



Getting Started Guide

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Chapter

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Plant Applications Installation Overview

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Introduction

Plant Applications is a unique software solution that digitizes the collective information being generated throughout your production facilities into a “virtual plant” for access where, when, and how you need it. Plant Applications provides clear insight into your production to greatly improve operational effectiveness.

Plant Applications continues to offer an SDK to customize and implement platform (MESCore) features.

United Manufacturing Database Support

Plant Applications continues support for the Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB) that combines a Plant Applications data model with the S95 data model employed by the SOA platform.

The model offers a single platform to implement holistic, operational performance-management solutions for batch, discrete, and mixed environments using equipment, product, and people centric models. It provides the following benefits:

- Extension by the new MESCore Service provider of the SOA data model to enable creation of a Unified Manufacturing Database.
- Data entry through the convenient Workflow Client interface. A separate license for Workflow is required to use workflows.
- Data methods to design custom displays and forms to gather, monitor, and analyze plant operations data. Using methods with Workflow requires a license.

Licensing

Plant Applications licensing has been simplified to help manage concurrent users. The Plant Applications Server is licensed based on the number of concurrent users that connect to the server.

A concurrent user has access to all modules and functions in Plant Applications. You can license individual modules, supporting module-level licensing for customers having previous licensing for the Efficiency, Quality, and Production modules.

After installing Plant Applications, you can use the License Viewer to help determine what licenses exist on a machine. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Programs > Proficy Common > License Viewer**.

For more information about the latest GE Digital product offerings, see <https://www.ge.com/digital/products>. For general information about the new GE Digital licensing model, search for Licensing information on <https://digitalsupport.ge.com/>. A help system is installed with licensing and is available from the Proficy Common directory.

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Configuring Apache CouchDB Settings

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Configure Apache CouchDB Settings

Apache CouchDB is a document storage application that stores the documents used in a route. This topic describes how to configure the Apache CouchDB settings so that it works with Plant Applications.

Before You begin

- Install Apache CouchDB.
- If you want to use the https protocol:
 1. Create a folder named `uaa` in the CouchDB folder.
 2. In the `uaa` folder, place the certificate and key files that you want to use for the https protocol.
- Create a user for Apache CouchDB with the same credentials as for Plant Applications Universal Client.

Procedure

1. Access the `default.ini` file located in the following folder:
`<installation folder for Apache CouchDB>/etc`
2. Enter values for parameters as described in the following table.

Section	Parameter	Description
chttpd	port	Enter the port number that you want to use for Apache CouchDB.
	bind_address	Enter the IP address of the machine on which you have installed Apache CouchDB.
	authentication_handlers	<p>Perform the following steps to enable proxy authentication:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Comment out the following line: <code>authentication_handlers = {chttpd_auth, cookie_authentication_handler}, {chttpd_auth, default_authentication_handler}</code> Uncomment the following line: <code>authentication_handlers = {chttpd_auth, proxy_authentication_handler}, {chttpd_auth, cookie_authentication_handler}, {chttpd_auth, default_authentication_handler}</code>
httpd	port	Enter the port number that you want to use for Apache CouchDB.
cors	enable_cors	Enter true to enable cross-origin errors.
	origins	Enter the IP address of the machine on which Plant Applications is installed.
	headers	
	methods	Enter GET, POST, and PUT.

3. Access the `local.ini` file located in the following folder:
`<installation folder for Apache CouchDB>/etc`
4. Enter values for parameters as described in the following table.

Section	Parameter	Description
chttpd	port	Enter the port number that you want to use for Apache CouchDB.
	bind_address	Enter the IP address of the machine on which you have installed Apache CouchDB.
ssl	enable	Enter true to allow the usage of the https protocol.

Section	Parameter	Description
	cert_file	Enter the file path of the certificate file (for example, ./uaa/uaa_server.crt).
	key_file	Enter the file path of the key file (for example, ./uaa/uaa_server.key).
cors	origins	Enter the IP address of the machine on which Plant Applications is installed.
	headers	
	methods	Enter GET, POST, and PUT.
couch_httpd_auth	require_valid_user	Enter true to prompt users to enter their user name and password to access Apache CouchDB. Important: You must create at least one user before you enter true for this parameter.
	secret	Enter a value without a space or special characters to allow proxy authentication.
httpd	WWW-Authenticate	Uncomment the following line: WWW-Authenticate = Basic realm="administrator"

5. Save the local.ini and default.ini files.
6. Restart Apache CouchDB.

Results

Apache CouchDB settings are now configured. You can view all the changes that you have made by accessing Apache CouchDB.

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Installing Non-Docker Plant Applications

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About Installing Non-Docker Plant Applications

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Software Requirements

Before you install Plant Applications, verify that all required software versions have been installed on the target machine.

Workflow and Predix components are required for Plant Applications and installed from the **Installation Menu**.

See [Test and Production Environments](#) to compare machine requirements in a test, standard production, and high-transaction environment.

Note: Plant Applications 7.0 SP1 does not support Web Client Displays for Vision, which were delivered in previous versions.

- Windows Server 2016 or 2012 R2 for server installations (64-bit)
- Windows 7 and Windows 10 for client installations (64-bit)
- SQL Server 2012, 2014, or 2016 (64-bit)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7 (new prerequisite for SP5)

Note: You can download the Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7 from the following URL: <https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=825299>

- Web Server IIS 8.0 or later based on the operating system
- SQL Server 2012 Native Client version 11.4.7001.0 or later (new prerequisite for SP5)

Note: The SQL Server 2012 Native Client is required for Plant Applications Server and Plant Applications Client machines. If the version of the SQL Server 2012 Native Client you installed is not 11.4.7001.0 or later, you must upgrade it. You can download the SQL Server 2012 Native Client version 11.4.7001.0 or later from the following URL: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=50402>

- Microsoft Excel 2013 or 2016 (required for SQL Server and Web Engines)
- Workflow 2.5 SP4 or Workflow 2.6

Note:

- You must install Workflow 2.6 if you are installing a clean environment of Plant Applications 7.0 SP5
- Workflow 2.5 SP4 is supported for using Plant Applications 7.0 SP5
- GE Proficy Historian Server 7.0 (SP5 or SP6) or 7.1 for the Plant Applications Universal Client
 - Historian UAA

Note: If you install GE Proficy Historian Server 7.1 on the same node as Plant Applications and if you later uninstall Historian, you cannot open Plant Applications Client and Plant Applications Administrator. To resolve the issue, you must reinstall the Historian on the same node as Plant Applications.

- GE Proficy Historian Server 7.0 SP5 or SP6 for Process Analyzer
- Application Assembler 7.1.2
- Browsers
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 (Web Reports)

Note: Currently, Plant Applications Universal Client components do not support Internet Explorer.

- Chrome v65.0+ (Plant Applications Universal Client components)
- Safari v10.0+ (Plant Applications Universal Client components)

Note: Process Analyzer only supports Chrome.

- PDF reader (required to view some Web Server reports)

Note: For a list of supported service packs and SIMs, refer to the article KB9920 in the GE support site (<https://digitalsupport.ge.com>).

Installing the .NET Framework

You should install or upgrade to .NET Framework 4.7.

Procedure

1. Stop all SOA services, Plant Applications services, and SQL server services to prevent the .NET Framework 4.7 installation from rolling back.
2. Download and install the .NET Framework 4.7 from the Microsoft product website.
3. Use the **Control Panel** to verify *Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7* is listed as an installed program.
4. Restart the services.

Setting up IIS Web Services

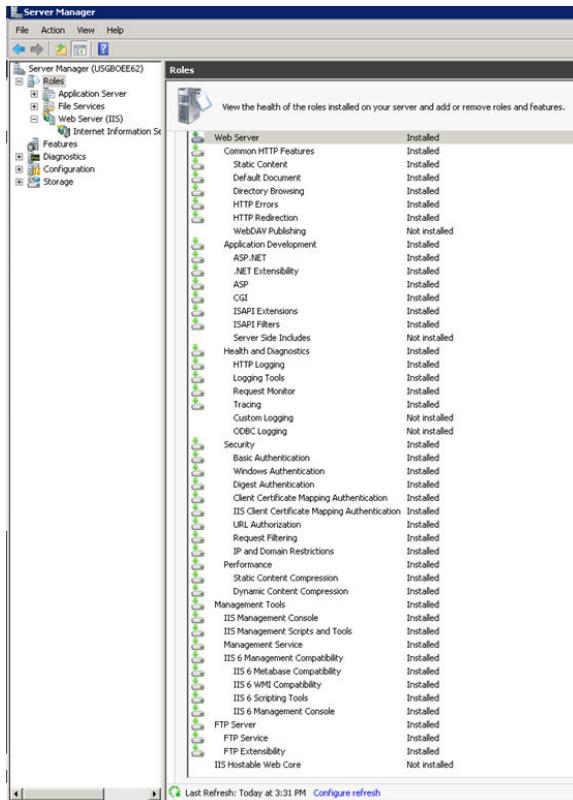
Before You begin

Note: Before you make any changes to Internet Information Services (IIS), you may want to export your existing configuration to review it. For more information on an existing Microsoft utility, refer to <https://www.iis.net/learn/get-started/getting-started-with-iis/getting-started-with-appcmdexe>

Verify that all role services for Web Server and IIS have been installed.

Procedure

1. Open **Server Manager**.
2. Expand **Roles**, then select **Web Server (IIS)**.
3. Scroll down in the information listed for the Web Server (IIS) to view installed Role Services, and verify that the correct services have been installed.
4. If needed, click **Add Roles** in the Roles Services section to start the **Add Role Services** wizard to add a role.
5. Click the **Web Server (Installed)** box to enable service selection. Restart the machine if role services have been added.
6. Expand **Features**, and run the **Add Features** wizard.



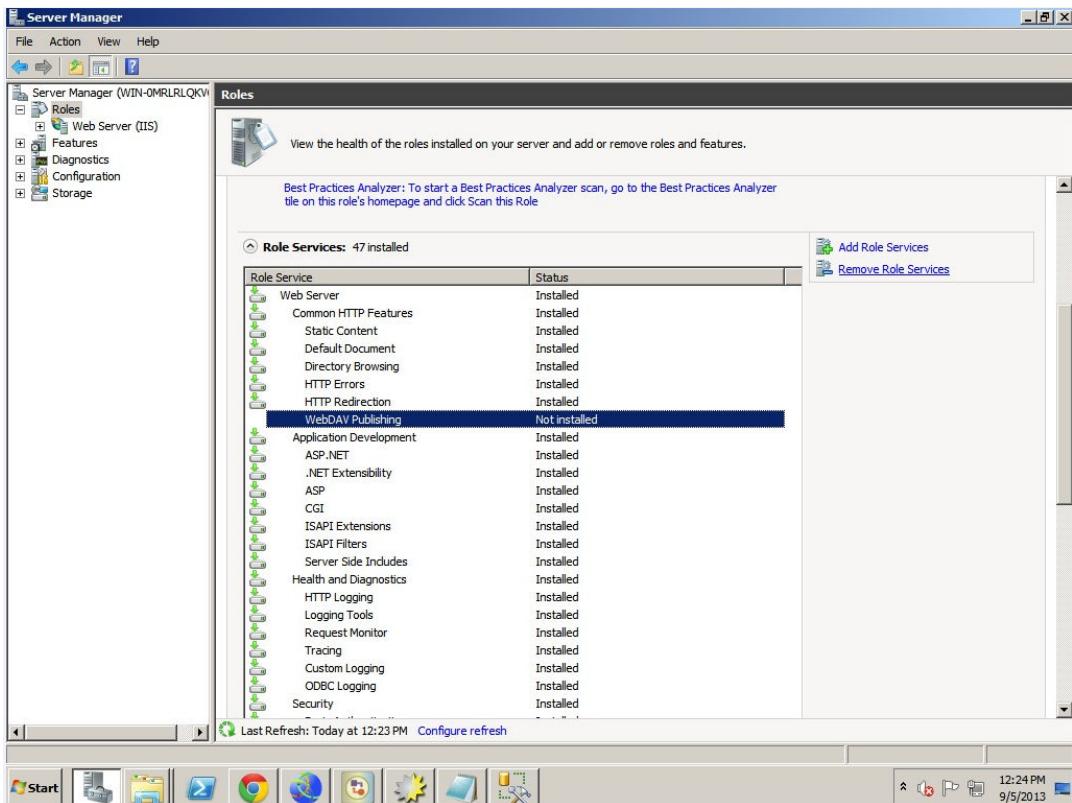
7. Select **HTTP Activation** under .NET Framework 3.5.1 Features, then run the wizard to install the feature.

Removing WebDAV Publishing from IIS

WebDAV Publishing causes an error when deleting or updating comments or events. When installing IIS, do not include WebDAV.

Procedure

- If IIS is already installed with WebDAV, uninstall it from the **Role Services** screen of the **Server Manager**.



