



IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Solo Edition extends the reliability, security, and governance of IBM Sterling Connect:Direct to more of your file transfers

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At a glance

IBM^(R) Sterling Connect:Direct^(R) Solo Edition provides:

- The marketing leading capabilities of IBM Sterling Connect:Direct, including security, auditability, and reliability
- Affordable pricing for less demanding or targeted use cases
- Built-in volume pricing for cost-effective deployment throughout the enterprise
- A solution that allows you to standardize on a single system-to-system Managed File Transfer (MFT) solution and create MFT Centers of Excellence within your organization
- Flexible integration with other editions of Sterling Connect:Direct, as well as IBM Sterling File Gateway

Overview

IBM announces an exciting new way to license IBM Sterling Connect:Direct that makes it affordable for you to extend the benefits of Managed File Transfer (MFT) across your entire organization and with a broader set of your external business partners. Long recognized across many industries as the gold standard for MFT, Sterling Connect:Direct delivers unmatched security, reliability, auditability, performance, and scalability for the movement of business-critical information. Now, the benefits of Sterling Connect:Direct can be extended to every server and more use cases within your organization, and to key file exchanges with your business community.

IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Solo Edition provides the functionality of Sterling Connect:Direct in a licensing model and at a price that is suitable for less demanding or targeted use cases. With built-in volume discounts, the more you expand, the more cost-effective your MFT usage becomes. Now you can establish a true Center of Excellence for file transfers and standardize on an IBM solution across the entire enterprise. Standardization further reduces your costs by simplifying deployment and eliminating the resource requirements for configuration and administration of multiple MFT solutions.

Sterling Connect:Direct Solo Edition also complements Sterling File Gateway to address the full range of system-to-system file transfer needs. Similar to the other Sterling Connect:Direct editions, Solo Edition benefits from visibility, governance, and centralized configuration management provided by IBM Control Center, as well as edge security, provided through IBM Sterling Secure Proxy.

Key prerequisites

IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Solo Edition runs on multiple operating systems including IBM AIX^(R), Red Hat LinuxTM, SUSE Linux, and MicrosoftTM WindowsTM. For the latest system requirements, visit the IBM Sterling Connect:Direct welcome page in the IBM Knowledge Center

http://www-01.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SS4PJT/landing/cd_welcome.html

Planned availability date

September 8, 2015

Product positioning

IBM Sterling Connect:Direct provides the key security, reliability, and automation capabilities needed for moving files within today's enterprises. Sterling Connect:Direct provides:

- A full suite of the modern security encryption options as standardized by the US government and enterprises in the global financial services market
- A proprietary protocol ensuring reliability and recoverability of file transfers
- Flexible deployment options by way of three product editions (Premium, Standard, and Solo)
- Interoperability with other IBM B2B Integration products, including IBM Sterling File Gateway, IBM Control Center, and IBM Sterling Secure Proxy

Reference information

For more information about IBM Sterling Connect:Direct, refer to Software Announcement [211-153](#), dated April 19, 2011

For more information about IBM Control Center, refer to Software Announcement [215-101](#), dated February 17, 2015

For more information about IBM Sterling Secure Proxy, refer to Software Announcement [214-491](#), dated November 18, 2014

Program number

Program number	VRM	Program name
5725-C99	5.2.0	IBM Sterling Connect:Direct

Publications

IBM Knowledge Center provides access to IBM Sterling Connect:Direct documentation at

http://www-01.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SS4PJT/landing/cd_welcome.html

The IBM Support Portal also provides access to IBM Sterling Connect:Direct documentation at

Services

Software Services

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Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements

For the latest hardware requirements, access the Sterling Connect:Direct welcome page in the IBM Knowledge Center and find the release notes for your operating system.

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Software requirements

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The program's specifications and specified operating environment information may be found in documentation accompanying the program, if available, such as a readme file, or other information published by IBM, such as an announcement letter. Documentation and other program content may be supplied only in the English language.

Planning information

Packaging

IBM Connect:Direct Solo Edition is available in electronic software distribution (ESD) format only.

This program, when downloaded from a website, contains the applicable IBM license agreement and License Information, if appropriate, which will be presented for acceptance at the time of installation of the program. For future reference, the license and License Information will be stored in a directory such as LICENSE.TXT.

Security, auditability, and control

IBM Sterling Connect:Direct uses the security and auditability features of the host hardware or software.

The customer is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communication facilities.

Ordering information

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Product Group: Business Solutions

Product: IBM Sterling Connect:Direct (5725-C99)

Product Category: B2B & Commerce

Passport Advantage

Program name/Description	Part number
IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Solo Edition RVU License + SW Subscription & Support 12 Months	D1J4ILL
IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Solo Edition RVU Annual SW Subscription & Support Renewal 12 Months	E0LYJLL
IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Solo Edition RVU SW Subscription & Support Reinstatement 12 Months	D1J4JLL
IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Standard Edition Simultaneous Session from IBM Sterling Connect:Direct Solo Edition RVU	D1J4KLL

Charge metric

Resource Value Unit Conversion Table

From 1 to 12 Resources, 1.00 RVU per Resource
From 13 to 32 Resources, 12 RVUs plus 0.84 RVUs per Resource above 12
From 33 to 64 Resources, 29 RVUs plus 0.61 RVUs per Resource above 32
From 65 to 100 Resources, 49 RVUs plus 0.46 RVUs per Resource above 64
From 101 to 250 Resources, 65 RVUs plus 0.38 RVUs per Resource above 100
For more than 250 Resources, 122 RVUs plus 0.30 RVUs per Resource above 250

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RVU is a unit of measure by which the program can be licensed. RVU Proofs of Entitlement are based on the number of units of a specific resource used or managed by the program. Licensee must obtain sufficient entitlements for the number of RVUs required for licensee's environment for the specific resources as specified in the program specific table. RVU entitlements are specific to the program and the type of resource and may not be exchanged, interchanged, or aggregated with RVU entitlements of another program or resource. Refer to the program-specific RVU table.

Notes:

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Volume orders (IVO)

No

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Usage restriction

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System i Software Maintenance applies

No

Variable charges apply

No

Educational allowance available

Not applicable

Statement of good security practices

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