server in a Docker container, you need to set the MFDS_EXTERNAL_ADDR environment variable to a resolvable external address string (a hostname rather than an IP address) in the Docker environment. This is to enable client browsers to resolve ESMAC and other URLs in Enterprise Server Administration. The value of this variable will replace the internal container address in the URL.
- The Enterprise Server Administration Web UI "Directories" menu item and functionality has been deprecated and is no longer available.
- If MFCS control channel is configured to use SSL, MFDS must have an environment variable "MFDS_\$SERVERNAME_CAROOT" defined, which points to the full file path of the CA root certificate used to sign the control channel's certificates.

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- The MFDS could crash during startup when SSL and a keyfile with no password are used to secure it.
3152964 (1113791)

OLE Class Library

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- An issue with the tabbing of ActiveX controls has been resolved.
3106202 (1109437)

OO Base Class Library

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- The SortedCollection class methods setSortMethod and setSortEntry are now thread-safe.
3145921 (1113207)
- The class libraries resources now compile without having to add the Windows SDK include location to the INCLUDE environment variable.
3117380 (1110512)
- Menu item objects are not destroyed until the on idle processing. This is to stop the destroying from being attempted twice.
3107820 (1110204)

Run-Time System

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- When native COBOL calls a Java method that returns an array of objects, the returned object reference now correctly represents the array of objects.
3144462 (1113127)
- When creating a live recording file, if you specify a path in the COB_LIVE_RECORD environment variable, the path is now validated (to ensure it exists) before the process runs.
3136927 (629611)
- A new tunable has been introduced, dbcs_text_enable_clip, which when set to true ensures that the font is clipped to the font height supplied by Microsoft Text APIs rather than overwriting pixels beyond the font height. Use this tunable when running in a GUI window (runw). The default is false.
3136924 (1112338)
- The NUMPROC"ACOS" directive has been enhanced to support certain elements of NEC ACOS COBOL relating to the processing of invalid data in USAGE DISPLAY data items.
3135821 (1112242)
- A bug in the NUMPROC"ACOS" emulation of NEC ACOS COBOL has been fixed. The error occurred in statements of the form: move unsigned-display-item to numeric-edited-item where the source item contains a negative value.
3135821 (1113569)
- The NUMPROC"ACOS" directive has been enhanced to support certain elements of NEC ACOS COBOL relating to invalid sign information in USAGE COMP-3 data items.
3135820 (1112241)
- In the run-time text window, the correct key-code is now returned when the Tab key is pressed after the Window menu has been previously selected using the Alt + Space shortcut.
3132989 (1111983)
- The position and size of windows created with the WINDOW-CREATE clause in Dialect(RM) will no longer be constrained by the window that was active when the call is made. Previously, a window created by WINDOW-CREATE would be required to fit within the constraints of the parent window. This behavior was not consistent with the same command under RM/COBOL, and so was changed.
3131065 (1111843)

- A GUI application no longer fails to terminate correctly if the title bar of the text window console is currently selected with the mouse when the termination occurs.
3124823 (1111218)
- OO CTF tracing now correctly outputs the thread-id to file.
3117361 (1110510)
- When using .INT code, an arithmetic statement involving a 64-bit COMP-5 operand now gives the correct results.
3111631 (1109997)
- When entering multiple DBCS characters using the IME, the later characters in the string are no longer being corrupted. Previously, corruption occurred due to a bug in Microsoft's ReadConsoleInput() API.
3111356 (1109909)
- A new parameter is available for the CHECKDIV Compiler directive that emulates behavior when attempting to divide by zero on an ACOS mainframe system. CHECKDIV"ACOS" will result in both the quotient and the remainder being set to the value of the dividend if a divide by zero operation is attempted when no ON SIZE ERROR clause is specified.
3111073 (1109890)
- The NUMPROC Compiler directive has a new parameter. NUMPROC"ACOS" provides partial compatibility with the behavior of NEC ACOS COBOL processing of invalid data in USAGE DISPLAY data items.
3111072 (1109889)
- On file systems that support 64-bit inode numbers, CTF output files were not produced in the expected directory if its inode number was sufficiently large that it did not fit in 32 bits. This has now been corrected.
3109110 (629772)
- When using the COBOL printer routines, the default printer is now selected on Windows Server 2016. Registry differences introduced with Windows 10/Sever 16 caused existing functions to select the wrong default printer. These have now been updated to use an alternative method to achieve the correct result.
3109043 (1110153)
- An intermittent runtime error (COBRT255: CODESET cannot open double byte conversion table) could occur when MFCODESET was set to a value that included double byte conversions. This has been fixed.
3108885 (1109915)
- The correct status-code definitions (for Windows and UNIX) are now recorded in the documentation.
2879887 (1107243)
- Improvements have been made to the run-time system, the File Handler and the JCL engine, with regards to error trapping and reporting.
2867927 (1106202)
- Spurious errors no longer occur when compiling or running programs on 32bit Linux platforms with an XFS file system greater than 1TB.
- COBUTF8 no longer segfaults if COBDIR is not set.

Setup Issues

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- Installing release 3.0 on a machine where there was a 4.0 product installed and then uninstalled, could result in issues with package loading in Visual Studio.
3152508 (1113755)

- The DemoCA installer now works correctly on Japanese OS.
3142481 (1112900)
- An issue with some empty folders created during installation and not deleted when the product was uninstalled has been resolved.
3115392 (1110376)

