OpenText InfoConnect Desktop Pro

Comparing InfoConnect Desktop Pro and InfoConnect Enterprise Edition, IBM and Open Systems

We've combined the features of OpenText™ Extra!, OpenText™ Reflection and OpenText™ InfoConnect into OpenText™ InfoConnect Desktop to give you the most advanced Windows terminal emulator in the market. In addition to core terminal emulation, printing, file transfer, and automation capabilities, our InfoConnect Desktop product line provides enterprise customers with support for advanced security protocols and the latest Windows operating systems. InfoConnect Desktop has been designed to provide a seamless upgrade experience that carries forward session and user settings as-is.

Features	InfoConnect Desktop Pro		
Supported Platforms	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Desktop Operating Systems			
Microsoft Windows 10 Pro or Enterprise (32- and 64-bit) Certified Logo	•		
Server Environments (Deployment and Virtualization)			
Windows Server 2016 Remote Desktop Services (RDS)	•		
Windows Server 2012 Remote Desktop Services (RDS)	•	•	Be confident that the host application access solution
Citrix XenApp version 7.x and Citrix supported versions*	•	•	is ready for future desktop and server operating
Citrix Ready Logo	•		system upgrades.
VMware Ready Logo	•		
VMware Workstation/Player	•	•	
Microsoft App-V	•		
Secure Encryption	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2 support	•	•	
SHA-2: Support for SHA-256/RSA-2048 digital signatures	•	•	
FIPS 140-2 validated OpenSSL crypto module—Certificate #1747	•	•	The pace of change for threats, security requirements, and regulatory requirements means that companies must be able to use the most current technologies for encryption.
Mouse over session status line padlock icon for detailed encryption information	•		
Elliptical curve cryptography (ECC) for TLS 1.2 encryption	•	•	
Administrators can lock down specific SSL/TLS settings	•	•	
Support for multi-factor authentication to MSS via x.509 certificates on smart card	•		
Support for sending intermediate CAs along with the user certificate	•		
Online Certificate Revocation—When making secure connections, check the authenticity of certificates using Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP), a faster alternative to checking Certificate Trust Lists (CTL).	•		

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* Supported on the above-supported Windows Server versions



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Secure Desktop	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Trusted locations feature to secure desktop environment by allowing only trusted session files and macros to execute (specified location of session and macro files)	•		
Ability to encrypt session files	•		Administrators can configure terminal emulation sessions
Create custom Context Menus	•		to meet end user needs while locking down configurations to prevent unauthorized access.
Ability to update deployed settings files	•		to prevent undutionzed decess.
User Account Control (UAC) for Installation	•		
Build Microsoft Installer (.msi) packages and lock down features	•		
Data Privacy and Protection	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
PCI DSS mode to prevent unsecured connections to host systems (all networks, wireless networks)	•		
Support for protecting/masking sensitive data on IBM 3270 and 5250 screens	•		
Dynamic privacy filters to efficiently identify, filter and protect sensitive data	•		Mainframe applications were designed long before privacy requirements and regulations. Organizations can now comply
Ability to ensure PCI DSS compliance for terminal emulation sessions	•		with privacy regulations and requirements (such as PCI DSS,
Enforce secure connections over wireless network	•		GDPR) without making any high cost and risky changes to
Make PAN data (credit card numbers) visible based on organizational role (e.g., manager, end-user, contractor)	•		their mainframe application or disrupting existing end user workflows to prevent sensitive information from being
Prevent users from changing PAN settings with Windows User Account Control (UAC)	•		viewed, copied to the clipboard, and printed.
Ability to log when a user accesses a credit card number on an IBM (3270 or 5250) host screen via API (allowing for data capture in a third-party enterprise logging solution)	•		
Ease the Transition to InfoConnect Desktop	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Retain existing InfoConnect sessions while gaining easier administration	•	•	Minimize disruption to end users by running existing
Use existing InfoConnect session files without changes	•	•	InfoConnect configurations and macros in InfoConnect
Deploy Classic interface to maintain traditional InfoConnect look and feel	•		Desktop while providing users a familiar look and feel much like the experience of upgrading Microsoft Office.
Run existing macros and automations	•		much like the experience of apgrading Microsoft Office.
Simplified Administration	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Compound Settings Files—Support for compound configurations to include all customizations in single session file	•		InfoConnect Desktop, unlike InfoConnect, provides one session file for multiple settings files, including keyboard, colors, file transfer, security, and connections that simplify administration.
One session file for settings and macros	•		
Administrators can centrally modify workspace (global) settings without disrupting existing end-user configurations	•		
Authentication and Authorization	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Single sign-on to Dorado applications via x.509 authentication	•		Use existing mainframe/host side authentication capabilities to secure access to host applications and data.
Support for Kerberos telnet authentication for TN5250 connections to the AS/400	•	•	
Support for multi-factor authentication to MSS via x.509 certificates on smart card	•	•	
Support for IBM Express Logon Feature (ELF) enables certificate authentication and single sign-on (SSO) for mainframe sessions	•	•	
New automated sign-on to IBM mainframe (ASM) implementation	•		