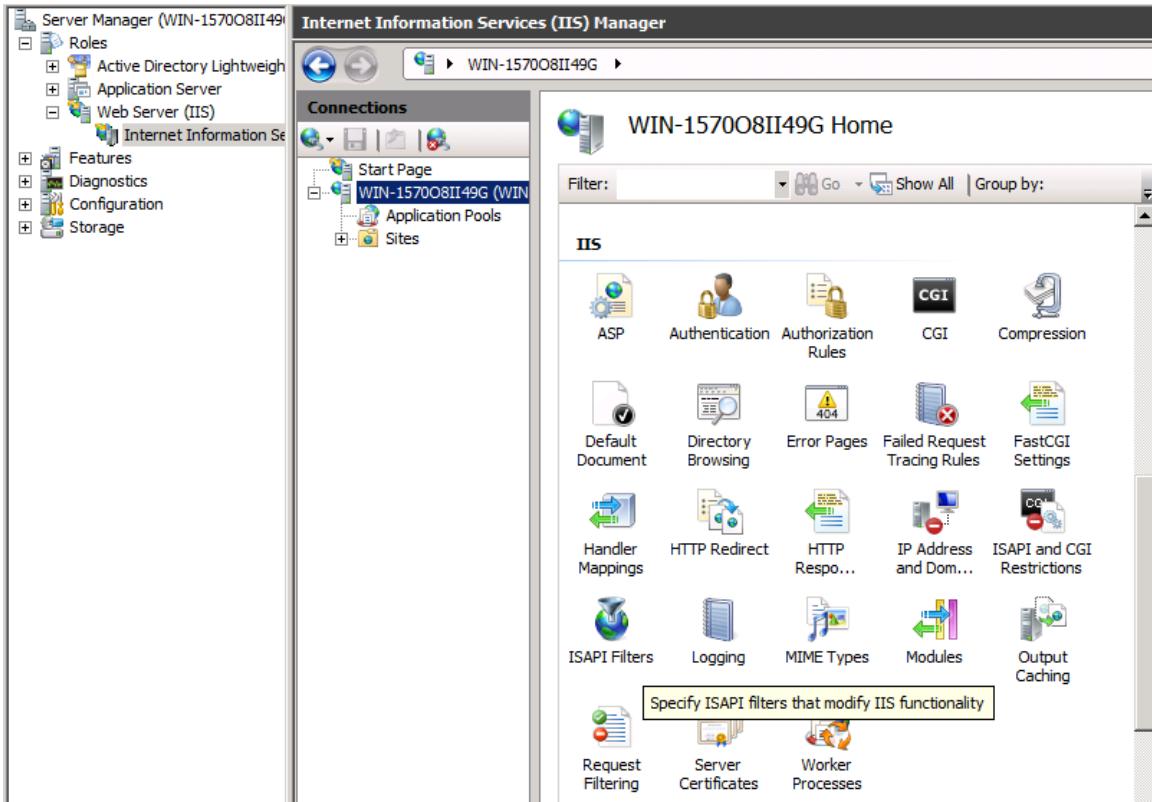
Editing the ISAPI File Path

About This Task

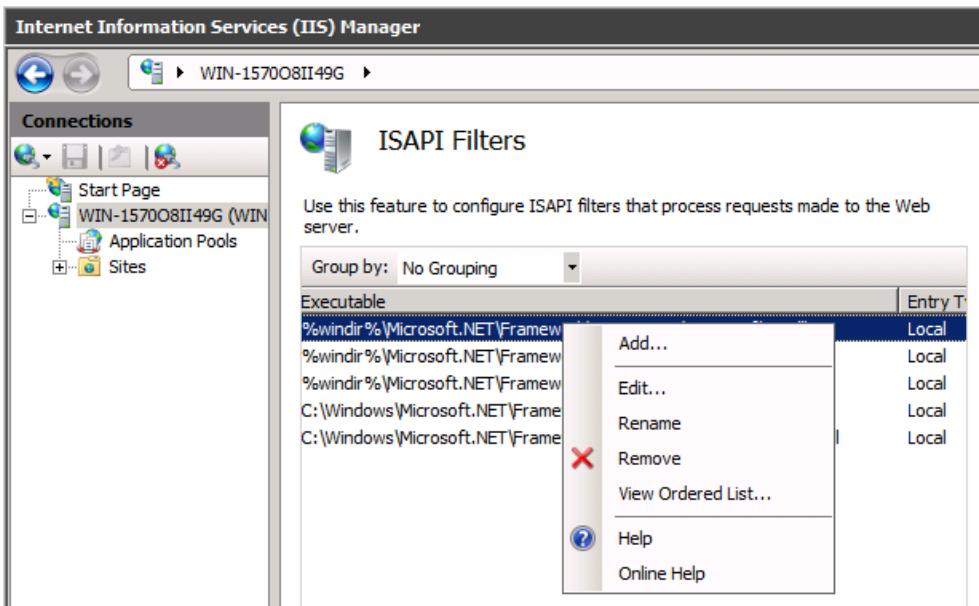
An error can occur when loading ISAPI filters.

Procedure

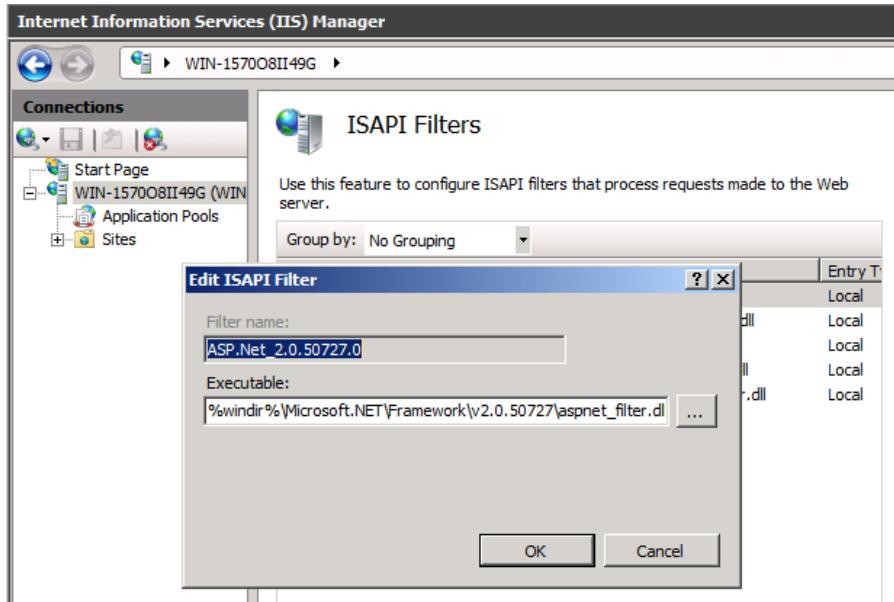
1. Open **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager** from the **Server Manager**, then right-click the icon to open the **ISAPI Filters** pane from the ISS section of the ISS Manager.



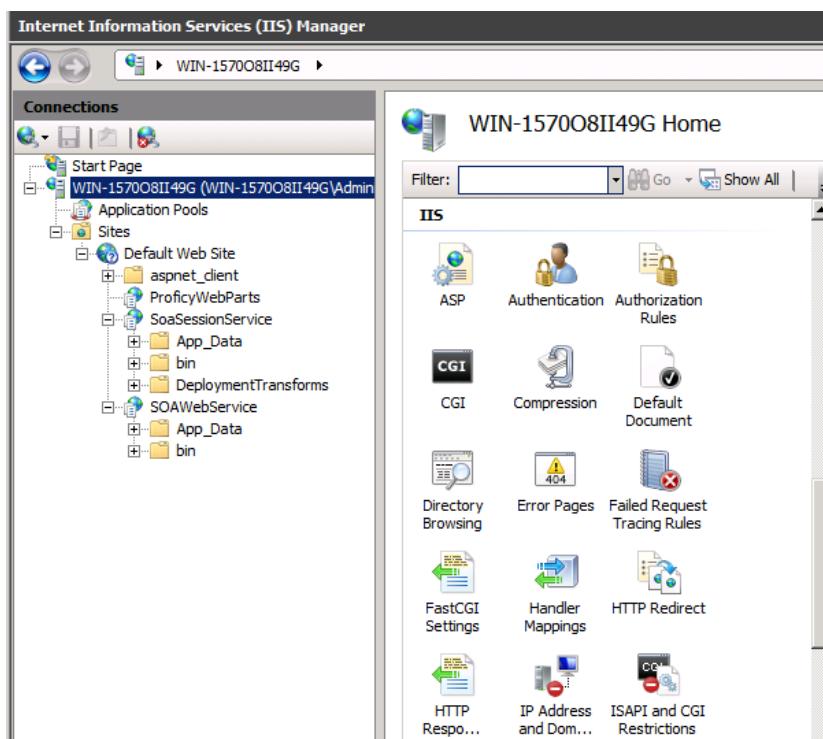
2. Expand the Executable column and look for any executable path containing two backslashes instead of one. Right-click the executable and select **Edit**.



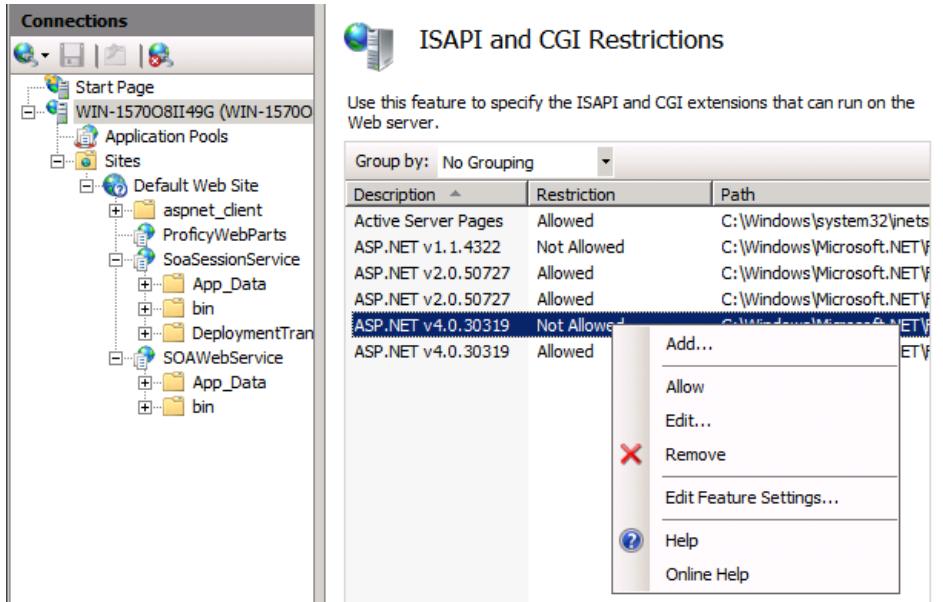
3. Change the ISAPI Filter path to use a single slash, such as `\aspnet_filter.dll` as shown in the following example.



4. Navigate to **ISAPI and CGI Restrictions** under IIS for the Report Server, then right-click to open the pane.



5. Verify that the *Framework* and *Framework64* extensions for ASP.NET, version 4.0.30919, are set to **Allowed**. Right-click an entry to make a change if necessary.



Workflow Requirements

The **Proficy Application Server** selection under **Prerequisites** in the Plant Applications Installation Menu installs Workflow 2.5 SP4 components. When upgrading, refer to [Upgrading from Plant Applications Version 6.2 or 6.3](#).

SOA Platform

The SOA platform is installed along with Workflow and is required by Plant Applications to install the UMDB. A Workflow license is not required to use Plant Applications with the UMDB, but a Workflow license is required to build workflows. Plant Applications supports the 32-bit version of Workflow.

Note: Install or upgrade Workflow components before Plant Applications components. When upgrading, follow the steps in [Upgrading from Plant Applications Version 6.2 or 6.3](#) to remove components before starting the installation.

SSL Security Certificates

The Proficy Application Server requires SSL security certificates.

You can use self-signed certificates in intranet environments only. The certificates need to be trusted on each client machine that accesses the websites. Self-signed certificates are best used in demonstration environments, but not in enterprise or Internet deployments. You can use existing certificates deployed by your existing security policy or purchase new certificates.

When installing the Proficy Application Server, you are prompted to generate new certificates, import certificates, or use legacy certificates. If you do not have a certificate, you will typically generate a new one. You can follow the instructions at technet.microsoft.com to create a self-signed certificate for testing in an intranet environment.

Note: You need the fully-qualified domain or machine names when registering SSL security certificates.. They should be the same names that you provide when you define IIS and the HTTPS binding, and must match the name on the certificates (for example: MyComputer.MyDomain.com..

Port Requirements

Use internal interfaces to open the ports required for Plant Applications operations.

Port	Description
80	Used by Web server for serving traditional, web reports.
1433	Used by SQL Server for communication to SQL.

Use the `CXS_Service` table in the Plant Applications database to modify the following ports.