DB2

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- The DB2 preprocessor sometimes generated a 309 malformed subscript error if the SQL statement contained COMP host variables with an indicator variable array. This has been fixed.
3142686 (1112952)
- A problem that prevented the use of CBLLINK on compiled programs that use LITLINK has been fixed. HCO now supplies the LIBs necessary to link these applications. Note: If you compile static DB2 applications that use LITLINK, you must compile them using the DB2(NOPRE) directive, and specify all applicable LIBs in the LINK statement. For example: CBLLINK SELECT.obj DB2API.LIB, MFHCOLIB.LIB, MFSQLSMF.LIB
3135847 (1112270)
- The DB2 preprocessor incorrectly generated code to convert COMP fields in SQLCA if no SQL statement was found in the program. This resulted in error "COBCH0002 Undefined ECM error. Inform Technical Support. Error code 309". This issue has been resolved.
3129362 (1111619)
- The DB2 preprocessor has been enhanced with a new directive option, DB2(STOPPROC), that provides a solution to a problem that prevented DB2 LUW stored procedures from working properly when compiled with CHARSET(EBDIC) because character information is passed to and from DB2 LUW as ASCII data.
3129260 (1111614)
- A problem that caused the DB2 preprocessor to generate DB103 errors on mainframe-style VARCHAR host variable definitions has been fixed.
3123813 (1111337)
- When run against DB2 LUW version 10 or later, the HCO DCLGEN tool sometimes defined the first column in a DECLARE TABLE statement incorrectly by dropping WITH DEFAULT. This has been fixed.
3119616 (1110699)
- The DB2 preprocessor and HCO runtime have been updated to convert an entire VARCHAR field to EBCDIC rather than just converting the length of data specified. This corrects a problem with erroneous ASCII spaces showing up in VARCHAR columns.
3110220 (1109819)

SQL: MBDT Utilities

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- DSNUTLB LOAD no longer gives an SQL error for columns that are defined as DECIMAL EXTERNAL and that have a POSITION clause containing only a start position, but no end position.
3139744 (1112632)
- A problem when that occurred when querying referential integrity information for a table has been fixed. In addition, a problem with CompileOptionBlock being out of sync with new ESQL directives has been fixed.
3119350 (1111458)

SQL: OpenESQL

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- OpenESQL now supports RETURNING clauses in INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE statements when using SQL(DBMAN=ADO) and SQL(PROCOB).
3120916 (1110849)
- A problem when using an Oracle REF CURSOR in managed code that sometimes caused subsequent statements to fail has been fixed.
3113118 (1110287)
- Problems with DATE and TIMESTAMP handling when using the Oracle fully managed provider for ADO.NET have been fixed by introducing new environment variables to control .NET formatting of datetime and datetimeoffset values when DATE=EXTERNAL is set for Oracle connections.
3108444 (1109632)
- Problems with DATE and TIMESTAMP handling when using the Oracle fully managed provider for ADO.NET have been fixed by introducing new environment variables to control .NET formatting of datetime and datetimeoffset values when DATE=EXTERNAL is set for Oracle connections.
3107838 (1109570)
- An issue with singleton selects that have no FROM clause but have a WHERE clause has been fixed.
3151028 (1113711)
- A problem that generated an undefined preprocessor error and caused compilation to fail when a literal of a size greater than 79 characters was used with the SQL LIKE operator has been fixed.
3150466 (1113596)
- Previously, when using SELECT... INTO statements containing a FOR UPDATE clause with PostgreSQL and MySQL, the pseudo column used for positioned updates was not present in tables. A new OpenESQL directive, SQL(NOWHERECURRENT), is now available. This benefits PostgreSQL and MySQL applications that do not require positioned update or delete support, and where the pseudo column used as a rowid to implement positioned updates and deletes is not present.
3146620 (1113335)
- A problem using "plan" as an SQL identifier has been fixed.
3146620 (1113251)
- An issue with using the SQL(XAID) Compiler directive with IMS applications has been resolved.
3144626 (1113137)
- A problem with applications using a very large number of embedded SQL statements has been fixed.
3142107 (1113006)
- A problem with fetching data into .NET Decimal host variables, causing an invalid overflow error, has been fixed.
3134510 (1112152)
- A problem handling .NET string host variables in OpenESQL applications compiled with the 64-bit COBOL compiler has been fixed
3134369 (1112116)
- The file cobmfsntiar.so is now included in the COBOL Server product.
3132441 (1112164)
- The limit for the number of compiled SQL statements has been increased from 5000 to 12000.
3129084 (1111593)
- An inconsistency with the OpenESQL ADO.NET runtime handling of PIC X host variables in DBCS locales has been fixed.
3128324 (1111562)

- A problem with EXEC SQL ALLOCATE for SQL-CLOB host variables has been fixed.
3128295 (1111492)
- OpenESQL for ADO has been updated to behave consistently with Pro*COBOL by returning a +1403 SQLCODE instead of an erroneous -1403 SQLCODE when a PL/SQL stored procedure fails to handle a data-not-found condition.
3128289 (1111491)
- A problem that prevented the setting of the UNSAFE_NULL directive from the IDE when using Pro*COBOL has been fixed.
3127696 (1111447)
- A problem with Oracle scroll cursors that resulted in a backward compatibility issue with Net Express has been fixed.
3126245 (1111648)
- If you use an AT db_name clause in a DECLARE CURSOR statement, you no longer need this clause in statements that reference the cursor, such as FETCH, CLOSE, GET NEXT RESULT SET or positioned UPDATE and positioned DELETE statements. To maintain backward compatibility the clause may optionally be included, but it is no longer required.
3124001 (1111150)
- A problem that caused the OpenESQL preprocessor to generate invalid code when "AT xxxx SELECT" was specified in an array singleton SELECT statement in managed code has been fixed.
3123827 (1111128)
- A problem with SQL(CHECK) that was introduced in version 3.0 of this product and occurred for DB2, Oracle, and PostgreSQL with ADO.NET has been fixed.
3121267 (1110919)
- A problem using AT <connectionName> with COMMIT, ROLLBACK, and SAVEPOINT statements has been fixed.
3115063 (1110308)
- A new SQL compiler directive option, PICXBINDING, has been added to OpenESQL to provide more intuitive behavior for LIKE expressions with SQL Server by enabling greater control of parameter binding for PIC X host variables.
3113999 (1110373)
- OpenESQL has been updated to retain the FOR READ ONLY clause when the TARGETDB SQL compiler directive option is set to DB2.
3112785 (1111030)
- A problem with fractional seconds truncation when using the legacy SQL Server ODBC driver has been fixed.
3112499 (1110032)
- A problem using SYSTEM_USER in select statements has been fixed.
3111513 (1109934)
- A problem caused by OpenESQL rounding a result to a COMP-3 host variable instead of truncating it has been fixed in the ODBC runtime.
3110902 (1109871)
- A problem with OpenESQL trimming trailing spaces in input host variables has been fixed by the addition of the SQL(PICXBINDING=FIXED) compiler directive option, which ensures that these trailing spaces remain intact.
3110720 (1110099)
- A problem handling unmapped codepoints in DBCS locales when storing binary data in character files and using SQL(ALLOWNULLCHAR) has been fixed.
3109266 (1109723)

