Release notes for *CICS TG plug-in V1.1.0.0 for CICS Explorer*

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What's new in this release?

Version 1.1.0.0 adds enhancements to the CICS® TG plug-in V1.0:

- Column sorting - You can sort columns in the Gateway daemons and CICS connections views by clicking the column heading. Clicking the heading again toggles the ascending or descending order in that column. If you click another column any previous sort is replaced by the new one. Sorting the name field returns the view to have no sorting.
- Importing and exporting connection groups - You can group gateway connections by adding links from connections to connection groups. You can then import or export these gateway connection groups.
- Extended support for Gateway daemon properties - The Gateway daemon average response time with I/O, and TCP and SSL bind address statistics are now visible in the Gateways view when available.
- Improved connection testing - When communicating with CICS TG V8.1 the value in the TCP bind address is used to attempt the connection, providing an easier way of testing the connection to a Gateway daemon or CICS server.

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System requirements and prerequisites

The CICS TG plug-in must be installed in the CICS Explorer® Version 1.1 or later.

The plug-in supports the following minimum levels of CICS Transaction Gateway:

- CICS Transaction Gateway V7.1 for z/OS® with APAR PK57718, or a later version.
- CICS Transaction Gateway V7.1.0.0 for Multiplatforms, or a later version.

- Optional: CH50 SupportPac installed in CICS (CICS TG Ping Utility).

You must define a statistics API protocol handler in the CICS Transaction Gateway before a Gateway daemon can be viewed using the CICS Explorer.

Updating an existing version of CICS TG plug-in

If you already have the CICS TG plug-in installed you can use the CICS Explorer Software Updates function to update the code to the latest level, without having to reinstall the product. Before updating the CICS TG plug-in, you must update the CICS Explorer to the latest level. If you do not, CICS TG plug-in might not work with the old version of CICS Explorer.

Updating instructions are in the task **Checking for and installing software updates** in the CICS Explorer help documentation. To access the task from the main CICS Explorer menu:

Help > Help Contents > CICS Explorer User Guide > Tasks > Updating and installing software > Checking for and installing software updates

If you accepted the license, the CICS TG plug-in is installed into the CICS Explorer. You are prompted to restart the CICS Explorer. This ensures that the CICS TG plug-in starts in a clean environment.

It is recommended that you reset the CICS TG plug-in perspective: Window > Reset Perspective and Click OK.

Installing the CICS TG plug-in

To install the CICS TG plug-in perform the following steps:

1. Download the CICS TG plug-in. Do not unpack the file.
2. On the CICS Explorer menu bar click Help > Install new Software.
3. Click Add to add a new repository, then click Archive.
4. Locate and select the tools plug-in previously downloaded and click Open. Click OK.

    When you click OK the plug-in name is displayed.

5. Select the plug-in and click Next.
6. Continue as prompted. You will see a dialog during installation warning you that you are installing software that contains unsigned content. Click OK in this dialog to continue with the installation.

If you see the message "Duplicate location" during step 4, that can mean one of two things:

1. If this is the first time you have attempted to install this plug-in in CICS Explorer 1.1.0.0, the message suggests that you did not install CICS Explorer in an empty directory, and some residual information

remains from a previous installation. If this is the case, you should re-install CICS Explorer in a clean directory.

2. You have previously installed, or prepared to install, the plug-in at this location, and CICS Explorer has saved the location details. If this is the case, cancel the Add Repository dialog. In the Available Software view, click the Work with twistie and select the location containing the plug-in you want to install, then continue with the next step.

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Getting started

When the CICS Explorer restarts the CICS SM perspective is displayed. To open the CICS TG plug-in perspective, click Open Perspective > Other > CICS TG.

If you are not familiar with CICS Transaction Gateway you can read the Getting Started information in the help documentation. Click Help > Help Contents > CICS TG Plug-in Users Guide > Basic Tutorial to display the basic tutorial for theCICS TG plug-in.

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