Port	Description
12293	Used by Proficy Server Manager for the Service Control feature of the Administrator.
12294	Used by Proficy Server Gateway for clients (including SDK) to send/receive Plant Application messages.
12295	Used by Proficy Server Gateway for clients (including SDK) to send/receive Plant Application messages.
12295	Used by older (4.0 and older) versions of Client Manager.
12299	Used by Proficy Server Remote Data Service, allowing Proficy services perform remote read and write operations to a historian.
12401	Used by Proficy License Manager for licensing requests from Proficy services to clients.

Use INI files such as `cmRTR.ini`, `cmConfigMgr.ini`, `PlantAppsMesssging.ini`, or `Message.ini` (found in the Plant Applications program installation directories), to modify the following ports.

Port	Description
10000	Used by the Proficy message router to process Plant Applications messages between services clients communicating with the router.
12280	Used by the Proficy message router to process Plant Applications messages between services clients communicating with the router.

Following ports are required for the Plant Applications Universal Client

Port	Description
5672	Used by the Rabbit MQ Message bridge to communicate with the Plant Applications server to retrieve data updates.
8443	Used to provide the required redirect to allow the UAA to load the Universal Client.
8444	Tomcat port used by the Universal Client.
5433	Default port for PostgreSQL installation.

Before You Begin

Before you install Plant Applications, complete the tasks described in this section.

Review Architecture Requirements

You must install a historian such as GE Digital Historian as well as prerequisite software such as SQL Server. Plant Applications supports Historian (standard or enterprise) 7.0.

Due to the competition for ports, “all-in-one” deployments are no longer supported. At a minimum, Historian and the Universal Client must be installed on a separate server node.

Refer to *Appendix A* at [Appendix A: Test and Environments](#) to learn about architecture strategies to meet the needs of particular environments.

Review Upgrade References

If you are upgrading from version 6.2 or 6.3 of Plant Applications, refer to [Appendix D: Upgrading from Version 6.3 SP1](#) for additional steps. Contact GE Support at [General Contact Information](#) for assistance with upgrading from earlier versions.

If you are installing the Plant Applications Server, Clients or Web Server report components in a clustered environment, review the information in *Appendix B* at [Cluster Overview](#).

If upgrading the Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB), refer to these sections:

- [Upgrade Strategies](#) gives strategies to upgrade the UMDB from previous versions.
- [Database Setup Strategies](#) describes how to upgrade a SOA or Plant Applications database to a UMDB.
- [Setting Up Languages for Plant Applications Displays](#) on page 54 explains how to implement additional languages after installing Plant Applications. Plant Applications displays use English as the default language.

System Requirements Location

The *Important Product Information (IPI)* help file outlines system requirements, and can be accessed from the **Installation Menu**.

SQL Server Requirements

To install Plant Applications, the SQL Server Browser service for SQL Server must be running, and the TCP/IP protocol must be enabled.

The SQL User account used for the database when installing Plant Applications requires, at minimum, system administrator privileges.

If you are installing Plant Applications Server and SQL Server on different computers, you must manually enable the TCP/IP protocol. It cannot be enabled remotely.

Setting up the Remote Data Service

The Remote Data Service (RDS) allows Plant Applications Client components, including the Administrator, to access historians without installing the API components on the local server.

About This Task

By consolidating the historian connections, the RDS provides a single point of configuration and software installation, making it easier to deploy the Plant Applications software. If you do not use the RDS, you must install the Historian API Client Tools on the Plant Applications Server and the individual Client workstations.

Procedure

1. Use the Plant Applications client installation to install the RDS service on the remote historian server.
2. Edit the historian in the Plant Applications Administrator, then select the Remote Data Source option to facilitate communications.
3. Install Historian Client API tools.
 - a) Install the Historian on the computer where you will install the Plant Applications server.
 - b) Select the following components on the **Select Components** page:
 - Historian Excel Add-in
 - Historian Administrator
 - Historian Client Tools
 - Historian Documentation & Help
 - OLE DB
 - c) Click **Next**, then click **Finish** to restart the computer with your changes.

Upgrade Strategies

When upgrading Plant Applications 6.2 or 6.3, you must take UMDB management into account.

For more information, on handling your UMDB, see [Database Setup Strategies](#) on page 21. You should always back up an existing database. See [Upgrading from Plant Applications Version 6.2 or 6.3](#) if you are upgrading from Plant Applications 6.2 or 6.3, or contact Support at [Support](#) if you are running a version of Plant Applications that does not support the UMDB or for any other upgrade paths.

Database Setup Strategies

The SOA platform and Plant Applications employ SQL databases running on SQL Server software to store information.

Merging an existing SOA database with an existing Plant Applications database to form a Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB) requires detailed planning. The strategy you employ to set up database depends on your existing situation and your goals. For example, you can opt for a new installation with a new database, or you can upgrade an existing database to install a UMDB. It is probably a rare case that you would need to install a UMDB that combines existing SOA and Plant Applications databases. The UMDB can reside on the same machine as the Plant Applications server or on a separate server with SQL Server installed.

You can use one of the following basic strategies for establishing a database:

Create a New Database for New Data

Enter a new database name during the Workflow installation with the intention of starting fresh with new data for a new UMDB to hold and Plant Applications data. The necessary SQL database tables, compatible with the software versions, are set up.

When using Workflow Client to create equipment, material, and personnel, the entities are aspected to the Plant Applications data model for access in Plant Applications. In the same way, entities created in Plant Applications are aspected for use in the Workflow Client. To create a new database, enter a new database name. Refer to *Plant Applications Client Help* for information about Fully Qualified Domain Names.

You should back up an existing database before installing a new release of Workflow or Plant Applications. SQL Server changes to the SOA database, such as the addition of data models and tables included with software, cannot be reversed.

Point to an Existing Database

If you have an existing SOA or Plant Applications database, you can point to the database during the Workflow installation and a subsequent Plant Applications installation. To point to an existing database, enter its name when prompted for a database name. During the Workflow installation, SOA data tables are updated for compatibility with new software.

When Plant Applications is installed, the MESCore Service Provider adds the necessary Plant Applications tables and aspects to the SOA database to install a UMDB. If you are using only an existing Plant Applications database, it will not have any SOA data structures.

If upgrading an existing SOA database to a UMDB, refer to [Preparing a SOA Database for UMDB Integration](#) on page 44. After Plant Applications is installed, you must run the `CreateAspect` command from the command line with options to prepare the database for migration.

Create a New Database as a Placeholder

Enter a new database name as a placeholder during the Workflow installation with the intention of later pointing to an existing database. Database upgrade can be a slow process or you may want to follow a more complex strategy to merge data. Creating a new database during installation helps to not interrupt the installation process while providing options for handling database setup.

- Use the utilities available with SQL Server to move a database from one server to another.
- Historian data is stored in separate tables and may be in a separate database. It is useful for reporting to have the Historian database point to a Plant Applications database, because alarms are then kept in a common “alarms” table. When generating a custom report, you can report on alarms from both Historian and Plant Applications.

Aspecting

Aspecting cross-references objects residing in the Plant Applications database with objects that follow the S95 data structures used by Workflow.

Set the `UseProficyClient` site parameter to `True`, to enable aspecting. You cannot rename aspected items. Aspecting of user names uses the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) specified for a Windows account. For more information, see the *Plant Applications Help*.

- When using the Workflow client to create equipment, material, and personnel, the entities are aspected to the Plant Applications data model for access in Plant Applications. In a similar fashion, entities created in Plant Applications are aspected for use in the client.
- Set the `UseProficyClient` site parameter to `True` to merge the Plant Applications and the SOA equipment models using the Workflow client. For more information, see *Enabling the Proficy Client UI and Aspecting* in the *Plant Applications Help*.

About TLS Support

You must install the following software packages to support transport layer security (TLS) 1.2:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7
- Microsoft SQL Server Native Client for the SQL Server (the minimum required version is 11.4.7001.0)

Consider the following points to enable TLS 1.2 in operating systems:

- TLS 1.2 is already enabled in Windows 8 (and later versions) and Windows Server 2012 (and later versions) operating systems. To use TLS 1.2 in these operating systems, you must add registry keys to disable TLS 1.0 and 1.1.
- To enable TLS 1.2 in operating systems prior to Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012, you must add keys, and modify existing keys to disable TLS 1.0 and 1.1.

Note: Use the following URL to access the keys: [https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/windows/it-pro/windows-server-2012-R2-and-2012/dn786418\(v=ws.11\)#BKMK_SchannelTR_TLS10](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/windows/it-pro/windows-server-2012-R2-and-2012/dn786418(v=ws.11)#BKMK_SchannelTR_TLS10).

About the SQL Server AlwaysOn Requirements

The Plant Applications modules support the Microsoft SQL Server AlwaysOn feature that provides a high-availability and disaster-recovery solution for SQL servers. The feature acts as an enterprise-level alternative to database mirroring and maximizes the availability of a set of user databases for an enterprise. For more information, refer to the URL [https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/sql/sql-server-2012/ms190202\(v%3dsql.110\)](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/sql/sql-server-2012/ms190202(v%3dsql.110)).

About Replicating Logins and Jobs for the SQL Server Nodes

For the high-availability solutions to work, you must replicate all the user logins (including the default logins ComXClient, ProficyConnect, and ProficyDBO) and all SQL Server Agent Jobs of the primary replica of the Plant Applications database (SOADB) to all the secondary replicas of the SQL Server instance (nodes used in a cluster environment). In addition, you must create replicated user logins with security identifiers (SID) that match those of the primary replica of the Plant Applications database. For more information, refer to the URL <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/database-engine/availability-groups/windows/logins-and-jobs-for-availability-group-databases?view=sql-server-2017>.

About the Tested High-Availability Solutions

The following table describes the high-availability solutions tested for Plant Applications modules.

High-Availability Solution	Cluster Type	SQL Server Node 1	SQL Server Node 2	SQL Server Node 3
Failover Cluster Instances	Single Subnet	Network A	Network A	Not applicable
Failover Cluster Instances	Multi-Subnet	Network A	Network B	Not applicable
Availability Groups	Single Subnet	Network A	Network A	Not applicable
Failover Cluster Instances + Availability Groups	Single Subnet	Network A	Network A	Network A
Failover Cluster Instances + Availability Groups	Multi-Subnet	Network A	Network B	Network B
Failover Cluster Instances + Availability Groups	Multi-Subnet	Network A	Network B	Network A

Note: The performance of a high-availability solution in a multi-subnet cluster environment depends on the complexity of the network.

Installation Overview

Plant Applications software includes components for Plant Applications and Workflow.

The Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB) requires Workflow, but you only need licensing if you are using workflows. The Proficy Application Server installs Workflow 2.5 SP4. If you are upgrading from a previous version of Plant Applications, see [Upgrading from Plant Applications Version 6.2 or 6.3](#).

Note: By default, all non GE functionality is installed on the C: drive. If you do not want to use the default location, you can manually install the non GE functionality to the required location.

Run the `installfrontend.exe` program as an administrator to display the **Installation** menu, which includes the following options:

Menu Selection	Description
Proficy Application Server	Installs the Proficy Application Server, which includes Workflow. Workflow includes SOA components (without a Workflow license), which are necessary to support UMDB data structures.
Plant Applications Server	Installs Proficy Plant Applications and the MESCore Service Provider with Proficy Server (Plant Applications) services.
Plant Applications Report Server	Installs the server used to view Plant Applications Web Server reports with a browser.
Plant Applications Client	Installs the Plant Applications Administrator option for administration and the Plant Applications Client option to access Client displays. Also installs Plant Applications help and other documentation.
Plant Applications Universal Client	Installs Plant Applications Universal Client for accessing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipment – Displays an overview of the OEE, Quality, Performance, and Availability KPIs.• Reports – Displays KPI reports and production status of the plant by department, line, and unit.• Downtime Displays – Displays the downtime events for the machines assigned to an operator.• My Machines – Allows to select the required machines to monitor the downtime events.• Activities – Enables you to add and perform activities associated with an event in the specified duration of a shift.
Plant Applications Message Bridge	Enables real time updates on the Universal Client displays.
Utilities	Access additional utilities for Plant Applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plant Applications .NET SDK - Installs the .NET SDK for use with VB.NET applications. It uses a COM wrapper with C# or VB.NET applications.
Plant Applications .NET SDK	Installs the .NET SDK for use with VB.NET applications. It uses a COM wrapper with C# or VB.NET applications. Access additional Utilities for Plant Applications
Important Product Information	Accesses documentation.
Getting Started Guide	Accesses documentation.
Browse the DVD	Displays a dialog for browsing files and folders.
Exit	Closes the menu.

By default, Proficy Server services are automatically installed on the computer where the Plant Applications Server installation runs. To install Proficy Server services on one computer and install the UMDB on another, run the Plant Applications Server installation on the computer where you want the Proficy Server services installed. During the installation, you can identify the SQL Server where you want to install the UMDB.

Note: The *Important Product Information* document includes steps for setting up the SQL Server.

Installing the Proficy Application Server

The Proficy Application Server installs Workflow components as prerequisites for Plant Applications.

Before You begin

Verify that licensing has been installed before installing the Plant Applications Server.