- OpenESQL had a storage limit of 30 characters for a program ID. The maximum has been increased to 128 characters.
2884875 (1107982)
- A problem that caused OpenESQL to remove any OPTIMIZE FOR n ROWS clause from queries when TARGETDB was set to DB2 has been fixed.
2883301 (1108387)
- A problem with HCOSS access plans getting out of sync with the running code and database stored procedures and metadata when a live ES region is updated has been fixed.
2877693 (1110926)
- OpenESQL has been updated to support the OPTIMIZECURSORS SQL compiler directive option for the OCI and JDBC run-time systems.
- The SQL(TRANSACTION) directive now accepts an additional option, AUTO. SQL(TRANSACTION=AUTO) is equivalent to SQL(AUTOCOMMIT). For new applications, SQL(TRANSACTION) is the preferred method for specifying transaction options.
- PostgreSQL versions 3.2.2 and later are now supported with .NET COBOL.
- Operating System authentication for CONNECT statements is now supported for Oracle, DB2, and SQL Server in the ODBC, ADO, and JDBC run-time systems.

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- A problem that caused an AUTOBIND support routine invoked by the XDB ECM to fail by omitting the drive letter in log file names when the specified drive letter was other than C: has been fixed.
3114069 (1110423)
- The XDB ECM now supports the z/OS DB2 NEXTVAL reserved word as an ordinary identifier.
3120469 (1110834)
- A problem that prevented the SQL Option for DB2 ECM from recognizing IN clause predicates containing multiple group host variables has been fixed.
3115066 (1110310)
- A problem that prevented the SQL Option for DB2 ECM from supporting the use of a collection ID for validating SQL against z/OS DB2 with DYNAMICRULES BIND packages has been fixed.
3112996 (1110332)
- A problem reading XDB translation files caused by stack initialization on Windows 10 has been resolved.
3120927 (1110988)
- A problem that resulted in an X352 thread access violation due to an improper reallocation of the parse tree when using an inner join to a table expression containing a scalar subquery has been fixed.
3132740 (1111977)
- A problem with CASE expressions resolving host variables has been resolved.
3131966 (1111932)
- A problem with the lexical analysis of a PARTITION BY SIZE clause on a CREATE TABLE statement when the integer constant and the "G" indicating gigabytes were not separated by a space character has been fixed.
3129670 (1111676)
- An issue with a correlated subquery not returning results due to a problem with the correlation variable has been resolved.
3114811 (1110283)

- A problem with the query optimizer incorrectly identifying the step for predicate evaluation of a join predicate containing a column and an expression has been resolved.
3114809 (1110284)
- A problem that caused an X352 thread access violation on a VIEW definition containing a select item of the form name.* has been fixed.
3114210 (1110228)
- An access violation caused by a long UNC path for the Roaming APPDATA directory on a Windows machine has been resolved.
3112201 (1110021)
- A problem that caused the XDB engine optimizer to return an empty result set for range predicates on join conditions has been fixed.
3111742 (1109957)
- A problem with the first FETCH operation against a rowset cursor containing a UNION ALL with host variables has been resolved.
3110071 (1109893)
- An issue with a LEFT OUTER JOIN operation not retrieving all result set rows has been resolved.
3104216 (1109202)
- A problem with XDB engines not allowing a GROUP BY to contain an item not in the projection list has been fixed.
3103832 (1109175)
- A problem that caused a PDMP272 – xdb Inner Join Problem message has been fixed.
2887796 (1108361)
- The Stored Procedure Test tool now sizes the Results tab in the same way as it sizes the other tabs.
3148319 (1113402)
- A problem with DSNUTILB that occurred when loading a table containing a VARCHAR field has been resolved.
3128931 (1111587)

XML Support

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- cbl2xml will now work successfully under AIX 7 32-bit.
3109051 (1109699)
- The XML run-time now handles UTF-16 XML documents correctly.
3147256 (1113357)
- The XML run-time system now correctly sends the XML instance document as an HTTP POST request to the URL specified on UNIX platforms.
3145761 (1113163)
- An RTS 164 error (Run-Time subprogram not found) no longer occurs on some very old versions of Windows when parsing XML.
3142315 (1113028)
- The XML run time now correctly sends the XML instance document as HTTP POST request to the URL specified.
3135893 (1112298)
- XMLPARSE now returns the full UTF-8 string when XMLPARSE(COMPAT) is specified.

3126921 (1112286)

Other Issues Resolved in This Release

The numbers listed are the Support Incident Numbers followed by the Reported Problem Incident (RPI) number (in parentheses).

- 2879380 (1107250)
- 2881923 (1109518)
- 2913358 (1110961)
- 3145394 (1113143)
- 3142564 (1112892)
- 3129260 (1111765)
- 3117914 (1111288)
- 3143624 (1113310)

Unsupported Functionality

This section includes information about features or functionality that are no longer supported.

- The HOSTSIGNS Compiler directive is no longer supported. Micro Focus recommends that you use the following Compiler directives instead: SIGN-FIXUP, HOST-NUMMOVE, and HOST-NUMCOMPARE. This is a change since version 3.0 of this product.

Installation

Before Installing

Downloading the Product

You can download Visual COBOL from the *Product Updates* section of the [Micro Focus SupportLine](#) Web site.

On Windows

System Requirements

Hardware Requirements

Visual COBOL has the following requirements in addition to the requirements of Microsoft Visual Studio. See the Visual Studio documentation for details of the Microsoft requirements.

The maximum disk space requirements are, approximately:

Visual COBOL	Sentinel RMS License Manager
1.2Gb	75MB

- This includes the space needed to cache information locally so that you can modify the installation without the original source media.
- The disk space requirements include the versions of JRE and .NET Framework supplied with the setup file.

Operating Systems Supported

For a list of the supported operating systems, check the *Product Availability* section on the Micro Focus SupportLine Web site: <http://supportline.microfocus.com/prodavail.aspx>.

Note:

- You can produce both 32-bit or 64-bit applications with Visual COBOL installed on a 64-bit operating system.
- Support for development on Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 has been discontinued. These platforms are still supported for deployment. Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2 are supported.
- Visual COBOL for Visual Studio is not supported on versions of Windows earlier than Windows 7.
- The Enterprise Server feature is not supported on Windows XP.

