



# **Micro Focus Visual COBOL 2.2 for Visual Studio**

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# Micro Focus Visual COBOL 2.2 for Visual Studio Release Notes

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 Description

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 two variants - Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2010 and Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012.

### Compiling for COBOL Server or for COBOL Server 2012

Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2010 and Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 each target a different version of the COBOL run-time system - COBOL Server 2010 and COBOL Server 2012 respectively.

Ensure that after you've edited the project in the preferred version of Visual Studio, you compile your source code in that version of Visual COBOL which targets the version of the COBOL run-time in which you want your applications to run.

For example, if you build your application using Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2010 you cannot deploy the target files to COBOL Server 2012; you must use COBOL Server 2010.



**Note:** Visual COBOL now includes support for creating Web service and Enterprise Java Bean applications using the Interface Mapping Toolkit (IMTK) in conjunction with Enterprise Server. If you are upgrading to this release from an earlier version of Visual COBOL, you may need to apply for a new authorization code in order to access the functionality - please contact Micro Focus SupportLine to receive an updated authorization code. Note that the Visual COBOL Personal Edition license does not support the IMTK functionality.



**Important:** Application executables that were compiled using earlier Micro Focus products must be recompiled from the sources using Visual COBOL.

# Installation


## 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 disk space requirements are:


Platform	Visual COBOL	Sentinel RMS License Manager
x86 Windows platforms	380MB	35MB
x64 Windows platforms	500MB	35MB

 **Note:** This includes the space needed to cache information locally so that you can modify the installation without the original source media.

### Operating Systems Supported

 **Note:** If you are using Visual COBOL on a 64-bit operating system, you can produce either 32-bit or 64-bit applications.

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:**


- Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 is not supported on versions of Windows earlier than Windows 7.

### Software Requirements

#### Visual Studio IDE

This product requires any of the following versions of Visual Studio:

- A full version of Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 or Microsoft Visual Studio 2012 (Premium, Professional, or Ultimate), or the respective version of the Microsoft Visual Studio Integrated Shell.

 **Note:**

- Microsoft Visual Studio Express Edition is not supported.
- You can download the Visual Studio Integrated Shell from the [Microsoft Download Center](#). 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.
- If you do not have any of these versions of Visual Studio installed, the setup file will install the Visual Studio Integrated Shell.
- 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 4.0. This is included with the above versions of Visual Studio.
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5. This is included with Visual Studio 2012.



**Note:**

- Visual Studio 2010 Service Pack 1 is required if you are using Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2010 and Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 on the same machine. If you are connected to the Internet, the setup file downloads and installs Visual Studio 2010 Service Pack 1 automatically. If you do not have Internet access, you need to download Visual Studio 2010 Service Pack 1 on a machine that has Internet connection, and then copy the installer to your machine.
- In addition, when building a native COBOL project that contains resources you must replace the `cvtres.exe` in the `bin` and `bin64` directories of your Visual COBOL installation with the version of the file which gets installed with Visual Studio 2010 SP1. You can download Service Pack 1 for Visual Studio 2010 from the [Microsoft Download Center](#).

### Other Requirements



**Important:** This release requires version 10000.2.990 or later of the Micro Focus licensing software. For local servers, you do not need to install it 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 Licensing System Administration tool.

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. The following information specifies the third-party software required for each feature.

### COBOL on Windows Azure

Windows Azure requires additional software. See the Microsoft Windows Azure web site for a full list of the required software, but the following is a summary of the main prerequisites:

- Windows 7, Windows Vista® SP1 or higher, or Windows Server® 2008
- Visual Studio's Visual Web Developer feature
- Windows Azure Tools version 1.8 for Visual Studio - this includes the Windows Azure SDK
- Internet Information Services (IIS) 7.0 - this must be installed and enabled, with ASP.NET, which is not enabled by default

### Windows Forms

- Microsoft Internet Information Service (IIS) is also required for generating Windows Forms test clients.

### XML Extensions

- XML Extensions has the same requirements as Visual COBOL. Both 32-bit and 64-bit versions are available. See the *Visual COBOL XML Extensions User's Guide*, available from the Visual COBOL product documentation section of the SupportLine website, for more details.
- Additionally, XML Extensions may be used in conjunction with Terminal Server.

## Application server support for JVM COBOL



**Restriction:** This topic applies only when the Enterprise Server feature is enabled.

The following application servers are supported using the following JDKs:

Application Servers	JDK version	Containers support version
Tomcat 7.0.39	1.6.027	Servlets 2.5
JBoss 6.1	1.6.027	Servlets 2.5
WebLogic 12.1.1	1.6.027	Servlets 2.5
WebLogic 12.1.1 on AIX 6.1	1.6.0 SR10 FP1	Servlets 2.5
WebSphere 8.5	1.6.027	Servlets 2.5
WebSphere 8.5 on AIX 6.1	1.6.0 SR10 FP1	Servlets 2.5

## Installing Visual COBOL for Visual Studio

### Downloading the Product

1. Use the download links in your Electronic Product Delivery email.

For more information follow the links for the installation instructions and the End User License Agreement.

### 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.
- COBOL Server comes in the following versions:
  - COBOL Server 2010, which is the deployment server for applications built using Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2010 and Visual COBOL for Eclipse.
  - COBOL Server 2012, which is the deployment server for applications built using Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012.

You can only deploy applications to the version of COBOL Server from the associated development product you used to build the applications. For example, if you built your application using Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 you must deploy the target files to COBOL Server 2012.

### Installation restrictions and requirements

Before starting the installation you should consider the following:

- If, when you install Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2010, the machine does not have Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Runtime already installed, it is installed as required by Visual COBOL. The installation of Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Runtime adds a number of .dll files, without digital signatures, into the `winsxs` directory.
- If, when you install Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012, 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++ 2012 Redistributable Runtime adds a number of .dll files, without digital signatures, into the `winsxs` directory.



- If you are installing this as an upgrade, make sure that none of the product files are in use when you start the installation. Also, the Visual Studio Help Viewer must not be opened.
- 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.
- Before installing this product, make sure that any existing Micro Focus Directory Server (MFDS) or CCITCP2 Windows service (on Windows) from an existing product is stopped and uninstalled. On Windows, do this as follows:

1. Stop the MFDS and CCITCP2, using either the Windows Service Management Console GUI (`services.msc`) or from a command line prompt by typing:

```
net stop mf_ccitcp2
```

Only one instance of the MFDS or CCITCP2 service can run on a Windows machine.

2. Uninstall the MFDS or CCITCP2 service.

For MFDS, from a command line prompt enter: `mfdss -u`

For CCITCP2: `ccitcp2 -u`

To run an earlier version of MFDS as a service after you have installed a later version:

1. Stop and uninstall the MFDS service, as described above.
2. Reinstall the earlier version, as follows:
  - a. Open a Visual COBOL command prompt.
  - b. Install the service. Enter the following command: `mfdss -i`
  - c. Start the service. Enter the following command: `net start mf_ccitcp2`



**Note:** The two versions use different paths for environment and registry values, so the list of configured enterprise servers might be different depending on which version has been started, since, by default, different MFDS data repositories are used.

MFDS 5.1 and later are able to import or use Enterprise Server configuration data generated by earlier versions of MFDS, but 5.0 or earlier versions of MFDS might not be able to read data generated by later versions.

It is possible to run MFDS from a command prompt ("mfdss") rather than as a service, but by default the "mfcobol" port is used (86) and this can only be used by one process at a time

## Installing



### Note:

- Before installing, check *Installation Restrictions and Requirements*.
- This version of the product is a full install.

To install this product:

1. Run the `vcvs2010_22.exe` (or `vcvs2012_22.exe` when installing the product for Visual Studio 2012) 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 **Add or Remove**

**Programs** (Windows XP) or **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.

## Installing as an Upgrade

This release will update existing installations of Visual COBOL for Visual Studio, versions 2.1 and 2.1 Update 1.

## Visual COBOL Installation Options

To install Visual COBOL you run `vcvs2010_22.exe` which contains a number of product `.msi` files (Windows Installer packages). When run, `vcvs2010_22.exe` performs some initial system checks then sequentially installs the `.msi` files.



**Note:** The following applies to `vcvs2012_22.exe` when installing the product for Visual Studio 2012.

`vcvs2010_22.exe` can take a number of parameters, enabling you to specify a number of different types of installation:

- Standard Installation

**Format:**

```
vcvs2010_22.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:**

```
vcvs2010_22.exe /passive
```

**Summary:**

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

- Silent Installation

**Format:**

```
vcvs2010_22.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:**

```
vcvs2010_22.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:

```
vcvs2010_22.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.

## Microsoft Terminal Server

You can use this product with Microsoft Terminal Server but note that a separate end-user license is required for each user who accesses it, even if the product is running on a single machine. See your *End User License Agreement*.

Microsoft Terminal Server is an environment for running multiple instances of a single-user product. It is not a platform where a single-user product can be made to perform as a multi-user product.

To install onto a terminal server:

- Log on to the physical terminal server with a user ID that has administrator privileges.
- Use **Control Panel > Programs** (or **Add/Remove Programs** on older versions of Windows) and follow the instructions on the screen.

When you install the product on Microsoft Terminal Server or similar terminal software, do not execute more than one installation at the same time.

When you install Microsoft Terminal server, you must assign a unique port address to each user. Then the very first time that each user logs into Visual COBOL and starts the terminal server, they should:

1. Select **Options > Project > Port address for Web Server**.
2. Type in the assigned port address.

This is necessary because the default port address for the Web server is 80. Once this has been allocated to the first user, when the next user attempts to start the Web server, the software recognizes that this port is in use and rejects the attempt. Consequently each user requires an individual port address.