About This Task

Workflow is required even if you are planning to use legacy Plant Applications features and Plant Applications data models without any merged SOA data models. You need a Workflow license to use workflows.

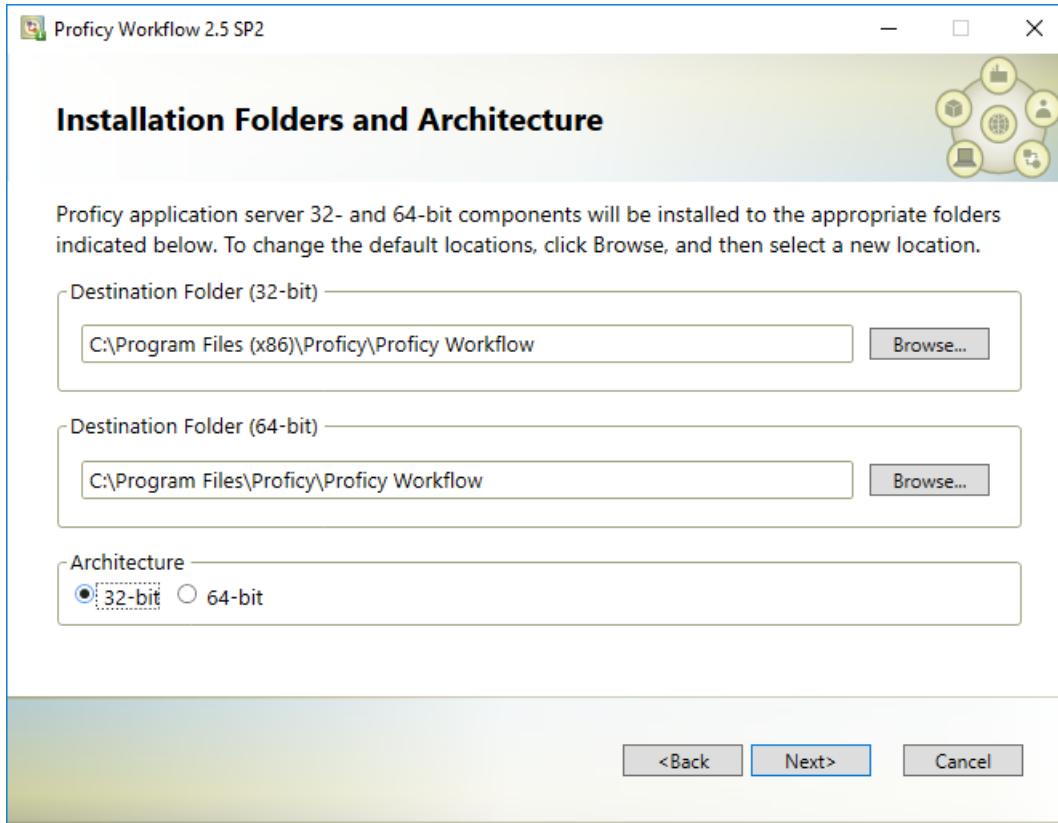
During the Proficy Application Server installation, you must specify the location for the SQL Server that hosts the database, as well as the name of the database. Stored in an XML file the Plant Applications installation uses this information in one of these scenarios:

- When Workflow adds Plant Applications tables to the SOA database to install a UMDB. After installing Plant Applications, you must run scripts to prepare data when a UMDB is installed with existing SOA data.
- When Workflow adds SOA tables and keys to a Plant Applications database (if specified as the database during installation) to install a UMDB. Before installing Workflow, you must run a script to prepare the Plant Applications database for the UMDB installation.

Refer to the following log files when troubleshooting service provider installation failures:
`configuresite.log` and `configureproficymodule.log`. You can find the log files in the `Documents and Settings\users\application data proficy\logdirectory`, or at `\programdata\proficy\logs`.

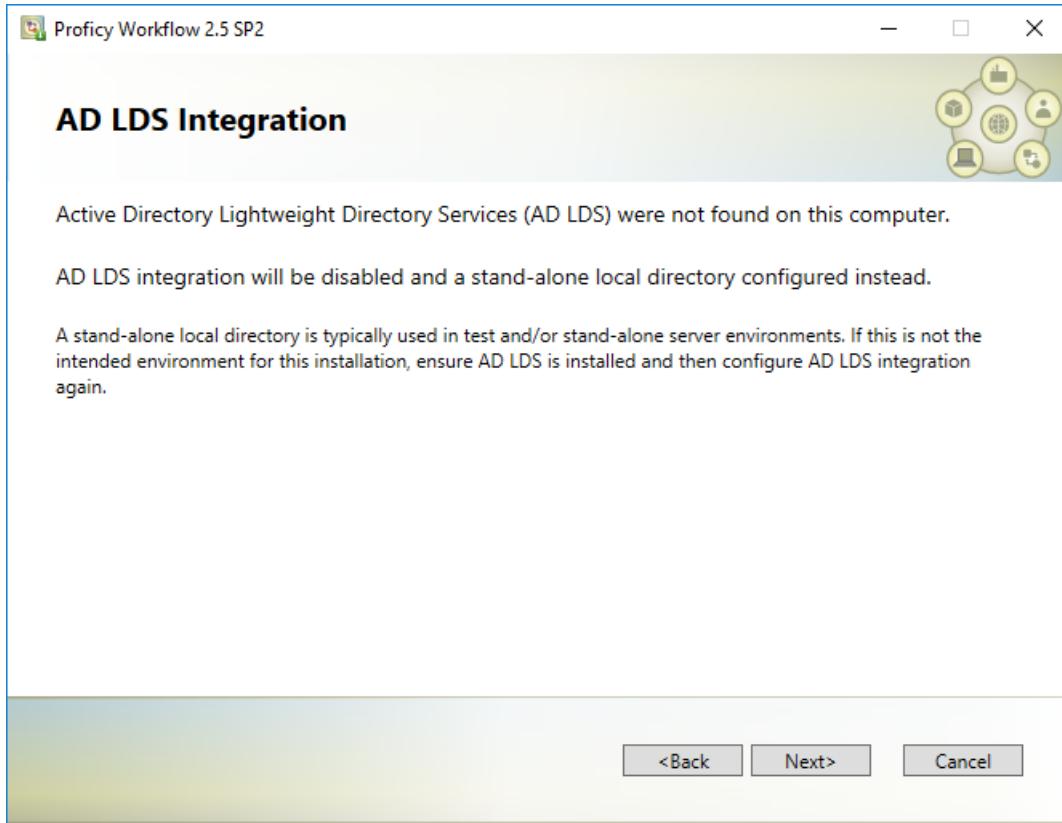
Procedure

1. Copy software and extract files to the machine where you want to install the Proficy Application Server components, then run `InstallFrontEnd.exe` as an administrator.
2. From the **Installation Menu**, select **Proficy Application Server** from the **Prerequisites** group.
3. Select the **Proficy Application Server** from the options in the **Application Server Setup Wizard** screen.
4. Select **Core** as the type of **Proficy Application Server**, then click **Next**.
5. Accept the End User License Agreement (EULA) for Proficy Workflow by clicking **I Agree**.
6. From the **Installation Folders and Architecture** screen, select the destination folders for the installation location, then select **32-bit architecture**. Click **Next** to continue.



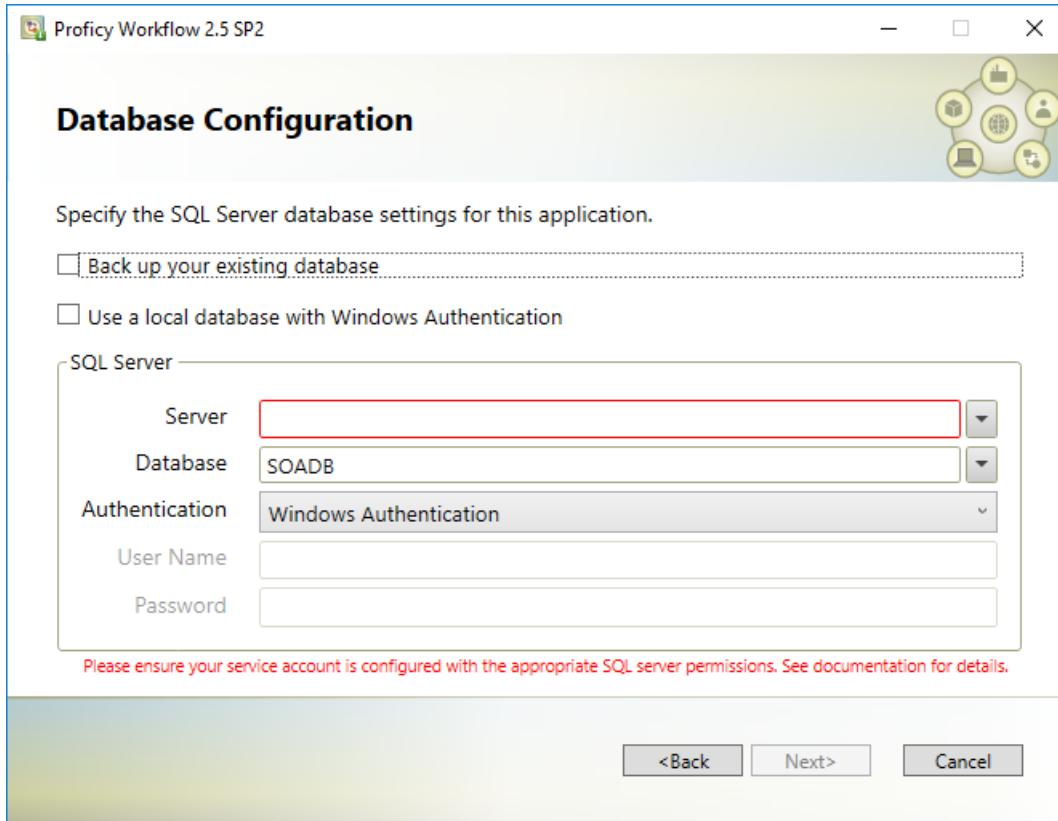
Note: Plant Applications does not support 64-bit architecture.

7. Specify **Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services (AD LDS)** settings if using AD LDS, or use a standalone local directory. Click **Next** to continue.



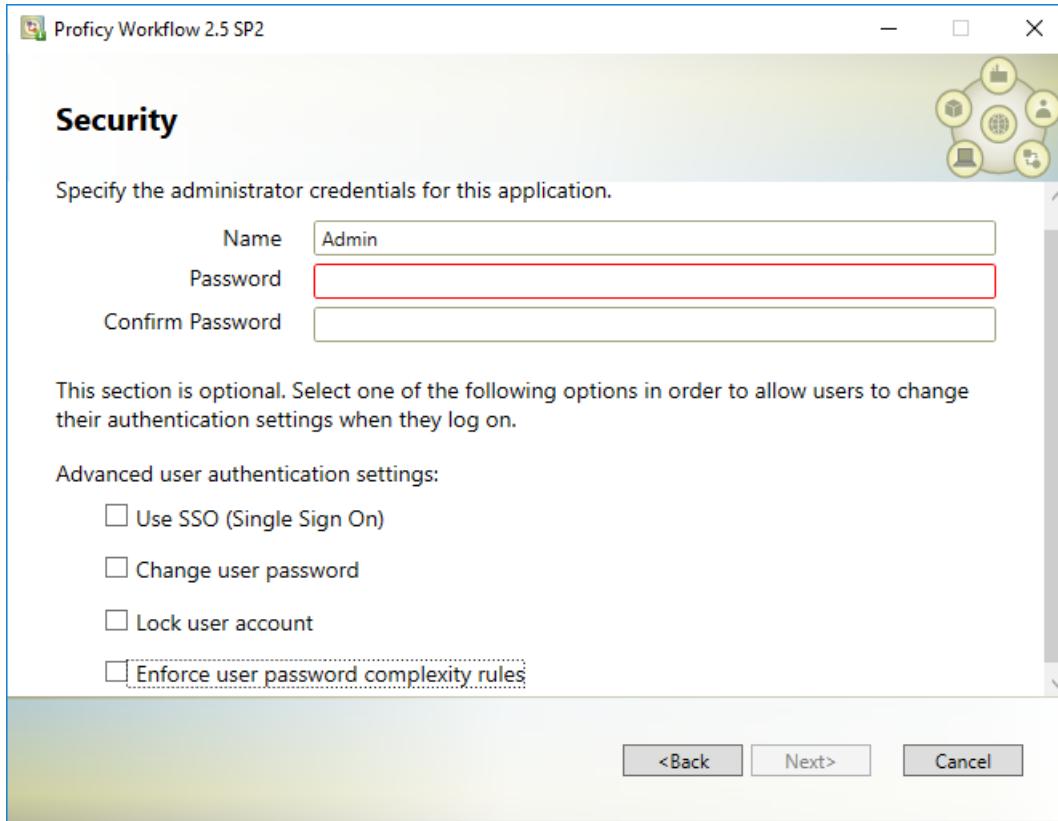
Note: If AD LDS is not installed, the wizard defines a standalone local directory.