Software Requirements

The setup file will check your machine for whether the prerequisite software is installed and will install any missing prerequisites and the product components. A supported version of Microsoft's Visual Studio 2015 or 2017 must, however, be installed in advance.

**Note:**

- Besides the software listed below, the setup file also installs the 64-bit Java 8 Update 102.
- This product includes OpenSSL version 1.0.2n.

Visual Studio IDE

You must have Microsoft's Visual Studio 2013 Update 5, 2015 Update 3, or 2017 version 15.5 or a newer one, respectively, installed in advance.

You need one of the advanced versions of Visual Studio listed below or the Visual Studio Integrated Shell (only supported by Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2013):

Professional, Premium, Ultimate or Community Edition (for Visual Studio 2013)

Professional, Enterprise or Community Edition (for Visual Studio 2015)

Professional, Enterprise or Community Edition (for Visual Studio 2017) - see the next section for the Visual Studio components you must install.

Microsoft's Visual Studio Express Edition is not supported.

If there is no Visual Studio installed on your machine, the setup file will install the Visual Studio Integrated Shell. Alternatively, you can download the Visual Studio Integrated Shell from the [Microsoft Download Center](#) and install it before you install Visual COBOL. If you choose to install the Shell, ensure you run the installer to complete the installation - run `vsintshell.enu.exe` from the location where you installed the download.

Note that some Visual Studio features might not be available with the Shell. This includes WCF or the Visual Studio 2013 Connected IDE experience in the Visual Studio 2013 Shell - the help for more details.

**Important:**

- A problem with Microsoft's Windows 10 prevents installing the Visual Studio 2013 Shell on that version of the OS. You must install an advanced edition of Visual Studio 2013 on Windows 10 before you start the installation of Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2013.
- Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2015 does not support Visual Studio 2015 Shell as the Shell has a number of restrictions to COBOL development. The Visual Studio 2015 Shell is not included in the setup for Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2015 and before you start the installation, ensure that there is an advanced edition of Visual Studio 2015 installed on your machine.
- On Windows 8.1 RT, Windows 8.1 or Windows Server 2012 R2, you must have the Windows update KB 2919355 before you install Visual Studio 2015. Download KB 2919355 from the [Microsoft Download Center](#).
- When installing Visual Studio 2017, ensure you select the Help Viewer component for installing to ensure you can view the Visual COBOL product help inside Visual Studio. When you select components to install in the Visual Studio installer, click **Individual components** and check **Help Viewer** in the **Code tools** section.
- Code generation issues in Microsoft's 64-bit JIT (just-in-time) compiler delivered as part of .NET Framework version 4.6 can result in incorrect execution of some COBOL code compiled to .NET. Version 4.6 of the .NET Framework is currently shipped as default with Visual Studio 2015 and Microsoft's Windows 10. The problems include incorrect execution of MOVE and STRING statements applied to alphanumeric operands, and incorrect execution of the ROUNDED phrase for arithmetic statements.

Some of these issues only seem to be reproducible in COBOL language applications compiled to .NET and some can be reproduced in other languages (C# or Visual Basic).

These problems have been reported and acknowledged by Microsoft and it is our belief that they either have resolutions or are working on fixes for all of them. For further information about these

issues and guidelines on how to disable the latest version of the 64-bit JIT compiler, see [RyuJIT Bug Advisory](#) and [Troubleshooting RyuJIT](#).

As of October 2015, Microsoft have released the following updates that address these issues with the .NET Framework 4.6:

- Hotfix rollup 3088955 for the .NET Framework 4.6 on Windows Server 2012 and Windows 8 - see: <http://www.microfocus.com/docs/links.asp?vc=mskb3088955>.
- Hotfix rollup 3088956 for the .NET Framework 4.6 on Windows Server 2012 R2 and Windows 8.1 - see: <http://www.microfocus.com/docs/links.asp?vc=mskb3088956>
- Hotfix rollup 3088957 for the .NET Framework 4.6 on Windows 7 SP1, Windows Server 2008 SP2, Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1, and Windows Vista SP2 - see: <http://www.microfocus.com/docs/links.asp?vc=mskb3088957>.
- Cumulative update 3093266 for Windows 10: September 30, 2015 (available through Windows Update) - see: <http://www.microfocus.com/docs/links.asp?vc=mskb3093266>.

The following software is also required:

- Microsoft Windows SDK is required if you are using the Visual Studio Shell. See the [Microsoft Download Center](#) and search for Windows SDK.
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5.1. This is included with Visual Studio 2013.
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6. This is included with Visual Studio 2015.
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6.1. This is included with Visual Studio 2017.

Selecting the Visual Studio 2017 components to install

The Visual Studio 2017 installer enables you to customize and only install the workloads and components that are most suitable for your area of development. For example, you can select the components that are required for .NET desktop development, ASP.NET Web or C++ development.



Note: The Help Viewer component is not installed by default and must be selected before you start the Visual Studio installation. This is required in order for you to view the Visual COBOL product help.

If not already installed, the Visual COBOL setup file will install the following components:

- .NET Framework version 4.6.1
- Debugger
- Visual Studio's Help Viewer
- Data services

A number of workloads and components are optional and only required by specific types of applications or tasks:

- Azure, WCF, Web, WPF or SQL CLR application development.

DGML Editor - install this in order to view the Copybook Dependency Graphs inside COBOL projects.

If you require any of these, you can select them when you start the Visual Studio 2017 installer or, enable them after completing the installation - see the next section.

Installing Visual Studio 2017 features that are not currently installed

If a feature of Visual Studio 2017 was not installed during the Visual Studio installation, the respective functionality or the project templates for it are not available. You can install a missing feature in one of the following ways:

Rerun the Visual Studio installer:

1. Start the Visual Studio 2017 installer and choose to modify an existing Visual Studio instance.
2. Select the workloads and the components that are missing (for example, **ASP.NET and web development** or **Help Viewer**).

3. Start the Visual Studio installation.

Use the **Quick Launch** control in Visual Studio 2017:

1. Start Visual Studio 2017.
2. Type the name of the feature in the **Quick Launch** control - for example, type `ASP.NET` or `Help Viewer`.

A drop-down list with any features matching your search string appears. If the feature is not already installed, one of the search results will be an option to install it.