## Installing from a Server

There are two methods for installing this product on users' machines using a server. You can:

- Copy the product onto the server and then use Setup under control of a third-party software distribution package, such as Microsoft's Systems Management Server (SMS), to install the product onto multiple users' machines.

This method of installation and the associated file are not supported by Micro Focus. They are provided on an "as is" basis and have not been tested in any form. You can use them at your own discretion.

- Install onto the server. Then users run Setup to install from the server onto their own machines.

Both methods give you control of what options the user can install and mean you do not have to send the installation media to every user, as they install from the server instead.

## Windows Compatibility Mode

In Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008, if you have problems starting Enterprise Server instances using the Micro Focus Enterprise Server Administration HTML GUI, ensure that none of the Enterprise Server program files are configured to use a Windows compatibility mode. You can check for compatibility modes by examining the file properties for the program file using Windows Explorer:

1. Open the **Properties** dialog box for the file.
2. Click the **Compatibility** tab.
3. Ensure that **Run this program in compatibility mode for** is not checked.

4. Click **Show settings for all users** and ensure that **Run this program in compatibility mode for** is not checked.
5. Click **OK** on both dialogs to update the file properties.

Verify that `<install-dir>\base\bin\mfds.exe` is not set to run in a compatibility mode.

- For 32-bit Enterprise Server, check `bin\cas*.exe` and `bin\mfcs.exe`
- For 64-bit Enterprise Server, check `bin\win64\cas*.exe` and `bin\win64\mfcs.exe`.

## After Installing

You are now ready to run Visual COBOL. From the Windows taskbar click **Start > All Programs > Micro Focus Visual COBOL > Visual COBOL for Visual Studio *n*n**.



**Note:** The Start menu is not available on Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012. You use the Start screen to invoke programs.



**Note:** For applications created with earlier Micro Focus products or earlier versions of Visual COBOL, note the following:

<b>Database Access</b>	Managed applications using SQL(DBMAN=ODBC) that were compiled in Visual COBOL 2.1 Update 1 must be recompiled in Visual COBOL 2.2.
<b>Existing Applications</b>	Application executables that were compiled using earlier Micro Focus products must be recompiled from the sources using Visual COBOL.

Please refer to the *Start Here* and *Product Information* sections in your product Help. Here, you will find information on getting started including tutorials and demonstration programs.



**Note:**

- The first release of Visual Studio 2010 has a browser-based help system, Microsoft Help Viewer 1.0, which does not include an index for the locally-installed help. Navigation of the content is only available using the table of contents and Search and the help contents for the Help system does not expand and collapse in the same way as previous Help systems.
- If you have problems trying to view the Micro Focus help, ensure that the Visual Studio Help Library is pointing to local help. From the Visual Studio menu click **Help > Manage Help Systems > Choose online or local help** and check the **I want to use local help** button.
- Visual Studio 2010 SP1 provides an upgrade of the help system, Microsoft Help Viewer 1.1, which provides a stand-alone help viewer with an index and a fully expandable table of contents.
- If you do not want to install Visual Studio 2010 SP1, you can install some third-party tools that enable the index or the fully expanding table of contents. For more information, see the topic *Help on Help*.
- To view the help in Visual Studio 2012, 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**.
- For full details of the Visual Studio 2012 Help system, see the locally installed Microsoft Help Viewer 2.0 Help, which is available from Help menu in the IDE.
- On Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012, an issue with Microsoft Help Viewer 2.0 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**.

To repair your installation on older versions of Windows, such as Windows XP:

1. Click **Start Menu > Control Panel > Add/Remove Programs**.
2. Click your Micro Focus product in the list of installed programs.
3. Click **Click here for support information**.
4. Click **Repair**.

## Uninstalling

### Windows

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** (or **Add/Remove Programs** on older versions of Windows) in **Control Panel**.
3. On older versions of Windows such as Windows XP, ensure that **Show Updates** (at the top of the Add or Remove Programs dialog) is checked, so that any hot fixes or WrapPacks are listed.
4. 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.

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:

- This release uses the authorization code for the Visual COBOL 2.0 release.
- The latest version of the SafeNet licensing software is required. See *Software Requirements* in this document for more details.
- If you are unsure about what your licensing policy is or what sort of license you require, consult your System Administrator or Micro Focus SupportLine to obtain a valid license.

## To activate Visual COBOL Personal Edition



**Note:** Having activated Visual COBOL Personal Edition, you can use it for a limited period of 365 days. After this period you will need to enter an authorization code in order to continue using it, either for a 30-day trial or full license of Visual COBOL.

### 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, you will be presented with a template that includes the email address, the subject and the contents of an email to send with 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](mailto: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 email client installed on your machine, you will be presented with a template that includes the email address, the subject and the contents of an email to send with 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



**Note:** You can only activate a full license from the IDE if you haven't yet activated Personal Edition. To activate a full version at any other time you must use the Micro Focus License Administration tool.

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

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

This opens the **Micro Focus Buy Now** dialog box.

2. Ensure that the email address you used to register the product is in the **Email address** text entry field.
3. Click **Send email**.

This opens your default mail client and creates a new email filled in with the details to contact Micro Focus. Send the email.

If there is no mail client installed on your machine, you will be presented with a template that includes the email address and subject line for an email to send to Micro Focus using a mail client of your choice.

You will be contacted by a Micro Focus Sales representative.

## To start Micro Focus License Administration

From the Windows Taskbar click **Start > All Programs > Micro Focus License Manager > License Administration**.



**Note:** On Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012, you use the Start screen to invoke programs.

## Installing licenses

### 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**.

### If you have an authorization code

#### Authorizing your product when you have an Internet connection



**Note:** This topic only applies if you have an authorization code.

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



**Note:** This topic only applies if you have an authorization code.

This method of authorization is required if your machine 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**.

# New Features in Visual COBOL 2.2

## ACUCOBOL-GT Compatibility

The following support has been added to Visual COBOL in this release:

### Accessing data files through AcuServer

You can now access your ACUCOBOL-GT data files, both sequential and Vision files, through AcuServer.

### Standard library routines

Support for the following library routines has been added:

- C\$GETPID
- C\$JUSTIFY
- C\$LIST-DIRECTORY
- C\$LOCKPID
- C\$REGEXP
- C\$RUN
- C\$SLEEP
- C\$SYSTEM
- C\$TOLOWER
- C\$TOUPPER
- I\$IO

### Using Vision files with Micro Focus Data File Tools

You can now use some of the Data File Tools functionality with Vision files. You can:

- Convert Vision files to Micro Focus format using the Data File Converter and the DFCONV command line utility.
- Edit Vision files using the Data File Editor.



**Note:** The Data File Converter and DFCONV command line utility options are only available if you have installed the free **Data Tools AddPack**; for more information, see *Data Tools*.

## RM/COBOL Compatibility

The following support has been added to Visual COBOL in this release:

### Subprograms

Support for the following subprograms (referred to as library routines in Visual COBOL) has been added:

- C\$OSLockInfo
- C\$SecureHash

## recover1

The recover1 utility, RM/COBOL's indexed file recovery utility, is now distributed with Visual COBOL. Refer to the *RM/COBOL File Handling* section of *RM/COBOL Compatibility* for details of its use.

## Application configuration

You can now set environment variables for when you run native projects from within the IDE from the project's properties - click **Environment** on the **Application** tab in the project properties.

## COBOL editor enhancements

Navigating in the editor is now more similar to the editor navigation in Net Express. You can configure things like word wrap and indentation, the movement of the cursor using the **Home** and **End** keys, the style of the ruler and the colors of the text and the margins:

### Smart editing mode

The default mode in the editor is now Smart edit mode. It controls the word wrapping and the indentation in the different COBOL areas. You can configure the Smart edit mode from the **Tools > Options > Text Editor > Micro Focus COBOL > Margins** page. To toggle the mode, click  or  (in Visual Studio 2012) in the COBOL toolbar.

### Home and End keys navigation

You can configure how the **Home** and **End** keys move the cursor in the editor on the **Tools > Options > Text Editor > Micro Focus COBOL > Margins** page. To toggle the mode, click  or  (in Visual Studio 2012) in the COBOL toolbar.

### Configuring the ruler

You can specify whether to display the horizontal ruler in the editor and also choose its style, a default style or a mainframe style for which the ruler indicates COBOL area A/B, from **Tools > Options > Text Editor > Micro Focus COBOL > Margins** and check **Show ruler**.

## File Handling

New features include:

- Converting and editing Vision and RM/COBOL indexed data files using the Data File tools is now supported.
- Access to data files (either sequential or indexed) through AcuServer is now supported.
- Access to Vision and RM/COBOL indexed data files through Enterprise Server is now supported.

## COBOL Source Information (CSI)

COBOL Source Information (CSI) provides a quick and easy way of providing you with information about your program when you are working on it. You enter a query in the **Quick Browse** dialog box and CSI returns the results of the query in the Output window's COBOL Source Information tab.

## Compiler Directives

The following Compiler directives are new:

<b>ACU-UNDERSCORE</b>	This directive treats underscores in COBOL words as hyphens.
<b>ILSHOWPERFORMOVERLAP</b>	This managed COBOL-only directive generates a warning when an overlapping PERFORM range is detected in the program.
<b>IEXPONENTIATION</b>	This managed COBOL-only directive enables you to optimize exponential arithmetic operations by specifying the calculation method used.
<b>EXITPROGRAM</b>	This directive determines how the EXIT PROGRAM statement is executed.