8. Verify that the SQL Server Browser service is running. At the **Database Configuration** screen, specify SQL Server settings for the installation. The example screen specifies a database named SOADB, which is typical when installing a UMDB from a SOA database. If upgrading from an existing Plant Applications database, specify its name. Or enter a new name for the UMDB. Click **Next** to continue.

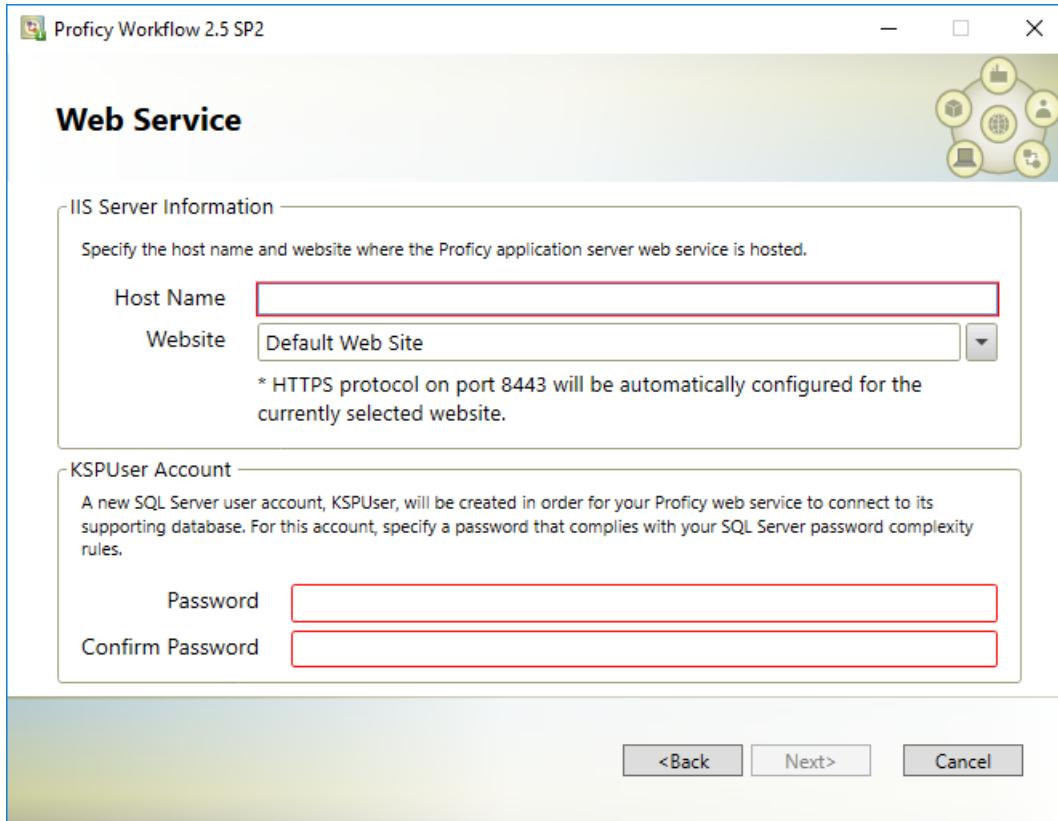


The SQL User account used for the database when installing Plant Applications requires, at minimum, system administrator privileges. To review login permissions and connection properties set up in SQL Server:

- a) Select **Properties** by right-clicking a server name in **Object Explorer** in **SQL Server Management Studio**.
 - b) Review the **Security and Permissions** pages in the Server Properties window.
 - c) Click **View connection properties** in the **Connections** pane.
9. If needed, start the **SQL Server Agent (MSSQLSERVER)** service.
10. At the **Security** screen, enter administrator credentials for Workflow.



11. From the **Service Certificates** screen, generate new certificates or import existing certificates. For more information, see, [SSL Security Certificates](#). Click **Next** to continue.
The installation program places a certificate into the trusted root store on the server where the Application Server is installed.
12. At the **Web Service** screen, enter credentials for the **KSPUser** account created to connect the Proficy web service to the database.



- Enter the domain name for the website where the Proficy application web server is hosted.
- Enter a password for the Internal SQL Database User (KSPUser).
- Click **Next** to continue.

Note: You must install the Plant Applications Server before installing web components on a separate machine.

- If the installation wizard displays a **Firewall Detected** message, disable your firewalls or configure your computer to communicate with the server. Click **Next** to continue.
- From the **Installation Confirmation** screen, click **Install** to install Proficy components. Follow any additional screen prompts.

Note: The installation program times out after 10 minutes if the Proficy Server service does not start, and a message prompts you to manually start the service. Once the service starts, the installation automatically continues.

The installation script performs the following actions:

- Installs MS Visual C++ redistributables.
- Installs Proficy Application Server.
- Sets up the SOA database.
- Sets up security.
- Sets up IIS.
- Sets up SQL.

- Upon successful installation, the wizard displays a confirmation message. Click **Exit** to close the installation wizard.
- You can verify that the SQL Server installed successfully by checking the `SQL server setup failed` status in the `SetupDataPlantAppsTemplateFile.xml` file under Program Data/Proficy.

Binding HTTPS

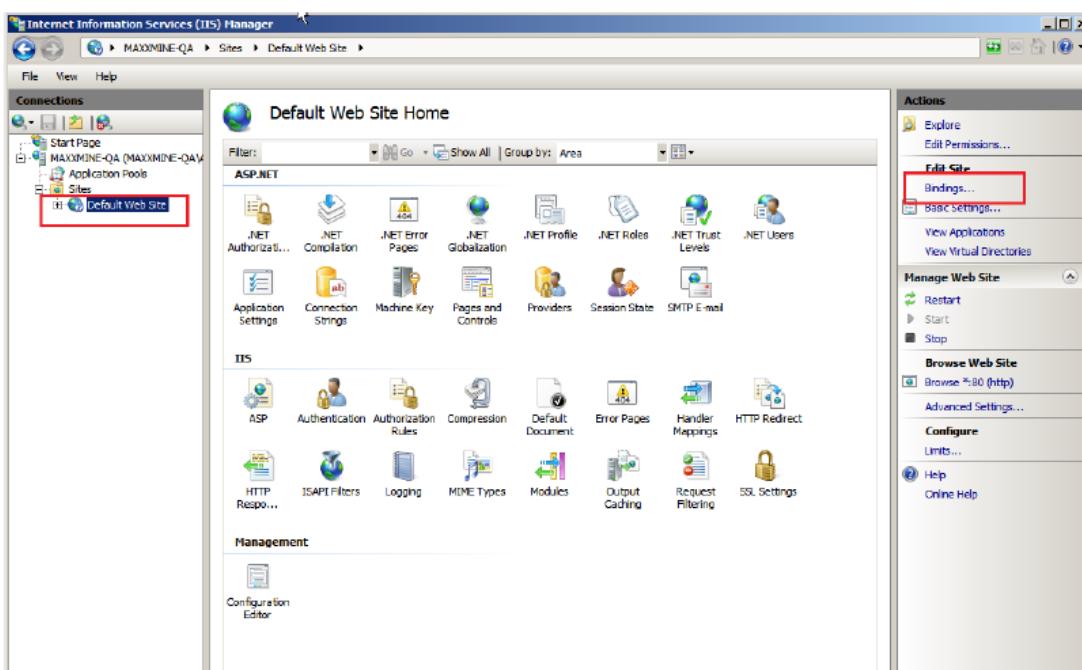
After IIS is installed and basic setup completed, you may need to bind an SSL certificate to HTTPS on the machine where the web server is installed.

About This Task

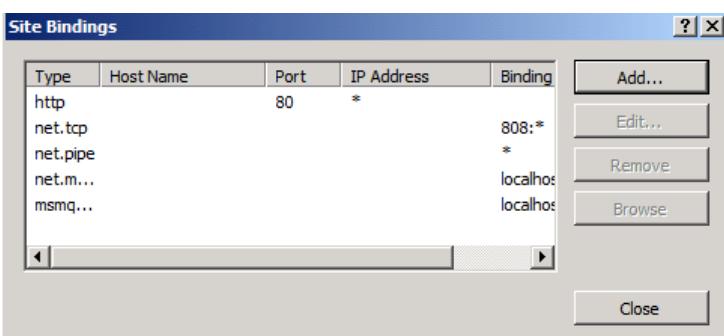
A certificate was installed when the Proficy Application Server was installed and downloaded to the machine where the web server resides as part of its installation. For more information, see the *Proficy Workflow Getting Started Guide*.

Procedure

1. Start the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager.
2. Navigate to and select **Default Web Site**. Select **Bindings**.



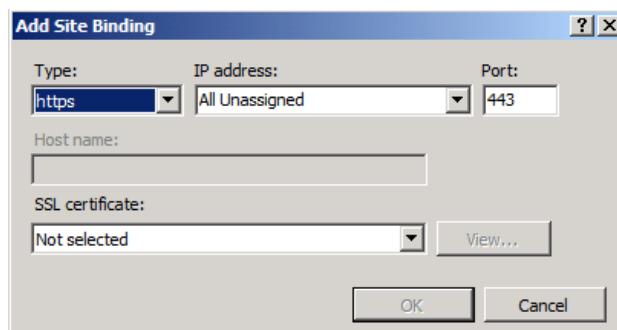
The Site Bindings dialog box is displayed.



3. Bind the certificate to HTTPS.
 - a) Click **Add** to display the **Add Site Binding** dialog box.

If you are re-binding the HTTPS certificate, select `https` from the **Site Bindings** dialog box, then click **Edit**.

- b) Select `https` in the **Type** field.



- c) In the **SSL certificate** field, enter the fully-qualified domain name of the server that received the certificate.

For the Proficy Application Server, the server is typically the host that the Web Server uses to connect to the server.

If you are re-binding the HTTPS certificate, the port remains 443. Select your SSL certificate from the drop-down menu. Click **View** to verify that you have a private key that corresponds to the certificate.

- d) Click **OK** to add HTTPS binding to the list of bindings in the Site Bindings dialog box.
4. Close the Site Bindings dialog box.
5. Close the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager.

Next Steps

After installing Plant Applications Administrator, change the `Global Configuration/Plant Applications Site Parameters/Client/UseHttps` value to `True`.

Installing the Plant Applications Server

Before You begin

- Install Proficy Application Server.
- Bind HTTPS or select a new port.
- If upgrading from an earlier version of Plant Applications, verify that the MESCore Service Provider is uninstalled.
- Install a hardware key.

About This Task

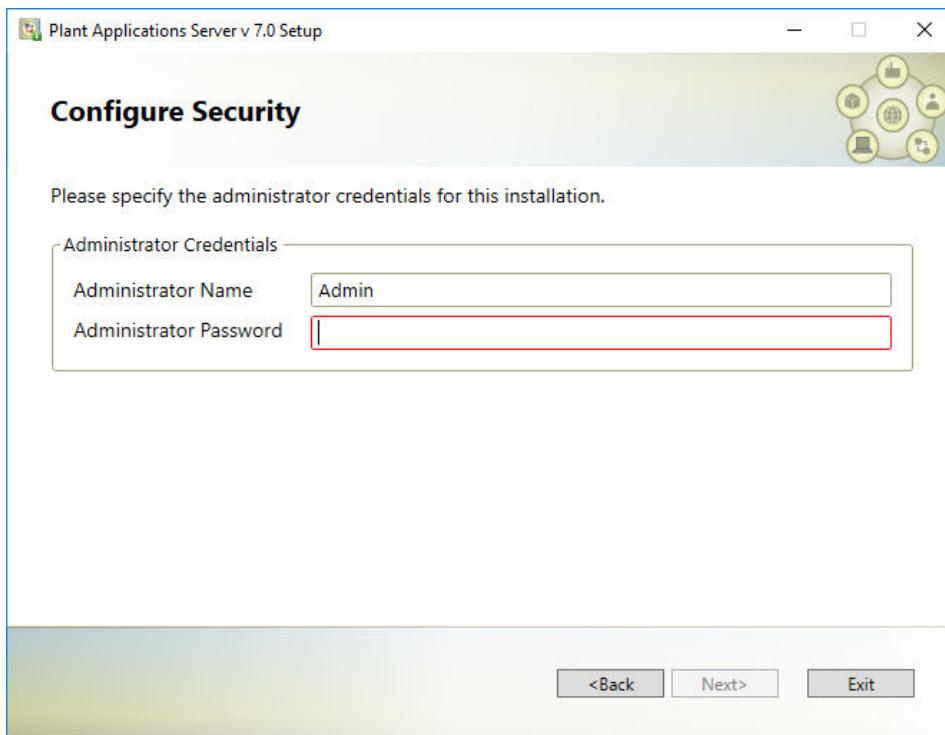
The SOA platform installed with the Workflow installation is a prerequisite for Plant Applications 6.1 or higher even if you are planning to use legacy Plant Applications features and Plant Applications data models without any merged SOA data models. You do not require a Workflow license to use Plant Applications 6.1 or higher with the UMDB unless you plan to use workflows.