Use the `Install Missing Feature(s)` command in Visual Studio 2017:

1. Start Visual Studio 2017.
2. Click **Help > Micro Focus Product Help > Install Missing Feature(s) > Feature Name**.

Follow the instructions in the installer to install the missing feature.

3. Alternatively, if a Micro Focus project template requires a Visual Studio feature which is not currently installed, the IDE displays an information bar with instructions to install the feature.

Internet Explorer 10

Internet Explorer 10 (IE 10) is required by the installation of Visual Studio 2013. If you are installing Visual COBOL on a machine that has no Visual Studio 2013 installed, the setup file installs Visual Studio 2013 Shell provided that IE 10 is installed beforehand. You can download IE 10 from [Microsoft's Web site](#).

IIS Express

IIS Express is required if you want to use the Web development tools. You can download IIS Express from the [Microsoft Download Center](#).

Other Requirements



Important: For local servers, you do not need to install the Micro Focus License Administration tool separately, as the setup file installs a new Visual COBOL client and a new licensing server on the same machine.

If you have a network server, you must update the license server before installing the product as the client is not able to communicate with license servers of versions older than 10000.2.660. On Windows, you can check the version of your license server by clicking **Help > About** in the Micro Focus License Administration tool.

If Micro Focus License Manager version 10000.2.02070 or older is installed, it must be uninstalled before the product installation or upgrade can continue.

You can download the new version of the license server software from the Micro Focus SupportLine Web site: <http://supportline.microfocus.com>.

Additional Software Requirements

To ensure full functionality for some Visual COBOL features, you might be required to obtain and install additional third-party software in addition to the prerequisite software installed automatically by the Visual COBOL setup file.

See this information on the Product Documentation pages on Micro Focus SupportLine, in the product help for Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2013 ([click here](#)), Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2015 ([click here](#)), and Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2017 ([click here](#)).

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For .NET COBOL applications that you run from a network server, the server must have the Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.5.2 or later and the Microsoft Visual C++ 2017 Redistributable Runtime installed.

Product Co-Existence

- Visual COBOL and COBOL Server cannot coexist on the same machine.
- Visual COBOL and Enterprise Developer cannot coexist on the same machine regardless of which IDE (Visual Studio or Eclipse) you install.

Installation Restrictions and Requirements

Before starting the installation you should consider the following:

- Visual COBOL and Enterprise Developer cannot coexist on the same machine.
- If, when you install Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2013, the machine does not have Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Redistributable Runtime already installed, it is installed as required by Visual COBOL. The installation of Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Runtime adds a number of .dll files, without digital signatures, into the `winsxs` directory.
- If, when you install Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2015, the machine does not have Microsoft Visual C++ 2013 Redistributable Runtime already installed, it is installed as required by Visual COBOL. The installation of Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Runtime adds a number of .dll files, without digital signatures, into the `winsxs` directory.
- You need to be logged in with a user-ID that has write access to the registry structure under `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE`, `HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT`, and `HKEY_CURRENT_USER` so the installation software can set the environment appropriately. You also need to be logged on with Administrator privileges.

Basic Installation

The instructions in this section apply when you are performing a basic installation of this product for the first time. If you are an administrator, you can perform a basic installation on a local machine before performing a more advanced installation when rolling out the product to developers within your organization.

For considerations when installing this product as an upgrade, for additional installation options or non-default installations, see *Advanced Installation Tasks* in your product Help.

Installing



Note:

- This version of the product is a full install.
- See *Before Installing* first for important information. Also, see *Installing as an Upgrade*, if you have an earlier version of Visual COBOL installed on your machine.

To install this product:

1. Run the `vcvs2017_40.exe` file and follow the wizard instructions to install the prerequisite software and the product.



Note:

- If you are installing onto a machine that has an existing Micro Focus product that uses an older Sentinel RMS License Manager, you might be prompted to remove it and install the Micro Focus License Administration. By doing this you maintain the existing Sentinel RMS license files while adding the Micro Focus License Administration. If you are unsure about existing licenses on your computer or removing the Sentinel RMS License Manager, consult your System Administrator. If

you want to proceed, remove Sentinel RMS License Manager by using **Program and Features** (Windows Vista or later), and rerun the installation file.

- Trial licenses cannot be used with remote desktop services. If you want to use your product in this way, please contact Micro Focus SupportLine to obtain a relevant license.
- We recommend that you install any updates for Visual Studio and the .NET Framework that are available at the [Microsoft Download](#) site.
- If you install JDK you might be prompted to install the latest update. The latest update is not required for use with Visual COBOL but you can install it if you wish.

Advanced Installation Tasks

This section includes instructions about how to perform a non-default installation, install this product as an upgrade, or about how to install the additional components.

The advanced installation tasks include:

- *Installing as an Upgrade* - included in these Release Notes
- *Command line installation options* - included in these Release Notes
- *Installing on Microsoft Terminal Server and Citrix* - available in the product Help and on the Product Documentation pages on Micro Focus SupportLine

See this information on the Product Documentation pages on Micro Focus SupportLine, in the product help for Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2013 ([click here](#)), Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2015 ([click here](#)), and Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2017 ([click here](#)).

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Installing as an Upgrade

Installing this release as an upgrade will automatically uninstall any HotFixes of the older version of the product you have installed on your machine.

- Before installing this release as an upgrade, ensure you create a back-up of your Enterprise Server configuration. To do this, on the Enterprise Server Administration home page, click **Export** and then select **Export Enterprise Server configuration and Security Manager definitions**. This creates a backup folder in the `c:\programdata\micro focus\Enterprise Developer\MFDS`. You can restore the Enterprise Server configuration after installing this release - click Import on the Enterprise Server Administration home page.
- Visual COBOL 4.0 for Visual Studio 2017 cannot upgrade an existing installation of Visual COBOL 3.0 or earlier. You need to uninstall the existing product before you can install release 4.0
- Visual Studio 2012 is no longer supported so it is not possible to upgrade to release 4.0 from Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 3.0 or earlier.

Visual COBOL Installation Options

To install Visual COBOL you run `vcvs2017_40.exe` which contains a number of product `.msi` files (Windows Installer packages). When run, `vcvs2017_40.exe` performs some initial system checks then sequentially installs the `.msi` files.