The following Compiler directives have changed:

<b>CHANGE-MESSAGE</b>	The scope of this directive has been widened to allow you to change the severity of different types of error messages, not just syntax checking messages.
<b>DIALECT"RM"</b>	DIALECT"RM" now sets PERFORM-TYPE"RM". If you recompile an application that uses DIALECT"RM", the behavior may change for nested PERFORM statements. If that is the case, explicitly set PERFORM-TYPE"MF" after DIALECT"RM" to continue with the previous behavior.
<b>HIDE-MESSAGE</b>	The scope of this directive has been widened to allow you to hide different types of error messages, not just syntax checking messages.
<b>PRESERVECASE</b>	This directive now defaults to PRESERVECASE when compiling native COBOL; managed COBOL compilation already defaults to PRESERVECASE. This results in externally visible identifiers preserving their case instead of being converted to uppercase.

## Converting Net Express projects

Conversion of Net Express projects has been enhanced. You now use the Visual Studio Conversion Wizard to import and convert Net Express projects (.app files) to Visual Studio solutions.

## Debugging

<b>Displaying debug information for managed applications</b>	You can set the DEBUG constant for managed COBOL projects on the <b>COBOL</b> tab in the project properties. This enables you to use the System.Diagnostics.Debug class in your applications to ensure they write diagnostic information in the Output window for projects compiled for Debug but not for projects compiled for Release.
<b>Changing the display format for individual items in the Watch window</b>	It is now possible to change the display format for individual items in the Watch window in COBOL. To do this, click a row, press <b>F2</b> , and type: <i>Variable,h</i> or <i>Variable,x</i> to always display the values in hexadecimal format; <i>Variable,d</i> to always display the values of variables in decimal format, and of strings - as text.

## Enhanced ACCEPT and DISPLAY Statements

Two of the existing Enhanced ACCEPT and DISPLAY settings available through Adis have additional values, which are aimed at RM/COBOL users migrating their source code to Visual COBOL. The new values are:

- Emulation of RM/COBOL-85 style data entry for numeric data entry on ACCEPT statements.

- Emulation of an RM/COBOL backspace in free format fields when in replacement editing mode, in that deleted characters are removed and characters to the right are shifted left, the same as when in insertion editing mode.

For more information on how to set these values, refer to *Configuring Enhanced ACCEPT and DISPLAY*

## Enhancements for Visual COBOL 2.2 for Visual Studio 2012

The following enhancements are applicable to Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012:

### Copybook Dependencies

Solution Explorer shows a tree view of the dependencies of the COBOL programs and copybooks on copybooks in a project to help you navigate easily around the source code.

### Expanded Copybook View - Technical Preview

The COBOL editor supports showing the contents of copybooks inline at the place where they are referenced in a program or a copybook. Features include:

- You can edit the code of copybooks in the expanded copybook view (except for copybooks shown with replaced values).
- For copybooks referenced using a COPY... REPLACING statement, you can show either the original contents of the copybook file or show its contents with replaced values. The expanded copybook view with replaced values is read-only which is indicated by a yellow background color.



**Note:** You can configure the background color of the read-only view from **Tools > Options > Environment > Fonts and Colors**, and changing the background color for the **COBOL Read-Only Background** item.

- Go To Definition, Find All References, navigation using the drop-down types and members, and navigating to an error from the Error List window all find results or locate information in the expanded copybook view.



**Note:** The following limitations apply:

- IntelliSense and code snippets are not supported when editing a copybook in expanded copybook view.
- In expanded copybook view, it is not possible to edit copybooks referenced through a COPY... REPLACING statement when the expanded copybook view shows the replaced values. In this case, the expanded copybook view is read-only.
- Outlining is not supported in the expanded copybook view.
- Navigating to items in the expanded copybook view is not supported from the Class View or using the Navigate To option.
- References to file locations in the output windows such as pointing to the build output, or in the results received by Find in Files, Quick Browse (COBOL Source Information), do not point to items in expanded copybook view.
- It is not possible to step in the expanded copybook view while debugging.
- The expanded copybook view supports breakpoints setting but the Breakpoint icon does not appear in it but only in the original copybook file.

## Grouping files in virtual folders in Solution Explorer

Visual COBOL now provides a Virtual View of a project within Solution Explorer. In the Virtual View you use virtual folders to improve navigation by logically grouping the files that make up the project. You can

also create your own virtual folders to group files of your choice (a file can only belong to one virtual folder). The files can be of different file types.

## Interface Mapping Toolkit



**Restriction:** This topic applies only when the Enterprise Server feature is enabled.

Visual COBOL now supports the creation and deployment of COBOL program-based services using the Interface Mapping Toolkit (IMTK).

## Managed COBOL

**Documentation** A guide that provides a basic introduction to Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) for COBOL developers, *An Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming for COBOL Developers*, with examples is now available from the *Product Documentation* section on the Micro Focus SupportLine Web site - [click here to download it](#).

**Procedural Multi-Output Project type** A new .NET managed project template, Procedural Multi-Output Project, is now available. The project compiles procedural programs to individual managed assemblies or executables as opposed to the standard managed project templates that produce a single assembly. This project type is useful when you are moving existing procedural applications that consist of multiple programs to Visual COBOL and to managed code. When calling a subprogram, the COBOL run-time system can locate the assembly using the name of the called program which will match the assembly file name. In this case, the assembly does not have to be preloaded. See *Types of COBOL Project Templates* for more details and for a list of the limitations of this project type.

**Named and optional parameters** Two new types of parameter have been introduced for use during method invocation:

**Named parameters** As part of the invocation expression, you can define a value for a parameter named in the method definition. The named argument must be specified after any positional arguments, and must not correspond to any of those preceding arguments.

**Optional parameters** Optional parameters are parameters defined with a default value in the procedure division header of the invoked method. If none of the arguments passed in during invocation correspond to this parameter, the default value is used in the method; if an argument does correspond, the value that was passed in is used.

**Delegates and events** A number of new features have been added that relate to delegates and events:



**Note:** Some of these features were also available in previous versions of Visual COBOL.

**The ATTACH and DETACH statements** Use these statements to attach or detach a delegate, method group or an anonymous method to or from an event.

**The RUN statement** Use this statement to invoke a delegate once it has been created.

**Combining delegates** Use the '+' operator to add a method group, anonymous method or another delegate to a delegate, and use the '-' operator to remove a method or another delegate from a delegate.

### Method groups conversions

Use the METHOD keyword to specify a compatible method from a method group, and convert it to a delegate.

## Searching in copybooks

The search in copybook files has been enhanced. Visual Studio's **Find in Files** now enables you to perform a search in all copybooks - the ones that are part of the project, and in the ones that are found in the paths defined on the **Dependency Paths** tab in the project's properties. To do so, set the search scope in the **Find and Replace** dialog to **COBOL Project Copybook Paths**.

## Support for SOA



**Restriction:** This topic applies only when the Enterprise Server feature is enabled.

Visual COBOL now includes support for creating Web service and Enterprise Java Bean applications using the Interface Mapping Toolkit (IMTK) in conjunction with Enterprise Server. If you are upgrading to this release from an earlier version of Visual COBOL, you may need to apply for a new authorization code in order to access the functionality - please contact Micro Focus SupportLine to receive an updated authorization code. Note that the Visual COBOL Personal Edition license does not support the IMTK functionality.

## Upgrading from Net Express to Visual COBOL

A new section in the product help, *Upgrading from Net Express to Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2010*, provides guidance on how to move existing applications either developed or debugged in the Net Express IDE into the Visual Studio IDE.

## WCF REST Service Application projects

Visual COBOL now provides a project template for creating COBOL WCF REST Application services. The requirements are - Visual Studio Professional, Premium, or Ultimate (Visual Studio Shell does not support WCF applications), and versions of the .NET Framework 4.0 and later. For more information about WCF and REST, check Microsoft's MSDN.

## Windows Azure

Visual COBOL for Visual Studio now enables you to create, build, debug, run, and package COBOL applications for use with Windows Azure. It provides:

- Project template for a COBOL cloud service. This creates a solution containing a project for the cloud service and projects for the web and worker roles you specify.
- Demonstration projects, showing a web and worker role in COBOL, with the business logic remaining in unchanged COBOL programs.
- Help. This includes a tutorial that shows how to create a simple cloud service for COBOL and how to deploy and run the service as an off-premises Windows Azure instance.

This functionality was previously available as an AddPack but is now integrated into Visual COBOL.

# XML Extensions

You can now use XML Extensions in your managed COBOL projects.

Use XML Extensions to import and export XML documents to and from COBOL working storage. Specifically, XML Extensions allows data to be imported from an XML document by converting data elements (as necessary) and storing the results into a matching COBOL data structure. Similarly, data is exported from a COBOL data structure by converting the COBOL data elements (as necessary) and storing the results in an XML document.

While importing or exporting data to or from XML documents, you can apply XSLT transforms to the data by using XSLT stylesheets.

For more information, refer to the XML Extensions User's Guide, available from the product documentation section of the SupportLine website (<http://SupportLine.MicroFocus.com/ProductDoc.aspx>)



# Known Issues

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

In addition, note the following:

- AcuCOBOL File Handler** When using an interface of ACUFH other than MSSQL, you may experience a file operation delay when the interface fails to connect to a database. This failed connection also results in a memory leak. Set the environment variable MSSQL\_DETACH to 1 to avoid both issues.
- ASP.NET** It is not possible to run ASP.NET Web Sites or Web Services on a production machine (one that has Micro Focus COBOL Server installed) without an additional setup. This is because the production machine does not contain development tools such as the COBOL Compiler. To workaroud this, you need to do the following steps:
1. Precompile the site before you deploy it using the **Publish Web Site** command in Visual Studio.
  2. Edit the .asmx file of the Web service project or the .aspx file of the Web site and delete the `Language="COBOL"` statement.
  3. Edit the web.config file with a text editor and delete the line which contains:  
`<compiler language="COBOL" . . .`
  4. Ensure that a .NET Server license is installed using Aptrack.
- COBOL Watchpoints** The debugger ignores a COBOL watchpoint that is hit if there is no statement following the statement that modifies the data on which that watchpoint is set.
- Compiler** When running with Java 1.7, if your class contains a static method called 'main' with a single string array parameter, in order for this class to be executable from the command line that main method should not have a returning item.
- Documentation**
- In Visual Studio 2012, clicking **Help > Micro Focus Product Help > Product Documentation** results in the message "Cannot find requested topic on your computer". If you see this message, click Micro Focus Visual COBOL 2.2 for Visual Studio 2012 in the **Contents** tab to display the documentation as expected.
  - If you install Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 and its documentation is not available in the Microsoft Help Viewer, perform the following steps:
    1. In Visual Studio 2012, click **Help > Add and Remove Help Content**.
    2. Choose the **Manage Content** tab.
    3. Check the **Disk** radio button, then navigate to the folder containing the Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 documentation. By default, this is `C:\Program Files (x86)\Micro Focus\\help`.
    4. Select `helpcontentsetup.msha` and click **Open**.
    5. In the content list, click **Add** next to the Visual COBOL entry.
    6. Click **Update**.
    7. Click **Yes** on the User Account Control and Microsoft Help Viewer 2.0 dialog boxes to enable the update to continue.