The `configuresite.log` and `configureproficymodule.log` files can be useful for troubleshooting if a service provider is not correctly installed. These logs are stored under `users\{user}\application data\proficy\log` in the Documents and Settings folder or at `\programdata\proficy\logs`.

Procedure

1. Select **Plant Applications Server** from the Installation menu to start the **Setup Wizard**. If the installation does not automatically start, locate and double-click the `ProficyServer.exe` file.
2. Accept the End User License Agreement (EULA), then click **I Agree** to continue.
3. Enter the administrator credentials for the Proficy (Workflow) SOA Server or Proficy (Workflow) Client at the **Configure Security** screen, then click **Next** to continue.

In the following example, Admin is the Administrator Name that was entered when installing Workflow.



4. If needed, select Install Plant Applications Service Provider (PASP) at the **Install PASP** screen, and click **Next**.

Note: The PASP supports Plant Applications versions 4.4.1 and 5.0 for customers using interface methods published with the old version of the service provider. A standalone installation program is available if you install the PASP at a later time. The new MESCore Service Provider, which supports the UMDB, is installed with Plant Applications 6.0 or higher. Methods for the PASP remain documented in the Proficy Workflow help. You must install the PASP to run any workflow applications developed to run against Plant Applications 6.0 and earlier, as they will not run with the new MESCore SP.

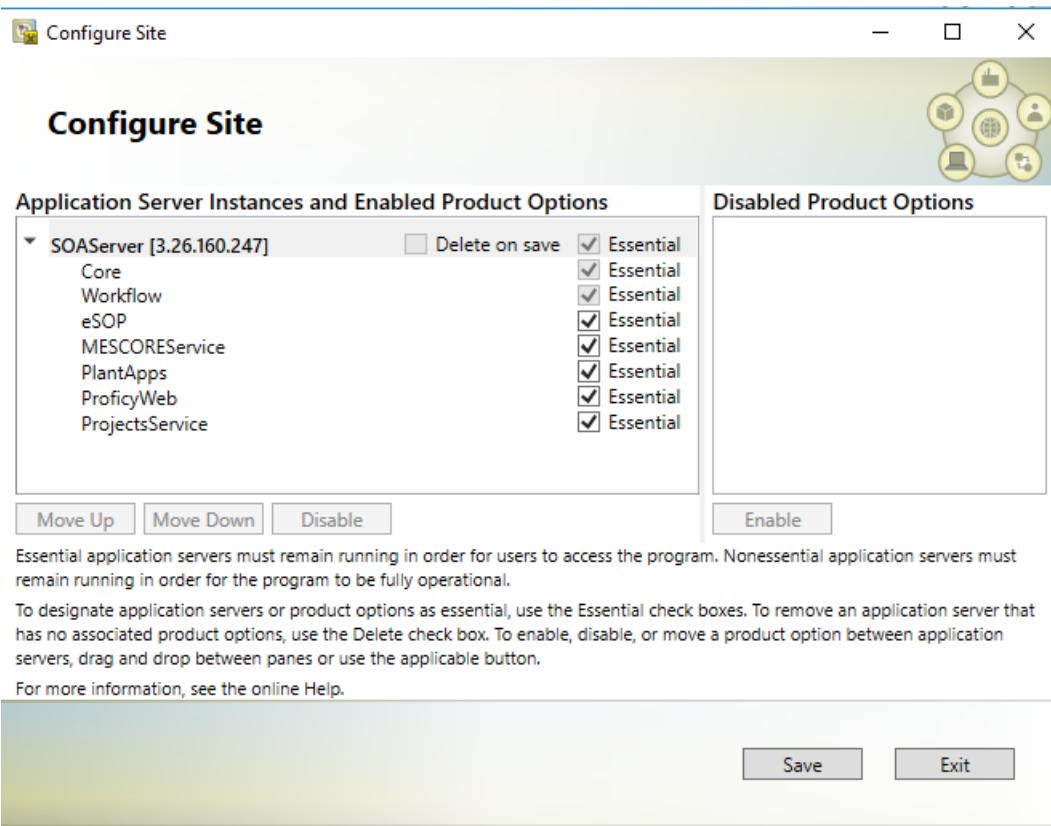
5. From the **Ready to Install** screen, click **Install** to start the installation.

The installation script times out after 10 minutes if the Proficy Server service does not start, and prompts you to manually start the service. Once the service is started, the installation automatically continues.

The installation script performs the following actions:

- Maps user accounts to the installed database.
- Installs Plant Applications Server.
- Sets COM DLLs and ActiveX controls by registering the following files:
 - `C:\Program Files\Common Files\Proficy\Plant Applications\PRMsgs.dll`

- C:\Program Files\Common Files\Proficy\Plant Applications\ProfSVR.dll
 - Creates the Plant Applications database and tables, and populates the database (database size affects length of time).
 - Installs the MESCore Service Provider module.
 - Stops the Proficy Server, Proficy Publisher, and Proficy STS services.
 - Installs product options, including displays, and sets up the Proficy site, Plant Applications services, and MESCore service views and triggers.
 - Creates a BAT file with uninstall settings.
 - Calls a data model loader to create aspect tables for the database.
 - Starts the PRLicenseMgr, PRProficyMgr, and Plant Applications services, and restarts Proficy services.
6. From the **Configure Site** screen, enable any essential product items.



- Click **Save** to save your changes, then click **Exit** to complete the wizard.
7. Click **Exit** to close the wizard.
 8. Confirm that the Proficy Server and Proficy Server Manager services are started. If services fail to start, check the applicable log files.
 9. Verify your installation by checking the installation log files.

Directory	Action
<Drive>:\<Program Files>\Proficy\Proficy Database\SetupLogs	Verify that Verifies.log and StoredProcedures.log files for the UMDB contain no errors.
<Drive>:\<Program Files>\Proficy\Proficy Server\SetupLogs	Verify that its StoredProcedures.log file contains no errors.
<Drive>:\<Program Files>\Proficy\Proficy Server\LogFiles	Verify that the Plant Applications Service log files, CalculationMgr-xx.log files, and Gateway-xx.log files contain a Connected to Router notification. This notification indicates that the TCP/IP communications are functioning successfully on the Plant Applications Server.
<Drive>:\<Program Files>\Proficy\Proficy Server\LogFiles	Verify that the Router-xx.log file initialized successfully and does not contain any errors.

Installing the Plant Applications Client and Administrator

If you are using Web Server reports, install the Plant Applications Report (Web) Server after installing the Plant Applications Server, but before installing a Plant Applications Client.

Before You begin

The Report (Web) Server is required for Web Server reports. Before installing, verify that the required IIS roles are installed. When installing IIS, make sure that WebDAV is not installed.

If an error occurs when loading the ISAPI filters, check the ISAPI file path.

About This Task

The client installation installs the Plant Applications Client and Administrator, Plant Applications Excel Add-in, Downtime Supervisor Screens, and Help files. It also installs Development tools and remote services, including the Plant Applications OPC Server and Remote Data Services. Plant Applications Administrator is the primary means of maintaining and managing the Plant Applications software. You can control system security by limiting the number of computers with the Administrator program installed.

To make it easier for technical support to quickly correct any potential problems, install the Plant Applications Administrator and Client software on the same computer as the Plant Applications Server. Also, install the Administrator and Client software on workstations that maintain the Plant Applications configuration.

Procedure

1. Select **Plant Applications Client** from the Installation Menu, then click **Next** at the **Welcome** screen.
2. When prompted, click **OK** to review the **Important Product Information** page.
3. From the **Custom Setup** screen, select **Plant Applications Client** and **Plant Applications Excel Add-in** from the list of options.

You can also select **Plant Applications Administrator**, **OPC Server**, and **Remote Data Services** to install.

No prerequisite software is required to install the Proficy OPC Server. However, you can use an OPC test client such as Matrikon OPC Explorer to test connections to the OPC Server. See *Plant Applications Help* to set up a user account.

Click **Space** to display the available and required space for features.

4. Click **Next** to continue.

You are prompted to install desktop shortcuts and, if needed, Microsoft Excel.

5. Enter the name of the SQL database server, or click **Browse** button to select one. Click **Next** to continue.

6. On the next screen, accept or change the destination folder.

7. Click **Yes** to allow Plant Applications to bypass firewall and port settings, or to make appropriate setup changes.

8. From the **Ready to Install** screen, click **Install**.

The **Installing Plant Applications Client** screen is displayed as the wizard installs the software and completes post-installation tasks.

9. When the wizard displays the **InstallShield Wizard Completed** screen, click **Finish**. Ignore an error message related to a file unzip action not responding.

Next Steps

Start the Plant Applications Administrator and Client. See [Maintenance and Troubleshooting](#) topics in the event of any server connection failures.

Data Authorization for Events Configured for Each Event Type

Follow these rules to set up authorization access for event properties:

- If the time stamp of the event for which you want to edit property data is before the MaxEdit window and the user does not have Read/Write access to the Administrator group, lock the cell for editing.
- A security group can be assigned directly to a variable, sheet or sheet group. If there is no security group assigned to the sheet, it inherits the security group assigned to the sheet group. When determining the access level, use the lowest access level between the variable and sheet.
- Determine the AccessLevel for a specific Property. If the PropertyAccessLevel is less than the SheetAccessLevel and a security group is assigned to the variable, use the PropertyAccessLevel. Otherwise, use the SheetAccessLevel. If the PropertyAccessLevel is greater than the SheetAccessLevel and a security group is assigned to the sheet or sheet group, use the SheetAccessLevel. Otherwise, use the PropertyAccessLevel.
- Determine the write access. If the AccessLevel is the same as the level for the Administrator of the security group or the user has Read/Write access to the Administrator group, set the WriteAccess as `True` regardless of data source. If the AccessLevel is less than the level for the Administrator and the DataSource is 2 (Autolog), set the WriteAccess to `True`, but only if the AccessLevel is greater than or equal to the Read/Write level.

Installing the Plant Applications SDK

The Plant Applications SDK is a DLL that exposes methods to read and write Plant Applications data to use with VB.NET applications, Excel reports, and so forth.

About This Task

A functional change has been introduced in the Plant Applications 7.0 SP1 for Plant Applications SDK to address the incorrect message issue. In the event a message is sent to the database manager with Write

Direct = False and Pending = False, a “pre” message was issued. Now, with the introduction of the messaging bridge a “post” message is issued, which is the proper implementation.

Existing functionality where Write Direct = True is unchanged.

Plant Applications 6.1 added a COM wrapper to the .NET SDK to use with C# or VB.NET applications. Refer to the *Plant Applications Help* for coding examples. When upgrading from the .COM SDK, SDK applications must be completely rewritten to use the .NET SDK. For more information, see the knowledgebase at the Support site.

Note: The COM wrapper does not support `BigInt` (long integers) in the Tests table because Visual Basic and COM do not support 64 bits.

Procedure

1. Select **Plant Applications .NET SDK** from the Installation Menu.
2. Click **Next** at the **Welcome** screen.
3. From the **Setup Type** screen, select **Typical** to install DLLs or **Custom** to provide options to install help or the SDK test application.
4. Click **Next**. If you selected the Custom installation options, make the applicable selections.
5. Click **Finish**.

Installing the Plant Applications Message Bridge

You must install the Plant Applications Message Bridge on the Plant Applications server node to access the real-time updates on the applications in the Plant Applications Universal Client.

Before You begin

GE recommends that the Plant Applications Message Bridge is installed before installing the Plant Applications Universal Client.

Before you upgrade to the Plant Applications Universal Client 7.0 SP5:

- Ensure that you complete the following procedure specific to the Plant Applications Message Bridge:
 1. Uninstall the earlier version of the Plant Applications Message Bridge.
The Proficy Server Message Bridge service is disabled.
 2. Restart your computer.
 3. Install the version of the Plant Applications Message Bridge included in the Plant Applications 7.0 SP5 installer.
 4. Restart the Proficy Server Manager service.
The Proficy Server Message Bridge service is automatically restarted.
- Ensure that you create a backup copy of the text file that includes the user-specific settings. The file is created in the directory `<tomcat_home>/Apache Software Foundation/Tomcat 8.0/users/<user>`, where:
 - `<tomcat_home>` is the directory where you installed Apache Tomcat. For example, `C:/Program Files`.
 - `<user>` is the name of a logged-in user.

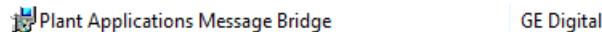
After you upgrade, you can copy-paste the file to the same location to replicate the user-specific settings. For more information, refer to the Plant Applications Universal Client Help.