`vcvs2017_40.exe` can take a number of parameters, enabling you to specify a number of different types of installation:

- Standard Installation

Format:

vcvs2017_40.exe

Summary:

Full installation including License Manager and Visual COBOL. During installation you can specify options including the location to which the components are installed.

- Non-interactive Installation

Format:

```
vcvs2017_40.exe /passive
```

Summary:

Full installation, but the components are installed non-interactively using default options and directories.

- Silent Installation

Format:

```
start /wait vcvs2017_40.exe /q
```

Summary:

Full installation, but the components are installed non-interactively with no user interface, using default options and directories.

- Modified Silent Installation

Format:

```
start /wait vcvs2017_40.exe /q InstallFolder=d:\otherdirectory
```

Summary:

Full installation, but the components are installed non-interactively with no user interface, and Visual COBOL is installed to d:\otherdirectory.

To see what parameters you can use, execute the following from the command line:

```
vcvs2017_40.exe /?.
```



Note:

- Log files that are created during installation are saved in the folder specified by the TEMP environment variable. To change the location or name of the files, use the /log parameter on your setup command line and specify the path and file name, for example: filename /log d:\temp\log.txt. This creates a log file, named log.txt, in the d:\temp directory.

Installing Visual COBOL into Visual Studio 2017

Visual Studio 2017 is offered in different editions, Professional, Enterprise or Community Edition, that can all co-exist on the same machine. When you install Visual COBOL, its setup file installs it into any edition of Visual Studio 2017 (version 15.5 or newer) installed on the machine, including Preview versions.

If, after Visual COBOL is installed, you install a different edition of Visual Studio 2017, you can use the **MFVSIXINSTALL** utility (available in the Visual COBOL installation directory) to plug Visual COBOL into that edition.

MFVSIXINSTALL

To install Visual COBOL in all editions of Visual Studio 2017:

1. Locate MFVSIXInstall.exe in %ProgramFiles(x86)%\Micro Focus\Visual COBOL\vsix.
2. Run MFVSIXInstall.exe.

This starts the VSIX Installer utility that will install all the required components into the existing editions of Visual Studio 2017.

3. Click **Modify** in the **VSIX Installer** dialog box to start the installation.
4. Click **Close** when the installation is completed.

You can execute `MFVSIXInstall.exe` from the command line with different parameters. For example, to uninstall Visual COBOL from all editions of Visual Studio, execute `MFVSIXInstall -u`.

For a list of all parameters execute `MFVSIXInstall -?`.

Troubleshooting Visual COBOL installations

You can use the `MFVSIXInstall` utility to troubleshoot and fix any issues with plugging Visual COBOL into Visual Studio.

If after installing Visual COBOL there appears to be no Visual COBOL support in Visual Studio, run the `MFVSIXInstall` utility as described earlier. The utility provides information about any issues that were found and will, in most cases, fix the Visual COBOL integration.

In some cases, an issue with the Visual COBOL installation might be caused by an issue with Visual Studio setup itself. You need to run the Visual Studio installer that will report any potential problems and enable you to either repair, modify or uninstall the IDE. If the installer reports any issues, check the following for more details:

After Installing

- See *Changes in Behavior or Usage* in your product documentation and in the Release Notes for important information about changes in this release that might affect existing applications.
- Check the *Product Documentation* section of the [Micro Focus SupportLine Web site](#) for any updates to the documentation which might have been uploaded.

On Windows

Starting the Product

You are now ready to run Visual COBOL:

Windows 7 and Earlier

- From your Windows desktop, click **Start > All Programs > Micro Focus Visual COBOL > Visual Studio 2017**.
- From your Windows desktop, click **Start > Visual Studio 2017**.

Windows 8.1

- From the Windows **Start** screen, click the **Visual Studio 2017** tile.
- From your Windows desktop, click the **Visual Studio 2017** tile.

Windows 10 and Later

- From your Windows desktop, click **Start > Micro Focus Visual COBOL > Visual Studio 2017**.
- From your Windows desktop, click **Start > Visual Studio 2017**.

Viewing the Product Help

To view the documentation installed with your product:

1. Start Visual Studio.
2. Ensure that the Visual Studio Help Library is pointing to local help - from the Visual Studio menu click **Help > Set Help Preferences > Launch in Help Browser**.
3. Click **Help > View Help**.

This opens the product help in Microsoft's Help Viewer.

For full details of the Visual Studio Help system, see the MSDN.

If, after Visual COBOL was installed, you do not see its product help in the Help Viewer, you need to install the documentation manually as follows:

1. In Visual Studio 2017, ensure the Visual Studio Help Viewer is installed.

See *Installing missing components of Visual Studio 2017* in *Software Requirements* for instructions on how to install it.

2. Start Visual Studio.
3. Click **Help > Add and Remove Content**.

This starts the Microsoft Help Viewer.

4. Click the **Manage Content** tab and click **Disk**.
5. Click the browse button next to **Disk** and navigate to the `%ProgramFiles(x86)%\Micro Focus\Visual COBOL\Help` folder.
6. Select `helpcontentsetup.msha` and click **Open**.

This loads the Visual COBOL documentation.

7. Click **Add** and then **Update**.

After the installation is complete, the Visual COBOL product Help appears in the Help Viewer.



Note: On some Windows versions such as Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012, an issue with Microsoft Help Viewer and Internet Explorer's security being turned on can cause the Help content to be displayed as raw HTML code. To resolve the issue, you need to turn off the Internet Explorer Enhanced Security Configuration (IE ESC) for both administrators and users. Check the Microsoft Windows help for more information on how to do this.

Repairing

If any product files, registry settings or shortcuts are accidentally removed at any point, you can perform a repair on the installation to replace them.

To repair your installation on versions of Windows Vista or later:

1. From the **Control Panel**, click **Uninstall a program** under **Programs**.
2. Right-click your Micro Focus product and select **Repair**.

Uninstalling

To uninstall the product, you cannot simply delete its files from your hard disk. To uninstall the product:

1. Log in with the same user-ID as you used when you installed the product.
2. Click **Uninstall a program** under **Programs** in **Control Panel**.
3. Select the product and click **Remove** or **Uninstall** as appropriate.

When you uninstall, the only files deleted are those that the installation software installed. If the product directory has not been removed, delete any unwanted files and subdirectories within it using Windows Explorer.