The documentation for Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 is added to the Microsoft Help Viewer.



This problem only occurs if you install Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012 while documentation for Visual Studio 2012 is being downloaded or updated, which typically happens when you install Visual Studio 2012 or run it for the first time.

#### Enterprise Server

- The Historical Statistics Facility may generate incorrect records for SSTM-enabled enterprise servers.
- In Visual Studio, using **Submit JCL** from within the IDE does provide the option to create a temporary enterprise server when your project is not associated with an enterprise server.

#### Expanded Copybook View (in Visual Studio 2012)

- When you add a COPY statement in a COBOL program and then show it in Expanded Copybook View, the line for the copybook statement is read-only. If you then perform an Undo in the COBOL program, the COPY statement is removed while the contents of the copybook is still shown in the program.
- **Replace All** does not work inside the Expanded Copybook View
- Trying to paste a block selection inside the Expanded Copybook View does not work and deletes all lines of code which the block selection overlaps.
- For copybooks with file extensions that are not traditionally associated with COBOL you must first add the file extension to the list of known copybooks extensions in **Tools > Options > Text Editor > File Extensions** before you can show them in Expanded Copybook View.

#### ICETOOL Emulation

ICETOOL emulation for managed code is not available in this release.

#### Installation

- When installing this product for Visual Studio 2010, if you already have Visual Studio 2010 Isolated Shell with Service Pack 1 (SP1) installed, you might experience problems with starting Visual Studio after the installation. This is a Microsoft issue relating to the Integrated Shell (installed as part of the Micro Focus product installer) overwriting some Visual Studio SP1 components. To resolve the issue you need to repair Visual Studio 2010 SP1.

#### Native COBOL

On Windows XP, when building a native COBOL application in Visual Studio, a dialog may pop up with error "Unhandled exception at 0xc0006866 in cobol.exe: 0xC0000005: Access violation reading location 0xc0006866)". This is caused by Symantec antivirus runtime protection. To resolve this, you need to apply the following fix from Symantec: [http://www.symantec.com/business/support/index?page=content&id=TECH97280&locale=en\\_US](http://www.symantec.com/business/support/index?page=content&id=TECH97280&locale=en_US).

#### Resource Adapters

Trying to deploy the local resource adaptor `mfcobol-localtx.rar` to WebLogic may fail with a `ClassCastException`. To work around this issue, you need to deploy `mfcobol-xa.rar` first, then need to undeploy this file and deploy the local one, `mfcobol-localtx.rar`. If there are issues deploying using the WebLogic GUI, you can use the command line. If there are issues with this as well, try reducing the length of the command (for example, by moving the file to a location with a shorter path).

#### Visual Studio IDE

- In your project properties, the Application page currently allows you to select any of the static methods in the application as a Startup object. This is incorrect. You should always set only the first static method or the program name as a Startup object in order for the project to build.
- In Visual Studio, the controls on the COBOL page in the project properties are not displayed for a WPF project. To work around this issue, open the Application page in the project properties and from the drop-down list under Output type choose the same output type that was already selected. Close the project property pages and

save the project. The next time you open the project properties, the COBOL page is properly displayed.

# 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.

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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## **.NET Compiler**

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- The use of ILSMARTLINKAGE in sub-programs is now working correctly. In previous versions, if it was specified in a sub-program, a dynamic call of that program from another program could cause execution failure.

2608825 (1087435)

- In managed code, the statement DISPLAY UPON SYSERR now behaves as expected. Previously, it was behaving the same as DISPLAY UPON CONSOLE.

2589053 (1085576)

- When the PROPERTY keyword is used on a numeric edited field, the SET method now works correctly when the program specifies DECIMAL POINT IS COMMA.

2588508 (1085560)

## **CCI Session Layer Code**

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- A new option, use\_global\_namespace, is available for the cci.ini file in the Windows %SystemRoot% folder. If use\_global\_namespace is set, all the ccishared memory objects are created in a system-wide address space, and the applications hosted by different users, including system services, can communicate. To use this facility, edit the cci.ini file and ensure use\_global\_namespace is set to "yes".  
[ccismem-base] # Allow interaction between users on a # single system. Using this option reduces security as # all users will have access to the same name space. use\_global\_namespace=yes  
If the value of this option is anything other than "yes", or if the option is missing, no change is made to the existing behavior.

2195519 (1062800)

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- The default for the NSYMBOL directive under DIALECT(ENTCOBOL) has been changed to NSYMBOL(NATIONAL) to emulate the equivalent IBM default.  
2657471 (1090355)
- To improve RM/COBOL and ACUCOBOL compatibility, the SIGN clause at a group level is no longer applied to non-DISPLAY usage signed numeric data items within the group, just as it is not applied to unsigned numeric data items and non-numeric data items within the group.  
2549904 (1082171)
- Previously, even though no code was generated, the Compiler allowed the ON EXCEPTION and NOT ON EXCEPTION phrases in the DISPLAY statement in formats that do not allow these phrases. As a result, if the DISPLAY statement was in the ON EXCEPTION phrase of another statement, the NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase would bind incorrectly with the DISPLAY statement instead of with the intended containing statement - for example, ACCEPT or CALL.

## MF Directory Server

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- The mfd command line option for exporting registered Enterprise Server definitions to an XML file now supports the "\*" option. This exports all registered servers rather than a specified server. Multiple server definitions are now exported into the target directory and saved into a file with the default name ALLSERVERS.xml. The import option now also supports the import of multiple server definitions from a single XML file.  
2641890 (1088838)
- mdump now supports a new option, -e, to help you query the Security Manager configuration details. The possible values of the option are: "1" - shows security configuration that applies to any returned enterprise servers; "2" - shows security configuration for MFDS and the default Enterprise Server security configuration. This requires MFDS version 1.15.00 or higher; "3" - returns the properties of all configured external Security Managers.  
2487164 (1081693)

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- When adding a user to an external security manager, you can now include a password expiry time in the Advanced Configuration section of the Add New User wizard in Enterprise Server Administration. The field value is specified using generalized time format (YYYYMMDDHHMMSS.0Z), and can be used by the MLDAP ESM for calculating whether a user's password has expired and requires updating. This value may only be specified using this page when adding a user. You need to use an external directory services configuration tool to edit it.  
2562118 (1083203)

## Request Handler

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- A problem that caused BIS to create log files in a directory named C:\ProgramData\AcuCorp\BIS\LogFiles was fixed. BIS no longer creates log files unless specified and the BIS logging service is now disabled by default. To enable it, you need to use the following global environment variable:  
BIS\_LOG=[ OFF | ON | <directory> ] Where the values are:
  - OFF - disables logging (the same as if BIS\_LOG is not specified or is left blank)

- ON - enables logging and directs the log files into the default location, which must not be read-only.
- <directory> - enables logging and directs the log files into the specified directory. The user must ensure that the BIS request handler has write rights for this directory. The directory must be an absolute path or network path. If the specified directory does not exist, BIS will attempt to create it. The containing directory must exist.

The BIS\_LOG variable is only examined when the BIS application pool is started or recycled. After setting or changing BIS\_LOG, IIS must be restarted in order for the variable to take effect.

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- If you have installed the version of this product for both Visual Studio 2010 and Visual Studio 2012, the Samples Browser now provides links for you to open the samples in either one of them.