About This Task

The Plant Applications Message Bridge installer installs the following prerequisites:

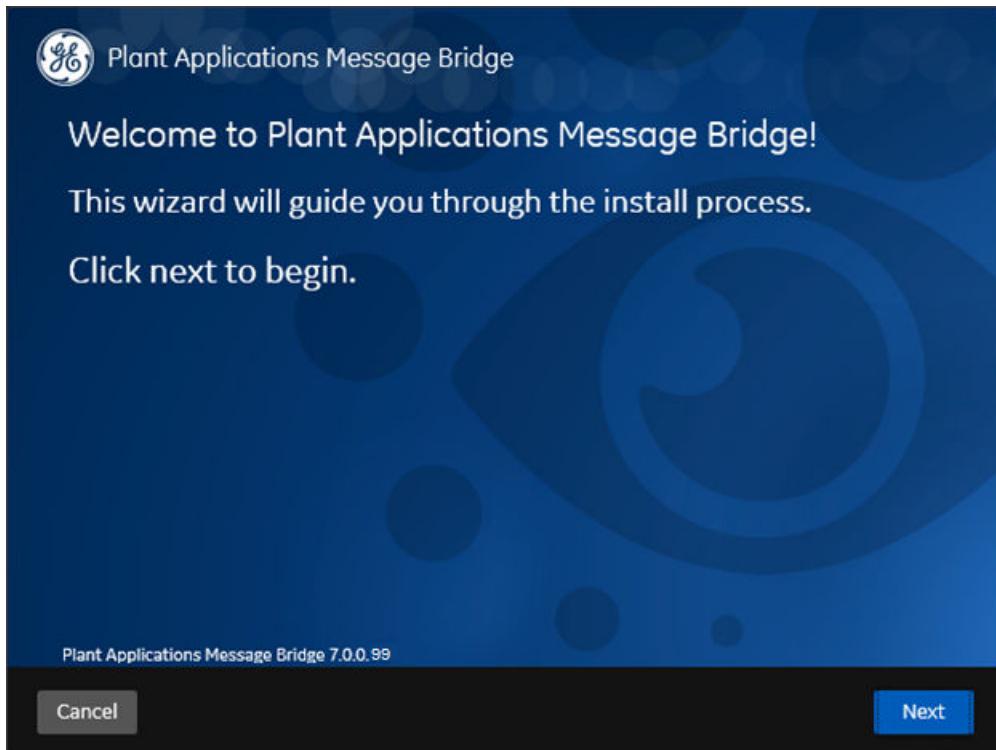
- Erlang OTP
- RabbitMQ Server

Note: If the Plant Applications Message Bridge is currently installed, do not reinstall the Message Bridge. You can verify whether the Message Bridge is installed in the **Programs and Features** list on your computer as shown in the following image.

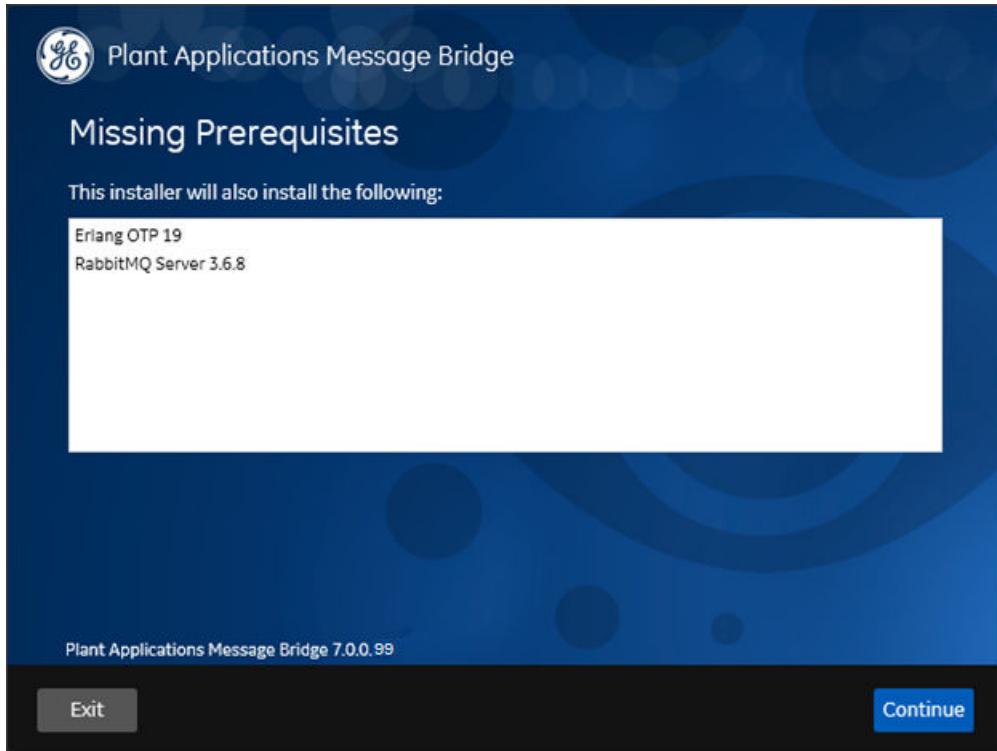


Procedure

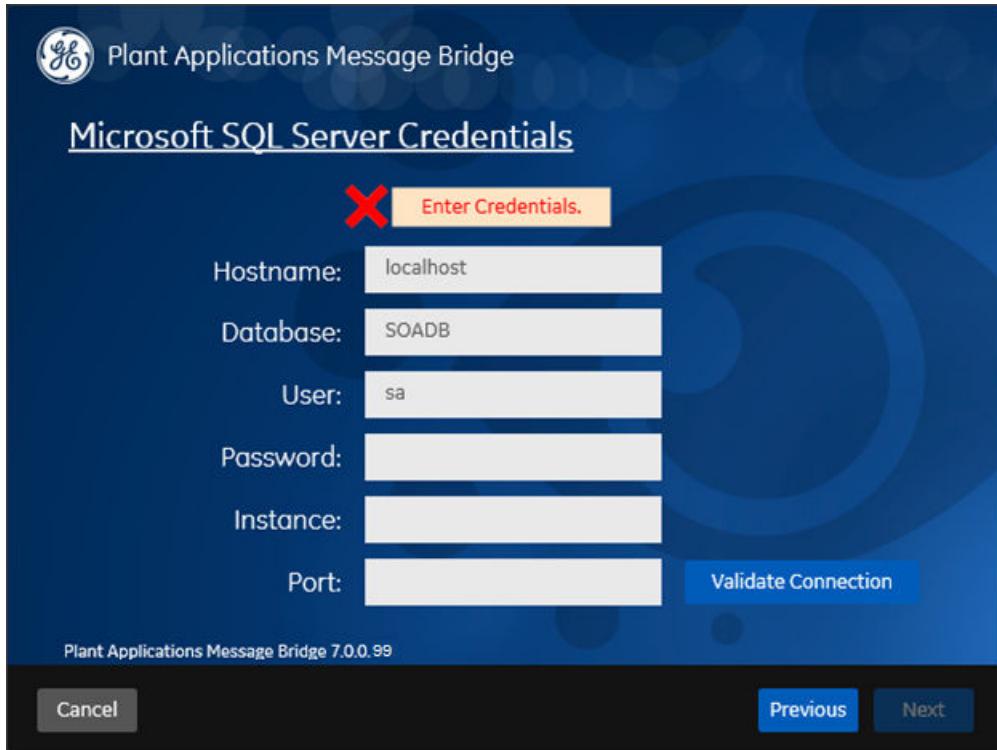
1. Select the **Plant Applications Message Bridge** wizard, and, on the welcome screen, select **Next** to install the Message Bridge.



The **Missing Prerequisites** screen appears, listing any prerequisites that must be installed.



2. In the **Missing Prerequisites** screen, select **Continue** to install any missing prerequisites. The **Read and accept the license agreement to continue** screen appears.
3. Read the license agreement, select **Accept**, and then select **Next** to continue the installation. The **Microsoft SQL Server Credentials** screen appears.

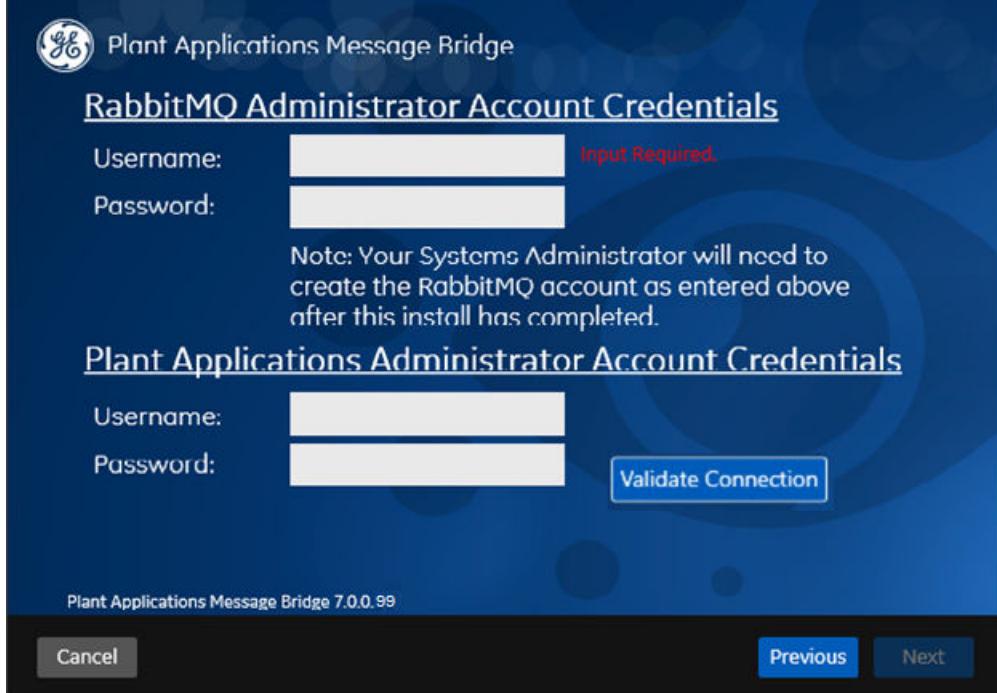


4. In the **Microsoft SQL Server Credentials** screen, enter the credentials to access the Microsoft SQL server as described in the following table.

Credential	Description
Hostname	Enter the host name where the Microsoft SQL server is installed in the format HOST_NAME\INSTANCE, where HOST_NAME is the host name (either a fully qualified domain name or IP address, of the server), and INSTANCE is the instance of the server.
Database	Enter the name of the Plant Applications database that you want to connect with the Plant Applications Universal Client.
User	Enter the user name that has permissions to access the database you entered in the Database box. By default, the user name appears as sa.
Password	Enter the password for the user you entered in the User box.
Instance	Enter the name of the instance of the SQL server. Entering an instance is optional.
Port	Enter the number of the port that the instance uses to listen for client connections.

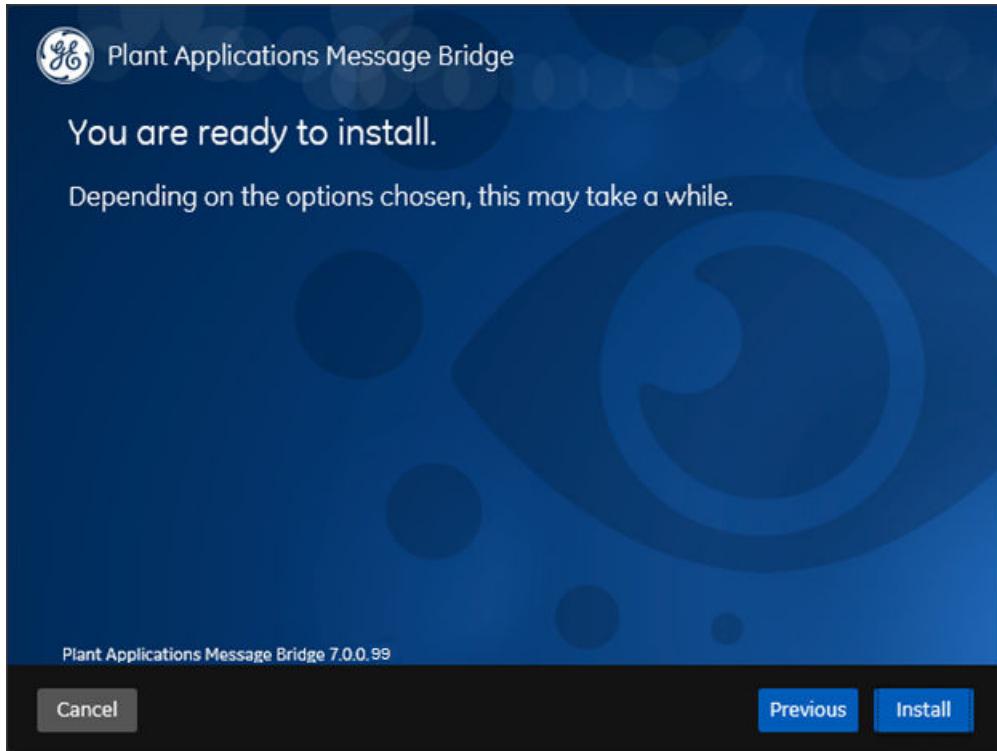
5. Select **Validate Connection** to validate the database connection.
If the database connection is successfully validated, the **Next** button is enabled.
6. Select **Next**.