Note: The installer creates separate installations for Micro Focus Visual COBOL and Micro Focus License Administration. Uninstalling only Visual COBOL does not automatically uninstall the Micro Focus License Administration or any of the prerequisite software.

To completely remove the product you must uninstall the Micro Focus License Administration as well.

You can optionally remove the prerequisite software. For instructions, check the documentation of the respective software vendor.

Some registry entries are not removed by the uninstallation process and you need to manually delete them.

The following folders might not be removed:

- The `Micro Focus Product Name` folder in the Start menu - you can delete it manually.
- `%systemdrive%\Users\Public\Documents\Micro Focus` - includes the binaries and the log files of the samples which you have built.
- `%ProgramData%\Micro Focus` - includes some data files used by the Micro Focus licensing system.
- `%Program Files%\Micro Focus` - you can delete it manually.

To silently uninstall the product, you need the setup file and you need to execute the following at the command line:

```
start /wait install-file.exe /quiet /uninstall
```

In addition, the following registry entries are not removed. These are created the first time that an Enterprise Server that has been enabled for performance monitoring starts up:

- `Micro Focus Server\Performance\Active Servers`
- `Micro Focus Server\Performance\PerfIniFile`

Licensing Information



Note:

- When you activate Visual COBOL Personal Edition, you can use it for a limited period of 365 days. After this period, you can either register a new Personal Edition license for 365 days or acquire a valid license either for a 30-day trial or full license of Visual COBOL in order to continue using the product.
- If you have purchased licenses for a previous release of this product, those licenses will also enable you to use this release.
- Personal Edition licensing is only available with Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2017
- The latest version of the SafeNet licensing software is required. See the *Software Requirements* section in this document for more details.
- If you are unsure of what your license entitlement is or if you wish to purchase additional licenses, contact your sales representative or [Micro Focus SupportLine](#).

To activate Visual COBOL Personal Edition

To activate Personal Edition:

1. Start Visual COBOL.

If you have not installed a license for Visual COBOL, starting the IDE and trying to create a COBOL project opens the **Micro Focus Visual COBOL Product Licensing** dialog box. If you cancel this dialog box, you can invoke it again from **Help > Micro Focus Product Help > Product Licensing**.

2. Click **I want to activate the free product**.
3. Ensure that the email address used to register the product is in the **Email address** text entry field. If you haven't registered your email address yet, click **registration page** and follow the instructions on that page.
4. Select one of the following options:

Automatic Use this if you have Internet access.

1. Click **Activate License** to activate your copy of Visual COBOL Personal Edition.

Manual Use this if you are not connected to the Internet.

1. Click **Send email**.

This opens your default email client and creates a new email filled in with the details to send to Micro Focus about activating your copy of the free Personal Edition of the product.



Note: If there is no mail client installed on your machine, click  next to **Send email**, and click **Display fields**. You will be presented with a template that includes the email address, the subject and the contents of an email to send to Micro Focus using a mail client of your choice. Do not modify the details.

You will receive a response email with details about your authorization request.

2. Paste the contents of the response email in the designated field in the **Micro Focus Visual COBOL Product Licensing** dialog box.
3. Click **Activate License**.

This displays a message confirming your request for authorization has been successful.

4. Click **Close**.

To request and activate a 30-day trial license for Visual COBOL

1. In the IDE, click **Help > Micro Focus Product Help > Product Licensing**.

This opens the **Micro Focus Visual COBOL Product Licensing** dialog box.

2. Type your email address in the **Email address** text entry field.

You need to use the same email address you used for the registration.

3. Select one of the following options:

Automatic Use this if you have Internet access.

1. Click **Activate License** to activate the trial license for Visual COBOL.



Important: After clicking **Finish**, if you click the **Cancel** button in the progress dialog box to stop the activation process, the trial license might have registered on Micro Focus servers but not yet be registered on your machine. If you request a trial again then you can get a message saying that a trial license has already been used. If this happens, you should contact a Micro Focus Sales representative to obtain a new license.

You can do this by sending an email to VCBuyNow@microfocus.com, or selecting **Help > Micro Focus > Buy Now** and using the contact options in the dialog box.

Manual Use this if you are not connected to the Internet.

1. Click **Send email**.

This opens your default email client and creates a new email filled in with the details to send to Micro Focus about activating the trial license for Visual COBOL.



Note: If there is no mail client installed on your machine, click  next to **Send email**, and click **Display fields**. You will be presented with a template that includes the email address, the subject and the contents of an email to send to Micro Focus using a mail client of your choice. Do not modify the details.

2. Send the email.

You will receive a response email with details about your authorization request.

3. Paste the contents of the response email in the designated field in the **Micro Focus Enterprise Developer Product Licensing** dialog box.
4. Click **Activate License**.

This displays a message confirming your request for authorization has been successful.

5. Click **Close**.

After activation, you can see how many days your trial license has remaining by selecting **Help > Micro Focus > Product Licensing**, or by using Micro Focus License Administration.

To buy and activate a full unlimited license

To buy a license for Visual COBOL, contact your sales representative or Micro Focus SupportLine.

For instructions on using the Micro Focus Licensing Administration Tool, see *Licensing* in the Visual COBOL help.

To start Micro Focus License Administration

- Windows 7 and Earlier** • From your Windows desktop, click **Start > All Programs > Micro Focus License Manager > License Administration**
- Windows 8.1** • From the Windows **Start** screen, click the **License Administration** tile
- Windows 10 and Later** • From your Windows desktop, click **Start > Micro Focus License Manager > License Administration**

Installing licenses

You need either a license file (with a `.mflic` extension) or an authorisation code which consists of a string of 16 alphanumeric characters.

If you have a license file

1. Start Micro Focus License Administration.
2. Click the **Install** tab.
3. Do one of the following:
 - Click **Browse** next to the **License file** field and select the license file (which has an extension of `.mflic`).
 - Drag and drop the license file from Windows Explorer to the **License file** field.
 - Open the license file in a text editor, such as Notepad, then copy and paste the contents of the file into the box below the **License file** field.
4. Click **Install Licenses**.

Alternatively, you can install the license file from within the IDE as follows:

1. Start Visual COBOL.
2. Click **Help > Micro Focus Product Help > Product Licensing** to open the **Product Licensing** dialog box.
3. Ensure **I have a full Visual COBOL license** is checked.
4. Click **Browse** next to the **License file** field.
5. Select the license file (which has an extension of `.mflic`), and then click **Open**.
6. Click **Authorize** to install the license.