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- Performance when loading and building COBOL projects that consist of a large number of files has been improved.  
2657121 (1090316)
- When building a project outside of the IDE, adding a new file to a project no longer results in a full rebuild of the project.  
2617003 (1089623)
- You can now change the display format of values on individual rows in the Watch window using modifiers after the names of variables and expressions. To do this, click a row, press F2, and type a modifier after the name of the variable or the expression as follows - type VariableName,h or VariableName,x to always display the variable or the expression in hexadecimal format; type VariableName,d to always display numeric variables in decimal format and strings - as text.  
2614182 (1087959)
- When you perform a search in the IDE for copybooks that your programs depend upon, the COPYEXT directive you set from the Additional directives field on the COBOL tab in your project's properties is now used in preference to the list of copybook extensions specified in Tools > Options > Text Editor > Micro Focus COBOL > Advanced, and in Copybook extensions. This change does not affect the project build and background parsing that already use COPYEXT.  
2612053 (1087773)
- Attempting to restart an enterprise server failed if the process took longer than fifteen seconds.  
2607051 (1087259)
- When you debug native code and query a data item which contains null bytes, the value displayed in the Watch window is no longer truncated at the first null byte.  
2604749 (1087235)
- A new setting, "Define DEBUG constant", is now available on the COBOL page in the project properties of managed projects for the Debug configuration. You can select it to add "constant"DEBUG(1)" to the build directives.  
2600567 (1086629)
- The Output window now displays a notification when the compilation of the IMS files has been successful.  
2600137 (1086667)
- A problem with the value of "Link with objs" setting being duplicated after you reload the COBOL Link properties page has been resolved.  
2595408 (1086091)

- IntelliSense now displays data names longer than 32 characters correctly.  
2594901 (1086053)
- Previously, when you upgraded COBOL projects with signed assemblies from Visual Studio 2003 format to Visual Studio 2010 format, the signed assembly property was lost.  
2585458 (1085258)
- There is an improvement in the performance of the cursor in the text editor when working with larger files and projects.  
2585450 (1085255)
- Using linked files in projects has been improved as follows:
  - Folders that only contain linked files no longer disappear from the project when you reload it.
  - The location of linked files is preserved in the project structure when you reload the project.
  - Moving a linked file within a project no longer moves the actual file on the disk but only moves the link inside the project structure.
  - It is no longer possible to copy a linked file into the same project where, previously, this created a copy of the actual file on the disk.
- 2574102 (1084208)
- When you convert Net Express projects that compile to .int or .gnt files to Visual COBOL for Visual Studio, the application environment variables are now imported successfully.  
2569777 (1083953)
- It is now possible to convert Net Express projects that do not contain any COBOL source files to Visual Studio projects.  
2568638 (1083900)
- You can now set environment variables used by the native COBOL Run-Time system during initialization from the project properties - click Environment on the Application tab.  
2539447 (1081251)
- Pressing Enter to create a new line now preserves the indent in the COBOL editor in Smart edit mode.  
2496411 (1077769)
- Pressing End inside the writing area of the COBOL editor now positions the cursor on the first non-blank character, if columns 12-72 contain any text. If the line is blank, the cursor is positioned on column 73.  
2496351 (1077767)
- The COBOL editor now supports a "Smart edit mode" (see Tools > Options > Text Editor > Micro Focus COBOL > Margins) which is enabled by default. In Smart edit mode, when you press ENTER in the code (A/B) area the comments move to the next line and stay in the right-hand area.  
2496350 (1077768)
- You now receive a suitable error message when you try to use "Start Without Debugging" with Mainframe Subsystem Application projects.  
2495298 (1078343)
- You can now use Solution folders to group projects in your solution.  
2259310 (1065760)
- If, when you start debugging, the debug target does not exist you now receive an error message that correctly states the missing filename.
- Any leading or trailing spaces you added to the name specified in the "Output name" field on the Application tab in the properties of a native project are now ignored.
- Class view no longer contains outdated information from previous background syntax checking after classes have been renamed.
- Class view no longer contains outdated information from previous background syntax checking when the files defining types have been removed.

- A problem with navigating to member definitions from the Class View has been resolved.
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- An issue where canceling some of the dialogs in Tools > Options resulted in the changes being saved anyway, or the pages not reverting when next loaded, has been resolved.
- You can now start and stop servers from the Server Explorer when using the local machine's IP address or DNS name.
- It is now possible to debug a project that has its "Compile for debugging" setting enabled in the project properties for the Release configuration.
- Selecting a project in Class View now triggers background syntax checking, if it has not been performed for that project yet.
- If you have .NET Framework v. 4.5 installed, creating a COBOL Web application with Visual Studio 2010 Shell was failing with a Signal 114 error and was causing the IDE to crash. This issue has been resolved for the IDE. To work around the issue when you compile COBOL Web Applications from the command line, you need to manually set the environment variable VisualStudioVersion to 10.0 before compiling.
- Using the tab character in comments no longer causes issues with the colorization of the code.
- The Visual Studio IDE no longer crashes if you try to close it while directives scan is in progress.
- Adding files to a project when directives scan is disabled was taking a long time to complete.
- Friend assemblies (as identified by the InternalsVisibleToAttribute) are now correctly handled during syntax checking, and types are correctly found within friend assemblies when they are present.
- An issue with adding new platforms or configurations to a project or solution when the project contains pre- or post-build events has been resolved.
- A problem with navigating to member definitions from the Class View, when the definitions occurred within copybooks used within partial classes, has been resolved.
- A problem where trying to navigate to the source of an item from the Class View positioned you on the wrong line, has been resolved.
- An issue where the Implements smart tag was present for interfaces that were fully implemented (when some of the methods from that interface were implemented explicitly; and in addition to another interface which was not fully implemented) has been fixed.
- An issue where method signatures were rendered incorrectly if the member had a 78 level item in its local storage has been resolved.



# Resolved Issues

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## **.NET Compiler**

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- It is now possible to query data items during debugging for programs containing multiple entry points, compiled with the directive `PERFORMTYPE"OSVS"`.  
2663738 (1090935)
- The correct calling conventions are now used for programs that have multiple platform invokes with different calling conventions.

2660948 (1090751)

- Accessing an ILSMARTLINKAGE class built for a group containing an OCCURS DEPENDING ON item no longer causes unexpected results, as it now uses the maximum length for the OCCURS DEPENDING ON item within the property access methods for the group.

2654127 (1090119)

- A SEARCH statement where the table name contains DBCS characters now compiles to managed code successfully.

2652827 (1089896)

- When compiling managed COBOL, a move from an alphanumeric field to a numeric property no longer causes an error. (This was an error that was introduced in Visual COBOL 2.1 update 1.)

2651658 (1089833)

- Incorrect code is no longer produced when creating WCF services.

2649616 (1089641)

- 'Illegal format: literal' errors are no longer generated when building and running a website.

2645733 (1089290)

- Incorrect control flow no longer occurs when an EXIT PROGRAM statement is in a paragraph by itself, and that paragraph is performed from elsewhere in the program. Previously, this could result in the EXIT PROGRAM being ignored.

2642765 (1089164)

- When debugging .NET COBOL on a 64-bit system, the result field is now updated correctly when you step over a divide operation.

2642169 (1088841)

- Previously, if a .NET managed program called a C++ method, where one of the parameters was marked with the IsLong modifier, the code failed at run time with a "method not found" error.

2615417 (1088095)

- The Form Designer is now working correctly when PIC 1 data items containing boolean literal values are inserted into a working-storage section associated with a Windows form.

2612621 (1087910)

- Previously, when a callfh directive targeted a method expecting more than the normal two parameters, you received a system error at compile time.

2611093 (1087662)

- Stepping over an IF statement while debugging now works as expected. Previously, it could leave the cursor pointing at the first statement following the IF, even though the associated conditional expression evaluated to false.

2610824 (1087679)

- A new directive, ILSHOWPERFORMOVERLAP, which identifies those procedures that form part of an overlapping perform range is now available.

2607319 (1087299)

- The ATTACH and DETACH statements no longer produce compiler errors when referencing an event declared in a different class.

2604429 (1086973)

- A SORT statement used in an object method, where the program did not have OBJECT/END OBJECT markers, could result in an "index out-of-range" exception at run time.

2596409 (1086418)

- In managed code, some COBOL numeric fields are now optimised to 32-bit or to 64-bit binary fields, regardless of their definition in the COBOL source. This means that fields defined as DISPLAY or COMP-3, for instance, which do not form a part of a group, may be stored as binary fields. The

Compiler inserts the required code to make the behavior of these fields the same as if they had not been optimised.

2595775 (1086432)

- In .NET COBOL, when HOSTNUMCOMPARE is specified, a numeric item containing a level 88 with multiple values no longer produces invalid code.

2595331 (1086088)

- The use of EXTERNAL files in class programs compiled for managed code no longer leads to invalid code generation.

2595177 (1086071)

- When defining a field using the syntax: 01 s1 type String. an EVALUATE statement using the field as the subject now executes the correct control flow.

2594906 (1086055)

- The use of host variables defined as type DateTime no longer produce spurious compiler errors.

2594156 (1085997)

- An error that could cause a MissingMethodException for managed programs compiled with charset(ebcdic) has been fixed.
- When a COMPUTE target had more than 18 significant digits and the COMPUTE expression included division, the decimal scaling could be lost, producing incorrect results.
- The error reporting for forward references and ambiguous references has been enhanced.
- In managed COBOL, a statement of the form "set string-type to interface-type", where string-type is an item of type string and interface-type is an item of some interface type, was producing invalid code.
- Spurious errors relating to indexed file keys are no longer produced as a result of using implicit local declaration.

## **.NET ESQL Support**

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- Previously, OpenESQL incorrectly handles Oracle NOWAIT, WAIT n and SKIP LOCKED cursor options when SQL(TARGETDB) was set to ORACLE.

2649989 (1089640)

- The OpenESQL preprocessor now accepts SQL(DATE=ODBC) and SQL(TIME=ODBC).

2641087 (1088749)

- The behavior of various cursor types in different usage scenarios is now documented, showing how the product behavior is now more consistent across different database types for error detection and reporting.

2614802 (1088009)

- Previously, a nullable host variable in a stored procedure call might have generated an invalid call statement.

## **.NET Native Debug**

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- Stepping a program that contains a screen section and compiles to .int code no longer causes the IDE to hang when an error occurs in the screen section.

2613594 (1087908)

## **.NET RTS**

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- Using binary floating-point items on a machine with a non-English locale no longer produces errors.  
2657599 (1090407)
- The RuntimeServices Add() method for .NET COBOL no longer gives an exception for some instances of COBOL classes.  
2642836 (1088926)
- Using "DIVIDE ... GIVING quotient ROUNDED" where "quotient" evaluates to zero no longer causes an exception.  
2641108 (1088761)
- An error in JVM COBOL converting the result of a floating point expression to a fixed point expression has been fixed.  
2610381 (1087558)
- Computation of fractional exponents in .NET managed COBOL has been improved and is now much faster.  
2594740 (1086047)

## Adis

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- Statements of type "DISPLAY SPACES AT LINE... POSITION... SIZE..." now only clear the screen at the specified coordinates and for the specified size.  
2644054 (1089103)
- The Compiler and ADIS now support RM/COBOL ACCEPT and DISPLAY behavior, including when the Compiler DIALECT(RM) directive and the RM2VCOB configuration in ADISCTRL are both used.  
2616898 (1088510)

## BIS Service Engine

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- An issue where XML payloads larger than 49152 bytes were being presented to the COBOL program as an empty request has been fixed.