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Centralized Management	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Seamless workflow to secure host access without disrupting end user productivity	•		Strong security requires the enterprise to control
LDAP Authentication	•	•	access to host applications and data, in addition to supporting regulatory compliance, without disrupting
x.509 Certificate Authentication	•	•	employee productivity. You can enable strong security
Single Sign-On for NTLM v2	•		through effective management by teaming InfoConnect Desktop with Host Access Management and Security Server (MSS). Working with your Identity and Access Management (IAM) system, MSS seamlessly propagates changes to application settings and user-specific content from a central server.
Support IBM host server certificates managed by MSS	•		As enterprises move to encrypting data in motion
Centralized certificate management for IBM host systems	•		and validating senders and receivers, centralized management enables more secure and simpler management of server certificates.
Require authentication to central server for user to be granted access to host system	•		Prevent unauthorized users from using terminal emulation by forcing authentication to MSS.
Host Access Management and Security Server Add-On Components:			
 Security Proxy Add-On: Deliver end-to-end encryption and enforce access control at the perimeter with patented security technology. 	•	•	
 Advanced Authentication Add-On: Enable multifactor authentication to authorize access to your valuable host systems. 	•		Add layers of security protection for your most sensitive
■ PKI Automated Sign-On Add-On: PKI-enable automated application sign-on to your critical enterprise systems	•	•	systems and data.
■ Terminal ID Management Add-On: Dynamically allocate terminal IDs based on username, DNS name, IP address, or address pool.	•	•	
Standardization and Competitive Replacement	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
IBM Personal Communications (PComm) sessions and runtime support for PComm macros	•		Organizations looking to simplify administration
OpenText (Hummingbird) Host Explorer runtime support for Hummingbird macros	•		and reduce costs are standardizing on a single terminal emulation solution. They can now ease the transition
Brandon Systems/Jolly Giant QWS 3270 runtime support for Jolly Giant macros	•		to InfoConnect Desktop saving time and reducing
Run Rumba session files and run time support for Rumba macros	•	•	disruptions to user productivity.
End User Productivity	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Business-user-oriented macro language (Express Macro Language) for IBM hosts	•		Empower end users to easily automate routine tasks increasing productivity without having to use a developer/programmer. Drag and drop tool enables users to edit macros quickly and reduce errors. EML macros can be used without modification in OpenText™ Reflection Desktop OpenText™ Rumba+ Desktop, OpenText™ Reflection ZFE and InfoConnect Desktop.