You should see a dialog box with a confirmation that the licenses have been installed successfully.

If you have an authorization code

Authorizing your product when you have an Internet connection



Note:

- It is not possible to install licenses remotely. You must be logged into the machine on which you are installing the licenses.

The following procedure describes how to authorize your product using a local or network license server. The license server is set up automatically when you first install the product.

1. Start Micro Focus License Administration.
2. Click the **Install** tab.
3. Type the authorization code in the **Enter authorization code** field.
4. Click **Authorize**.

If you change the name of the machine running your license server after it has granted licenses, the licenses stop working.

Authorizing your product when you don't have an Internet connection

This method of authorization is required if the machine you want to license does not have an Internet connection or if normal (automatic) authorization fails.

1. Start Micro Focus License Administration.
2. Click **Manual Authorization** on the Install page.
3. Make a note of the contents of the **Machine ID** field. You will need this later.
4. Do one of the following:
 - If your machine has an Internet connection, click the SupportLine Web link in the Manual Authorization Information window.
 - If your machine does not have an Internet connection, make a note of the Web address and type it into a Web browser on a machine that has an Internet connection.

The Micro Focus SupportLine Manual product authorization Web page is displayed.

5. Type the authorization code in the **Authorization Code** field. The authorization code is a 16-character alphanumeric string supplied when you purchased your product.
6. Type the Machine ID in the **Machine ID** field.
7. Type your email address in the **Email Address** field.
8. Click **Generate**.
9. Copy the generated license string (or copy it from the email) and paste it into the box under the **License file** field on the Install page.
10. Click **Install Licenses**.

To obtain more licenses

If you are unsure of what your license entitlement is or if you wish to purchase additional licenses for Visual COBOL, contact your sales representative or Micro Focus SupportLine.

Updates and SupportLine

Our Web site gives up-to-date details of contact numbers and addresses.

Further Information and Product Support

Additional technical information or advice is available from several sources.

The product support pages contain a considerable amount of additional information, such as:

- The *Product Updates* section of the Micro Focus SupportLine Web site, where you can download fixes and documentation updates.
- The *Examples and Utilities* section of the Micro Focus SupportLine Web site, including demos and additional product documentation.
- The *Support Resources* section of the Micro Focus SupportLine Web site, that includes troubleshooting guides and information about how to raise an incident.

To connect, enter <http://www.microfocus.com> in your browser to go to the Micro Focus home page, then click **Support & Services > Support Resources > All Support Resources**. In the **Browse by Product** field, click the product you require support for. Click **Log into SupportLine**.



Note: Some information may be available only to customers who have maintenance agreements.

If you obtained this product directly from Micro Focus, contact us as described on the Micro Focus Web site, www.microfocus.com. If you obtained the product from another source, such as an authorized distributor, contact them for help first. If they are unable to help, contact us.

Also, visit:

- The Micro Focus Community Web site, where you can browse the Knowledge Base, read articles and blogs, find demonstration programs and examples, and discuss this product with other users and Micro Focus specialists. See <http://community.microfocus.com>.
- The Micro Focus YouTube channel for videos related to your product - see <https://www.youtube.com/user/MicroFocusIntl>.

Information We Need

However you contact us, please try to include the information below, if you have it. The more information you can give, the better Micro Focus SupportLine can help you. But if you don't know all the answers, or you think some are irrelevant to your problem, please give whatever information you have.

- The name and version number of all products that you think might be causing a problem.
- Your computer make and model.
- Your operating system version number and details of any networking software you are using.
- The amount of memory in your computer.
- The relevant page reference or section in the documentation.
- Your serial number. To find out these numbers, look in the subject line and body of your Electronic Product Delivery Notice email that you received from Micro Focus.

On Windows, if you are reporting a protection violation you might be asked to provide a dump (`.dmp`) file. To produce a dump file you use the **Unexpected Error** dialog box that is displayed when a protection violation occurs. Unless requested by Micro Focus SupportLine, leave the dump setting as `Normal`

(recommended), click **Dump**, then specify a location and name for the dump file. Once the dump file has been written you can email it to Micro Focus SupportLine.

Alternatively, you might be asked to provide a log file created by the Consolidated Tracing Facility (CTF) - a tracing infrastructure that enables you to quickly and easily produce diagnostic information detailing the operation of a number of Micro Focus software components.

On Windows, you can use the Micro Focus SupportLine Support Scan Utility, MFSupportInfo, to create either:

- a `.log` file that contains the details about your environment, Micro Focus SupportLine products, and settings.
- a `.zip` archive that includes the same information as the `.log` file plus some product configuration files from **c:\ProgramData** and the product installation log files.

MFSupportInfo.exe is stored in `<install-dir>\bin`.

To run MFSupportInfo:

1. Start a 32-bit Enterprise Developer command prompt.
2. Enter `MFSupportInfo` at the command prompt to start the utility.
3. Create a `.log` file or a `.zip` archive as follows:

- a. To create a `.log` file, click **File > Save**.

This prompts to save the `.log` file, `MFSupportInfo_Log_MachineName_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM-SS.log`, in the `%temp%` directory.

- b. To create a `.zip` archive, click **Tools > Create Zip Package**.

This creates a `.zip` archive, `MFSupportInfo_Log_MachineName_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM-SS.zip`, in the `%temp%` directory.

4. Send the diagnostic information to your Micro Focus SupportLine representative:

The following requires an Internet connection and an Email client:

- a. Click **Tools > Email Log to SupportLine** to open the **Email Log** dialog box.
- b. Fill in the required fields and click **Send**.

If the machine is not connected to the Internet or if there are no Email clients installed, copy either the `.log` file or the `.zip` archive to a machine that is connected to the Internet. Use your Email client to email the files to Micro Focus SupportLine at supportline@microfocus.com together with the Support Incident (SI) number, if available, and any additional details that might be useful to diagnose the issues that you are experiencing.

Creating Debug Files

If you encounter an error when compiling a program that requires you to contact Micro Focus SupportLine, your support representative might request that you provide additional debug files (as well as source and data files) to help us determine the cause of the problem. If so, they will advise you how to create them.

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