## CAS (COBOL App Server) General

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- casgate no longer crashes when it receives a shutdown request from MFCS.  
2657261 (1090327)
- When an MFCS process terminated while it was processing an EZASOKET function for an application, the SEP remained in a waiting state indefinitely. Recovery processing now dispatches the SEP with a TERMAPI.  
2653313 (1090061)
- EZASOKET applications are now tied to a single comms process for the life of a task. Previously, in the event of termination of a comms process (if the process was not being used by an active EZASOKET application), recovery would cause any active EZASOKET applications to dispatch the new comms process on the next EZASOKET call (which would then fail) rather than the one it was already using.  
2653313 (1090060)
- When an enterprise server was processing a very large number of JCL jobs for the same class, a job could be locked for dispatch in SYSZJOBDB forever.  
2617413 (1088420)

- The EZ sockets SELECT and SELECTEX APIs now duplicate mainframe behavior in ignoring mask bits that do not correspond to allocated descriptors. This means, for example, that SELECT can be passed as a mask set to -1 (all bits set) to refer to any sockets the application has open.  
2609555 (1087715)
- A problem with submitting jobs when "Local ES Security enabled" is checked for mfuser on the Users page in ESMAC has been resolved.  
2605873 (1087287)
- Jobs active during shutdown are moved back to the input queue when the server restarts.  
2588701 (1085584)
- Previously, when retrieving the spool information, the text of some error messages has been truncated.  
2582713 (1085017)
- Logging has been added for the resource managers to facilitate recovery from failures that leave the resource managers such as DB2 and MQ with in-doubt transactions. You only need to log if the resource manager switch modules are configured to respond to xa\_recover() calls. Logging may affect the performance so you can disable it as follows - edit the server from the Enterprise Server Administration, click the General tab and type the following in the Configuration Information text box:  
[ES-Environment] ES\_XA\_LOG\_SUPPRESS=Y  
2582570 (1085539)
- If you define an XA resource definition in MFDS for MQSeries, you must deselect IBM MQ in the SIT definition in ESMAC, otherwise you will get a -5 error when the XA Switch is used.

## CAS Security

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- A "redundant" or "high-availability" mode is now available in the Enterprise Server External Security Facility. It enables you to configure multiple equivalent Security Managers and let processing continue as long as at least one Security Manager is available. To enable this feature, add the following to the configuration text area for the security configuration (either in the default Enterprise Server Security, the MFDS Security, or on the Security tab for a specific enterprise server): [Operation] redundant=yes  
2646298 (1089343)
- Previously, when using IMS with LDAP-based security, the system could sometimes stop processing requests for four minutes, and then issue a series of messages in the console log to indicate that threads had timed out waiting for a thread lock. The system would then generally recover and start processing again.  
2640581 (1089108)
- The fix for this RPI addresses the following specific situations:
  1. Installation with an ESM that is not case sensitive for user IDs (for example - when sysad, SYSAD, SysAd and other case combinations are all recognized by the ESM as the same user).
  2. Installations where all user IDs are of a the same case - either uppercase or lowercase.
  3. Installations where the user IDs are of mixed case and you would like to suppress any additional ESM authorization attempts for keying errors.
  4. Only ESM-backed security is affected.

You can now use the environment variable "ES\_ESM\_IDPW\_CASE=xy" where "x" = user; ID case and "y" = Password case. The values for "x" and "y" are:

- U = Always uppercase
- L = Always lowercase
- M = Mixed case and case sensitive

When this environment variable is set, Enterprise Server will only make one attempt to identify a user presenting the user ID and password as is (M), folded to uppercase (U) or folded to lowercase(L). If this

environment variable is not set, the legacy Enterprise Server behavior will be used. For the legacy behavior for CICS, the User ID and the password are used as supplied possibly filtered by the uppercase translation configuration of the sign-on transaction. For the legacy behavior for ESMAC and IMS you have the following sequence - first, the user ID and password are used as supplied. If the authentication fails, the User ID is folded to uppercase and used again. If this fails as well, both the user ID and the password are folded to uppercase and the used.

2640427 (1088819)

- For Enterprise Server External Security, the MLDAP ESM Module now supports retrying the connection to the LDAP server if it fails to connect. This provides some fault tolerance if the server is not immediately reachable. See the MLDAP ESM Module documentation for more information.

2619088 (1088485)

- When using an External Security Manager (ESM), an IMS printer no longer passes authorization incorrectly when it is unknown to the ESM.

2617526 (1088978)

- When the LDAP-based security has a long timeout (over four minutes) configured for LDAP operations, the ESF Manager now increases the timeout for thread locks accordingly so thread locks do not expire prematurely while the MLDAP ESM Module is waiting for a slow LDAP server.
- In Enterprise Server's External Security Facility, the MLDAP ESM Module normally attempts to set a user's failed-login count and last-login-time if the user class includes the associated LDAP attributes (microfocus-MFDS-User-LoginAttempts and -LastLoginTime). You can now disable this from the Security Manager configuration. See the documentation for the MLDAP ESM Module for more information.
- The cas-to-ad utility, which is used when initially configuring LDAP-based security for Enterprise Server, now picks up the correct path for the default location of the CICS resource definition file (dfhdrdat).

## CAS XA Switch modules

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- If a ROLLBACK is already in operation when an XA ROLLBACK is requested, Enterprise Server sees the rollback as being successful.

2653121 (1089931)

- The XDB XA switch module was updated to add a missing variable definition which prevented compilation.

2638370 (1088599)

## CCI TCP/IP

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- CCI has been extended to allow the user to tune the content and location of first failure error messages produced by CCI. This is controlled by the `errlog_path` option in the `cci.ini` configuration file.

2083845 (1053206)

## Compiler

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- Programs with data names containing certain DBCS characters now compile as expected. Previously, they would incorrectly report error message "COBCH0005 User-name not unique."

2663436 (1090882)

- VALUE clauses on THREAD-LOCAL data items are now always correctly initialized on a per thread basis.

2659874 (1090647)

- Debugging with Expression view expanded to show many qualification levels of a data record no longer causes the IDE to crash.  
2659532 (1090682)
- A MOVE of a numeric literal to a JUSTIFIED RIGHT data item now executes as expected.  
2658757 (1090641)
- The MOVELENCHECK directive now also includes checking when the source item is an alphanumeric literal.  
2656595 (1090311)
- When compiling with DIALECT"ACU", a comparison between a numeric item and the figurative constant NULL now works as expected.  
2653033 (1089923)
- Comp-1 data items are now processed correctly under DIALECT"RM". Previously, they were treated as binary floating point items.  
2652327 (1089892)
- Preprocessors now work as expected with the DIALECT"ACU" compiler option.  
2649324 (1089577)
- The DIALECT(RM) directive now sets PERFORM-TYPE(RM).  
2647147 (1089366)
- Large EXEC statements containing DBCS characters now compile without error.  
2645584 (1089204)
- List file output with the DATAMAP directive is now shown correctly for SJIS data names.  
2643308 (1088962)
- The DBCS hyphen character x"817C" is now treated as occupying the correct number of column positions, and so prevents spurious compile errors for comments in Area C.  
2642431 (1088863)
- Programs using ACUCOBOL-GT index names now execute as expected.  
2641124 (1088755)
- A VALUE clause on a national data item that specifies a figurative constant now works as expected.  
2640826 (1088820)
- An "out of memory" error when compiling ACUCOBOL-GT programs with both COPY REPLACING and REPLACE statements has been fixed.  
2640304 (1088671)
- \$DISPLAY of SJIS characters now works as expected.  
2640050 (1088644)
- Tab characters on the same line as DBCS characters no longer cause margin issues.  
2638792 (1088607)
- The maximum number of extensions supported by the COPYEXT directive has been increased to 25.  
2618274 (1088353)
- Literals assigned to DBCS data items are now checked for valid content.  
2618240 (1088339)
- When running under RM/COBOL or ACUCOBOL-GT emulation, appropriate declaratives are now executed for an unsuccessful DELETE FILE operation.  
2616717 (1088313)
- The emulation of RM/COBOL has been improved regarding the default encoding of numerics types.  
2607368 (1088045)

- The error message for when special register names are used as data-names has been improved.  
2599694 (1086646)
- A qualified reference to a paragraph in another section followed by an unqualified reference to the same paragraph now compiles without error.  
2598461 (1086498)
- Display statements are now displayed correctly when using the window1 preprocessor.  
2591903 (1085826)
- A syntax error is now produced if you attempt to use a data item with more than 18 numeric positions in extended ACCEPT/DISPLAY syntax.  
2590649 (1085688)
- The COPY statement no longer requires Katakana characters in a copybook's name to be enclosed in quotation marks in order for the copybook to be found.  
2582689 (1085009)
- With regards to file handling, the DIALECT(RM) compiler directive now better emulates the default behavior of the latest RM/COBOL product.  
2582096 (1084955)
- An error with EXTERNAL files where the fd name is the same as the name of an OS function (e.g. sin or strcpy), which caused an rts error 114, has been fixed.  
2492339 (1077479)
- An error in ADD statements with multiple targets, where one of the targets has a subscripted subscript, has been fixed.  
2189318 (1062255)
- Error messages 'RTS226 External file definition inconsistent' and 'RTS227 External data definition inconsistent (Fatal)' have been enhanced to give additional information.  
2188868 (1062214)
- Parsing and consistency checking of the FOREGROUND-COLOR attribute in DISPLAY statements has been improved.
- The Compiler no longer crashes when processing the USE Compiler directive and the specified directive file does not exist.
- Under a Shift-JIS locale, you can now successfully compile a program containing tilde characters.
- EXEC statements are now subject to the action of REPLACE statements (INCLUDE names excepted).
- An INSPECT statement with both 'TALLYING .. FOR TRAILING ..' and 'REPLACING TRAILING ..' syntax now compiles successfully and executes as expected.
- The CHANGE-MESSAGE and HIDE-MESSAGE directives have been enhanced to allow non-severe SQL and CICS errors to be configured (their severity changed or completely suppressed). This can be achieved using the error message's 2-character sub-component prefix; for example, CHANGE-MESSAGE(ES1000 N). If no prefix is specified, CH is assumed.
- You now receive a warning when you use a TYPEDEF-NAME as a parameter for the PROCEDURE DIVISION header of an ENTRY statement, except for external programs or program prototypes where this syntax is legal.
- The Compiler no longer crashes with an RTS114 error after finding multiple Report Writer syntax errors.
- A error processing a bitwise logical expression that has a subscripted operand where the subscript is an arithmetic expression has been fixed.