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End User Productivity continued	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Scan bar code data into host applications using Bluetooth (wireless) scanning devices	•		Bluetooth scanner support allows customers to leverage a wide array of bar code scanners to increase the mobility and efficiency of assembly line workers allowing them to directly enter data into mainframe applications.
Print output of host print data in a predefined format to a PDF document	•		
Quick pad support for fast access to productivity features that support users' unique workflows	•	•	
Visual terminal keyboard for accessing terminal keys	•	•	
Application, desktop, and Internet search support	•		
Support for opening new sessions in existing workspaces	•		
Triple-mouse-click support	•		
Word wrap support (IBM hosts)	•	•	Enable end users to be more efficient without making
Tabbed Multiple Document Interface (MDI)	•		changes on the mainframe.
Full Plus UI modernization support (IBM hosts)	•		Use familiar Microsoft Office interfaces and features
Support for the InfoConnect 9x method of performing multiple print screens of host data	•		to make working with mainframe applications familiar and efficient.
Ability to merge host print data with a predefined Rich Text Format (RTF) file and output it to Word or PDF document	•		With Microsoft Office, you can enable users to leverage
Progress bar indicator when importing or loading legacy session files	•		host data in e-mail messages, contacts, appointments,
Cut/copy/paste improvements	•		notes, tasks, and word-processing documents.
Search feature in Classic mode	•	•	
Ability to save layouts in Classic mode	•		
Microsoft Office Integration—All Host Types—to automate data exchange between host apps and Office			
Microsoft Office 2016 integration (32- and 64-bit)	•		
Microsoft Office 2013 and 2010 integration (32- and 64-bit)	•	•	
Office 2016 theme for look and feel consistency	•		
Use existing macros without changes in InfoConnect	•	N/A	Organizations can continue to use existing macros and customizations in InfoConnect without the need to update or rewrite them.
CASL macro runtime and editing	•	•	
Support for encrypted macros	•		
User Interface Modernization	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)
Plus for modernization of green screens with a drag and drop tool	•		Add modern time saving controls and look and feel to IBM 3270 and IBM 5250 sessions to give workers a more intuitive and modern look and feel without making costly and disruptive changes to the mainframe application.

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Programming and Automation	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)	
Customizations and integrations with other desktop applications				
Events Mapper for triggering actions based on events in host sessions with no coding required	•		Using the Events Mapper, you can configure InfoConnect to initiate actions, such as macros, menu and terminal commands when an event is encountered during a host session. This makes it possible to monitor InfoConnect host interactions and synchronize InfoConnect commands with a defined group of host session events.	
Ability to programmatically interact/share information between a host session and a webpage	•		Easily customize and integrate InfoConnect with other	
IHLLAPI, HLLAPI, eHLLAPI, WinHLLAPI, ADK, SDK, and OLE	•	•	desktop applications.	
Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) Support	•			
Macro recorder for VBA	•		Programmers familiar with Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) can customize InfoConnect	
VBA-macro output available in VB.NET and C# (.NET)	•		and automate common tasks using InfoConnect	
VBA IDE (Integrated development environment) included and integrated	•		methods, properties, and events that extend the core Visual Basic language.	
VBA macro-sharing capability for accelerating productivity on a wide scale	•		oore vieudi zaole language.	
Microsoft .NET	•		Create custom desktop applications in a .NET development	
Native .NET API	•		environment using the OpenText™API. The .NET Framework	
Embeddable .NET control	•		is the Microsoft managed-code technology used for building applications that have visually stunning user experiences,	
Integration between .NET API and Microsoft Visual Studio IDE	•		seamless and secure communication, and the ability to	
API Guide and documentation with detailed walkthroughs showing you how to use the API with .NET	•		model a range of business processes.	
User Interface	16.2	9.5	Key Consideration(s)	
TouchUx for optimal user experience when interacting with host applications from touch devices	•		Leverage TouchUx to give iOS, Android, and Windows mobile-device users the mainframe keyboard experience they are accustomed to.	
Browser UI mode			Provide a look and feel with the latest web browsers.	
Ribbon user interface mode	•		The Ribbon interface shares the look and feel of Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office.	
Classic mode interface for InfoConnect	•	•	A Classic interface option provides an interface that is familiar to users of InfoConnect.	
Customizable Ribbon	•			
Tabbed or windowed Multiple Document Interface (MDI) for sessions	•		Customize the user interface to best suit the needs of user population.	
Configurable tabs, including colors, renaming, and more	•			
Local and online HTML Help	•			

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