### **Cob/Cblink/Cblnames (32-bit PC)**

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- CBLLINK no longer gives an error when an object file is specified in a fully qualified path containing a dot.  
2605052 (1087384)



## Data Tools Converter

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- DFCONV no longer fails on non-Intel byte order processors when the conversion uses an STR file.  
2658596 (1090476)
- Converting a Mainframe-Report-ANSI file to a PC-Print file where the file begins with a form feed no longer results in a line feed being inserted in the PC-Print file before the form feed.  
2652812 (1089911)
- The Data File Converter no longer fails with DFC661 Error during conversion when executed in 64-bit mode.  
2649118 (1089569)

## Data Tools Editor

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- The Data File Tools editor no longer crashes when inserting a record after the last record of the file.  
2655432 (1090160)
- The Data File Tools editor no longer corrupts a PIC 9 data item when the field is edited from within the record layout view.  
2655011 (1090143)

## Data Tools Layouts

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- Setting a condition value for a PIC 9 data item no longer displays a corrupt value.  
2612439 (1087833)
- Setting a condition value for a PIC 9 data item no longer displays a corrupt value.  
2612152 (1087782)

## Documentation

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- The documentation was not clear about the range of acceptable values of EX\_XA\_????\_NB\_RETRIES or the consequent system behaviours. This has been corrected.  
2593300 (1085893)
- The documentation has been amended to alert users that under certain conditions, a dynamic binding error is possible  
2553077 (1082557)
- You no longer need a 64-bit enterprise server in order to communicate with Microsoft BizTalk Host Integration Server on a 64-bit machine.  
2614060 (1087978)
- The documentation has been updated so that the help page more accurately reflects the ESMAC screen.  
2611733 (1087753)
- The product documentation now includes information about the ES\_JESYSMSG\_OUTPUT environment variable.  
2604533 (1087004)
- The documentation has been updated to clarify the effect of escape characters on path names.

2594224 (1086013)

- The CPMT transaction no longer supports the CEDF or NOCEDF functions.

2527592 (1089531)

- The documentation has been updated to provide more information about the MFJAMS LISTCAT command.
- When invoking MFSORT from the command line, the maximum length of the command is 1024 characters. Characters after this limit are ignored, and if this truncation causes an invalid/incomplete command, an error is produced.

## File Handling - External File Handler

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- For SORTIN, all data sets in a concatenation must use the same RECFM - either all fixed-length or all variable-length. Also, if using fixed-length records, LRECL must be set the same for all data sets.

2654517 (1090095)

- A COMMITFLUSH no longer causes file corruption. Previously, corruption was possible with COMMITFLUSH on when a process, having done only a rewrite that changes non-key data, is committed after another process has altered the files size.

2652378 (1090281)

- The RM RECOVER1 utility is now distributed with Visual COBOL in case RM indexed files need to be recovered or rebuilt.

2650917 (1090175)

- Support has been added for the ASSIGN TO PRINT syntax when accessing RM/COBOL data files. Specifically, BEFORE ADVANCING <count>, AFTER ADVANCING <count>, BEFORE ADVANCING PAGE, and AFTER ADVANCING PAGE now work correctly and produce the same print file contents as they do in RM/COBOL.

2649809 (1089792)

- The RM/COBOL configuration option RMFM\_RUN\_INDEX\_FILES\_DEFAULT\_FILE\_VERSION\_NUMBER 2 now correctly creates a version 2 RM/COBOL indexed file.

2649414 (1089679)

- A SORT action no longer fails due to an illegal filename when the SORTTEMP file is specified to be an RM file using EXTFH.CFG.

2648865 (1090292)

- File names containing embedded spaces now work correctly in XML Extensions.

2648306 (1089486)

- The correct file status "23" is now stored in the file status data item, which will cause the proper INVALID KEY condition action for REWRITE RANDOM or DELETE RANDOM I/O operations on an RM/COBOL data file.

2648182 (1089461)

- A WRITE or REWRITE operation on a fixed record length RM/COBOL or ACUCOBOL-GT file no longer generates an erroneous 44 error after a READ of a short record.

2647143 (1089369)

- DELETE and REWRITE operations on an RM/COBOL indexed file with DYNAMIC access and where the prime key allows duplicates now work correctly, meaning that the behavior matches RM/COBOL, where the operation behaves like sequential access and deletes or rewrites the current record.

2646274 (1089289)

- When opening an RM/COBOL data file for input, a READ WITH LOCK after a READ WITH NO LOCK no longer returns an erroneous 99 (record locked) error. This matches RM/COBOL behavior for a file opened in the input mode.

- 2644830 (1089726)
  - When accessing RM/COBOL data files, a file status of 04 is correctly returned where appropriate.
- 2616717 (1088310)
  - When accessing RM/COBOL data files or calling C\$RERR, file statuses '44,03', '44,04', and '44,07' are correctly returned where appropriate.
- 2616717 (1088465)
  - When accessing RM/COBOL data files or calling C\$RERR, file status '47,01' is correctly returned where appropriate.
- 2616717 (1088467)
  - When accessing RM/COBOL data files or calling C\$RERR, file status '48,01' is correctly returned where appropriate.
- 2616717 (1088468)
  - When accessing RM/COBOL data files or calling C\$RERR, file statuses '93,02' and '90,05' are correctly returned where appropriate.
- 2616717 (1088469)
  - A file status of 90,05 is now correctly displayed as 90.
- 2616717 (1088449)
  - C\$RERR now reports a meaningful 30,22,nnnnn error, where nnnnn is the Micro Focus extended status, when the File Handler diagnoses an operation error on an RM/COBOL data file.
- 2616717 (1088470)
  - File Handler now converts the charset of all instream data in a concatenated dataset to that of the calling program.
- 2606382 (1087212)
  - The file locking for VB files with DISP=SHR has been removed. It is now the user's responsibility to ensure that other users do not update the file at the same time.
- 2605857 (1087302)
  - Concatenating multiple SYSIN DD statements now works correctly.
- 2590465 (1085905)
  - File corruption no longer occurs when you make two rewrites of a record in the same transaction, where the first rewrite changes an alternate key and the second rewrite changes it back again.
- 2576793 (1084780)
  - CTF tracing no longer defaults to showing CTF handles as errors. CTF tracing for handles now only appears for DEBUG and ERROR levels.
- 2566161 (1083551)
  - If the DDname is missing from JCL, the value of COBDATA is not used to search for a file.
- 2559292 (1084935)
  - The rebuild help message file has been updated to correct a typo.
  - Fileshare now supports the ACU and RM file formats.

## **File Handling - Fileshare**

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- SORT no longer abends if the SORTIN file is a Fileshare file.
- 2653753 (1090002)
  - A commit-prepare now returns non-zero error code if the Fileshare server is not running.
- 2637773 (1088492)

- If the Fileshare server crashes before a commit or a rollback in the two-phase commit, the transactions before a commit-prepare are now committed while recovering the file.  
2637773 (1088493)
- Byte-stream routines called from Fileshare clients now work correctly with a 64-bit Fileshare server.  
2607314 (1088601)

## IDE Debugging

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- If you set the debug\_on\_error tunable to 1, then the debugger will now attach for all RTS errors.

## MF Common Client

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- When there are multiple directories configured in mf-client.dat, the service deployment tools (such as imtkmake) and the IDE features now correctly scan all directories for deployment destinations and not only the first one.

## MF Communications Server

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- In EZASOCKET/EZACICAL applications, the "reserved" portion of the socket-address information returned by API calls (such as GETSOCKADDR and GETPEERADDR) is now set to low-values, for improved mainframe compatibility.  
2659699 (1090549)
- You no longer receive a run-time system error when an invalid IMS Connect message is received with a missing end-of-message indicator.  
2649746 (1089727)
- A problem causing IMS Connect conversations to an enterprise server to hang has been resolved.  
2645771 (1089247)
- For SSL-enabled listeners in Enterprise Server, MFCS now offers the option of setting SSL keyfile passphrases using a user exit module. For instructions and a sample module, contact Micro Focus SupportLine.  
2641670 (1088950)
- Intermittent failures in the CICS Web Interface servers that send chunked responses have been fixed.
- The SO\_LINGER socket option in CICS sockets (EZASOCKET / EZACICAL) now works correctly.

## MF Directory Server

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- In the Enterprise Server Administration HTML GUI, clicking "Update All" on the Security Manager List page while an enterprise server instance using external security was started would cause the MFDS process to terminate.  
2654069 (1090069)
- The MFDS XML import command line option correctly sets the value of the listener's SSL client authentication option on import.  
2653699 (1090115)
- The MFDS command line options to export or import server configuration data when using an external Security Manager now work correctly.  
2652779 (1089981)

- If the custom configuration text for an Enterprise Server instance was larger than 4K and the "Create XML repository copy" repository option was selected or, if the server configuration was exported in XML format, the MFDS process could terminate.

2650330 (1089683)

- The MFDS -x and -g command line options for creating and importing Enterprise Server instance configuration in XML format can now be run against an MFDS process running on a specific TCP address and port by using the CCITCP2 and CCITCP2\_PORT environment variables.

2646427 (1089303)

- The correct details for Enterprise Server "MSS Inter-System Communication" conversation type listeners can now be exported and imported using the MFDS XML export/import feature.

2644237 (1089091)

- The "Directories" link in the Enterprise Server Administration GUI did not function correctly based on the configured Security Manager permissions for a logged on user.

2583624 (1085073)

- When you use casstart from the command line to start an enterprise server instance that appears as "Not Responding" in the Enterprise Server Administration, the status log for that server is now cleared when the server reaches "Started" state.

2570318 (1086170)

## MF Server Administrator (GUI)

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- When viewing Enterprise Server Administration from within the Visual Studio IDE, you no longer receive a script error when clicking Renew in the left-hand side panel.

## MVS REXX Emulation

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- The REXX engine previously assumed that all hexadecimal strings represented EBCDIC characters. This resulted in the X2C built-in function producing an incorrect result when a hexadecimal string representing ANSI data was used. The MFREXX\_CHARSET environment variable can now be used to indicate whether the REXX engine should use EBCDIC or ANSI when working with hexadecimal strings or performing string comparisons.

2647920 (1089596)

- Trace options set in a parent procedure are now propagated to a CALLED internal procedure.

2612317 (1087818)

- Execs residing in temporary datasets allocated to SYSEXEC or SYSPROC no longer sometimes fail to load.

2579785 (1086478)

- The LASTPOS function no longer returns an incorrect result if the 'start' parameter value exceeds the length of the 'haystack' parameter.

## NCG

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- You no longer receive an RTS 114 error when stepping EXEC SQL statements in debug mode.

2611568 (1088003)

- A bug in "display ... upon environment-name" with the [NOT] ON EXCEPTION clause has been fixed.
- A bug that affected querying linkage items in a program that has parameters in working-storage has been fixed.

## RTS

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- Using the CBL\_EXEC\_RUN\_UNIT library routine to repeatedly execute non-COBOL processes no longer causes a 'COBRT105 Memory Allocation Error' error to be produced.  
2651531 (1090239)
- The library routine C\$OSLockInfo now works correctly when used in a program compiled with the DIALECT(RM) directive.  
2643661 (1089044)
- The RANDOM intrinsic function, when compiled in a program using the HOSTNUMMOVE directive, no longer produces a runtime error if the argument is a literal or a numeric expression.  
2596268 (1086174)
- Dynamic memory allocations using the CBL\_ALLOC\_MEM call are no longer limited to 2Gb on 64-bit processes.  
2513886 (1079960)
- On Windows, if an error occurs when creating a core dump file, then a message box is no longer displayed for core\_on\_error settings greater than 127.  
2509666 (1079870)
- When using the kterm terminal emulator, any new terminal Windows created by COBOL will now be kterm, in preference to xterm. By default, it will use ShiftJis kanji mode and 16 point fonts but these can be overridden by setting the COBTERMOPTS environment variable. For example, to use EUC kanji mode and 14 point fonts, use: export COBTERMOPTS="-fn a14 -fk k14 -km euc"

## Samples Browser

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- Enterprise Developer now includes samples for the ACU/RM conversion utility and for XML Extensions and Xcentricity.  
2600450 (1086612)

## Setup Issues

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- The Start and Stop scripts for mfcsed and lserv have been improved for handling the possible states that services and system files may be in.  
2657001 (1090384)

## SQL: DB2 ECM

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- A required file for the DB2(GEN-SQLCA)directive was missing, causing the directive to work improperly.  
2659056 (1090501)
- The DB2 pre-compiler now saves or restores the RETURN-CODE special register so executing EXEC SQL statements no longer affects that register.  
2655173 (1090353)
- Previously, the DB2 preprocessor sometimes incorrectly defined the number of host variables to use for a singleton SELECT when a group host variable was redefined using FILLER.  
2613602 (1088069)
- Previously, the DB2 preprocessor would not generate calls to a system program unless it was linked in.

- 2611937 (1087736)
- Previously, the DB2 preprocessor might incorrectly flag indicator arrays as invalid.
- 2546456 (1088155)

## SQL: HCO for SQL Server

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- Previously, the SPD Generator tool could generate invalid COBOL parameter names if no parameter name was specified and the parameter type was DECIMAL.
- 2664672 (1091009)
- Some thread safety issues that occurred in SQL run-time allocation under load have been resolved.
- 2658581 (1090459)
- The performance of forward-only, read-only cursors in SQL CLR stored procedures has been improved and a new Compiler directive, SQL(OPTION=OPTIMIZEPCCURSORS), has been added to provide additional control.
- 2644905 (1089182)
- When SQL(DETECTDATE) is used with SQL(DIALECT=MAINFRAME), and the mainframe time format is ISO, the second component of the time value must be present. This is to avoid ambiguity and unwanted conversion of simple numeric character strings.
- 2641203 (1090111)
- Under HCOSS, SQL error messages returned from calls to DSNTIAR did not always get translated to EBCDIC when executing the application in that mode.
- 2615782 (1088148)
- There are new directives, SQL(OPTION=SQCLRTRANS) and SQL(OPTION=SPCOMMITONRETURN), that resolve some issues with stored procedures that expect COMMIT and ROLLBACK to behave the same as mainframe DB2.
- 2611786 (1087718)
- You can now use DISPLAY statements with COBOL stored procedures for diagnostics in the same way as with applications, when you set the SQL(OPTION=SPDISPLAY) directive.
- 2598617 (1086941)
- Previously, after a FETCH NEXT ROWSET statement, the number of rows returned was incorrectly reported in SQLERRD(3).
- Dynamic SQL statements executed by EXEC SQL EXECUTE IMMEDIATE are now correctly converted to T-SQL when the SQL(DIALECT=MAINFRAME) directive is set.

## SQL: OpenESQL

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- Using a java.math.BigDecimal host variable as an input parameter to SQL statements caused an ORA-17041 error.
- 2652362 (1089847)
- Previously, when using OpenESQL for ADO.NET, an SQL-CODE error occurred when a query timeout was set from a host variable.
- 2650030 (1089675)
- Previously, OpenESQL threw an exception while attempting to set a default JDBC login timeout at connect time.
- 2647801 (1089421)
- When using the Progress Oracle ODBC driver, the OpenESQL runtime incorrectly reported a failure for a successful INSERT when a successful INSERT was followed by a failing INSERT.

2646958 (1089336)

- OpenESQL now accepts EXEC SQL DECLARE x STATEMENT END-EXEC statements, where x is a dynamic SQL statement name. This statement has no effect but is accepted for compatibility with other ESQL SQL dialects.

2643884 (1089076)

- When using SQL Native Client or SQL Server Native Client ODBC drivers, the PIC N(xx) USAGE NATIONAL host variable caused an error when used with the NVARCHAR(MAX) SQL Server data type.

2601192 (1087619)

- When executing code compiled for the JVM, if the run-time system encounters a duplicate symbol, it now reports an RTS119 error, "the symbol is not unique".

2598694 (1086469)

- Previously, the precompiler incorrectly reset run time information in large Object-Oriented applications that had SQL statements across multiple methods which resulted in incorrect SQL runtime errors.

2597319 (1086681)

- When compiling Oracle applications and using SQL(CHECK), errors were reported for SELECT statements only. This has been corrected to report errors for all statements.

2566933 (1083631)

- You no longer receive an internal buffer error message when compiling OpenESQL applications under an MBCS UTF8 locale.
- EXEC SQL DESCRIBE or PREPARE INTO now return the correct sqltype for VARCHAR columns when the SQL(OPTION=DESCRIBEVARCHAR) directive is used. The SQL(DATE) and SQL(TIME) directives now apply to date and time host variables that are declared with SQL TYPE as well as with PIC X.

## Vision File System

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- RMFM now correctly generates 04,05 (and 04,06) statuses and the file status variable contains 04.

## Visual Studio IDE

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- Compiler directives files containing & comment entries are now processed correctly during a background syntax check.

2643547 (1089039)

- Using unsupported directives such as "\$CONTROL DYNAMIC" no longer causes a message "The IDE has encountered an unexpected error and is no longer stable. You should save your work and exit."

2615891 (1088262)

- Projects under source control in Team Foundation Server were not opened correctly in Visual COBOL for Visual Studio 2012.

2611808 (1087801)

- Background syntax checking performance has been improved.

2574012 (1084232)

- Find in Files now includes an option for searching in the copybook paths - COBOL Project Copybook Paths.

2495750 (1077749)

- You can now successfully rename and change the case of filenames from Solution Explorer.
- Previously, when opening a solution that references a missing or inaccessible COBOL project file, Visual Studio offered to upgrade the missing project file.



## XML Extensions

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- A compiler error when processing XML extensions with dialect(rm) set has been fixed.  
2589841 (1085641)
- Previously, in native code, XML Extensions treated negative literals (such as in the value of a name/value pair for XML SET XSL-PARAMETERS) specified as parameters in native code as a large positive literal. It now correctly treats them as negative literals.

## XML syntax support runtime

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- Block comments in XML instance documents no longer cause a 201 parsing error.  
2618943 (1088554)
- The XML preprocessor now generates correct output for the COUNT IN clause.  
2596137 (1086285)

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