The **RabbitMQ Administrator Account Credentials** screen appears.



7. In the **RabbitMQ Administrator Account Credentials** section, enter the user name and password for an existing RabbitMQ Administrator, if RabbitMQ is already installed. Else, provide the user name and password you intend to use as an administrator.
8. In the **Plant Applications Administrator Account Credentials** section, enter the user name and password for an administrator account in Plant Applications, and then select **Validate Connection** to validate the credentials.
If the credentials are successfully validated, the **Next** button is enabled.
9. Select **Next**.

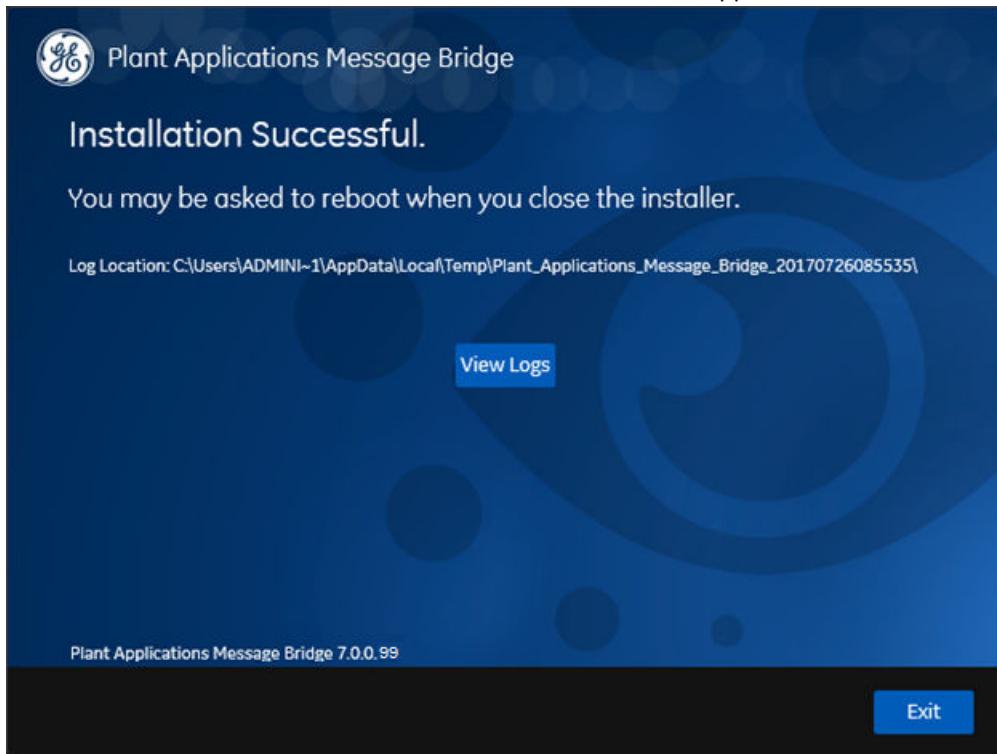
The **You are ready to install** screen appears.



10. Select **Install** to install all the prerequisites and the Message Bridge.

Depending on the options selected, the installation process may take some time. The installer displays the status updates.

On successful installation, the **Installation Successful** screen appears.



11. **Optional:** Select **View Logs** to see the installation details.

12. In the **Installation Successful** screen, select **Exit** to close the wizard.

Results

The Message Bridge is successfully installed on your computer.

Next Steps

After you install the Message Bridge, complete the following procedure to enable the Proficy Server Manager service to pass messages between the Plant Applications:

1. Configure your Administrator user in RabbitMQ. For more information, refer to the [Configuring a User in RabbitMQ](#) on page 42 topic.
2. Restart the Proficy Server Manager service to automatically start the Proficy Server Message Bridge service.

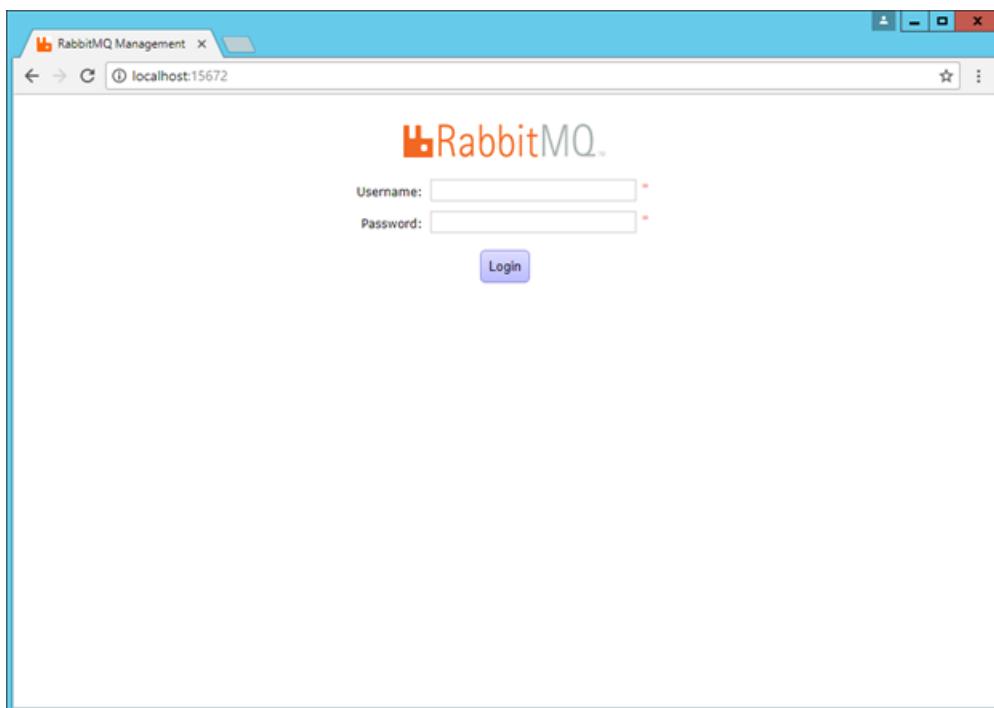
The Proficy Server Message Bridge service allows messages to pass between the Plant Applications clients.

Configuring a User in RabbitMQ

Procedure

1. Open the RabbitMQ management console, <http://localhost:15672>.
2. Login as a guest. Enter **guest** as the **Username** and **Password**.

Note: The default user “guest” is an administrative user and its login credentials are published on the official RabbitMQ web site. It is recommended that you update this user or delete it as per your local security policies.



3. On the **Admin** tab, select **Add a User**. Enter the username and password provided for the RabbitMQ account during the setup and for **Tags**, select **Set > Admin**.

4. Click **Add user**.

5. In the **All users** list, click on the user you just added under the **Name** column.
6. Set the required permissions for the user and click **Set permission**.

7. The page refreshes and the user is added with the selected permissions.

Installing the Plant Applications Universal Client

You must install the Plant Applications Universal Client to access the applications, such as Analysis, Activities, Downtime Displays, My Machines, Equipment, Reports, within the Plant Applications Universal Client. For more information about installing Plant Applications Universal Client, refer to the *Plant Applications Universal Client Installation Guide*.

Task Lists for ActiveX and SOA Web Client

ActiveX Task List installation is available as a separate option in a Workflow installation.

The Web Task List associated with the SOA Web Client is installed as part of the Workflow. After Workflow installation, refer to the *Workflow Help* for the link to connect to the Web Task List.

Preparing a SOA Database for UMDB Integration

If you are upgrading an existing SOA database to a UMDB, prepare the database for migration by running the `CreateAspect` command from the command line with any required aspect options.

Before You begin

Ensure that Plant Applications is installed.

About This Task

The script prepares the SOA data structures to work in the unified data model of the UMDB. For more information, see [Database Setup Strategies](#) on page 21.

Note: Setting the `UseProficyClient` site parameter to `True` enables aspecting and disables the renaming of aspects items. Aspected user names require a fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) as specified for a Windows account. See the *Plant Applications help* for more information.

Procedure

- From a command prompt, enter the Plant Applications installation path. For example:
`C:\<Program Files location>\Proficy\Proficy Workflow\Program`
- Run the `Proficy.MESCore.Utils.CreateAspect.exe` program to create Equipment and Material aspects, or add the following options to create aspects:

Option	Description
<code>/addEquipProp</code>	Creates the Equipment Property aspect.
<code>/addEquipProp /addMatProp</code>	Creates Equipment and Material aspects as well as the Equipment Property and Material Property aspects.
<code>/addEquipProp /addMatProp</code>	Creates Equipment and Material aspects as well as the Equipment Property and Material Property aspects.

For example: `Proficy.MESCore.Utils.CreateAspect.exe /addEquipProp /addMatProp`

Report Server Installation Overview

Plant Applications offers Web Reports for access through a browser and specialized Web Parts for access through a portal using the Report (Web) Server.

The Plant Applications Report Server must be installed after the Plant Applications Server, but before installing a Plant Applications Client. For information about setting up and using Web Reports and Web Parts, see the *Plant Applications help*.

Web Client Reports offer another means to access similar data. See *Plant Applications Client Interfaces* for information about accessing the Plant Applications Web Server Administrator and the Web Server.

You must also determine the account that the Plant Applications services uses to start. The account must have Log on as a service rights.

For information about installing and using SSRS, see the *Proficy Plant Applications SSRS Report Configuration and Report Creation Guide*, which is posted with KB16011.

Note: The Plant Applications services do not start when using the Local System account.

Windows Installation Limitations

By default, Windows 2003 Server and 2008 Server and higher do not install the Web Server (IIS), FTP, and ASP components required for Web Reports. Before you install the Proficy Application Server, you must install the necessary components by following the steps in [Setting up IIS Web Services](#) on page 13.

IIS Metabase Configuration Backup

Metabase backup files contain copies of the metabase configuration file. You can create a portable backup if needed.

You can locate the appropriate information at the corresponding Microsoft websites:

- IIS 6.0: <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/WindowsServer2003/Library/IIS/131b609dff3a-488f-a8dd-13044fa623a1.mspx?mfr=true>
- IIS 7.0 and 7.5: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/954872>

Setting Up Internet Explorer Security for Web Reports

Before You begin

Install web reports.

Procedure

1. From Internet Explorer, select **Tools > Internet Options**.
2. Select **Local Intranet** on the **Security** tab, then click **Custom Level** to display the **Security Settings** dialog.
3. Scroll down to **User Authentication**, then select **Automatic logon with current username and password**. Click **OK**.
4. Select **Trusted sites** on the **Security** tab, then click **Custom Level** to display the **Security Settings** dialog.
5. Scroll down to **User Authentication**, then select **Automatic logon with current username and password**. Click **OK**.
6. Select **Trusted sites** on the **Security** tab, then click **Sites** to modify the **Trusted sites** dialog.
 - a) Verify that the web server name and localhost are included in the list of trusted sites in the format `http://servername`.
 - b) To add the web server or local host to the list of trusted sites, enter the server in the **Add this website to the zone** field in the format `http://servername`, then click **Add**.

- c) Click **Close**.
7. On the **Privacy** tab, click **Advanced** to display the **Advanced Privacy Settings** dialog.
8. Select **Override automatic cookie handling**, then click **OK**.
9. Scroll down to **Security** on the **Advanced** tab, and verify that **Enable Integrated Windows Authentication (requires restart)** is selected. Click **OK**.

Installing the Plant Applications Report Server

After installing IIS roles, you can install the Plant Applications Report Server.

Before You begin

Determine which components to install and complete the required prerequisites.

- Verify that role services have been installed as described in the *Setting up IIS Web Services* section in the *Plant Applications Getting Started Guide* in [Setting up IIS Web Services](#) on page 13.
- If planning to use a web portal (for example, Proficy Portal or SharePoint Services), verify the portal has been installed before installing the Web Server.
- A PDF distiller is installed to generate reports in PDF format. A default printer must be installed on the computer, and the PDF service must start with its own Windows user account (*Login As Service* policy required) for the report engines to print or produce reports in PDF format. For more information, see *Adding a Printer* in the *Web Server and Web Client* section of the *Plant Applications Help*.
- Microsoft Excel is required to install Plant Applications Web engines.

Note: After installing the Plant Applications Web Server, you must start Excel under the same login account used by the Plant Applications Report engine services.

Note: By default, SharePoint Portal Services 3.0 uses port 80, also used by Plant Applications Web Server. You must change SharePoint to use an open port, such as port 81.

About This Task

Web Reports can use the following components:

- Plant Applications Server – Interacts with the Web Server and maintains a profile of Web Client users.
- Plant Applications Web Server – Framework to schedule and distribute standard and ad-hoc web reports by means of the Plant Applications Web Client.
- Plant Applications Web Parts – Customizable web components for use in a portal to view relevant plant information in real time.
- Plant Applications Web Content and Web Report Engines – Generate content data for Web Parts and reports. When report generation time increases or CPU usage is high, you should place another engine into service.

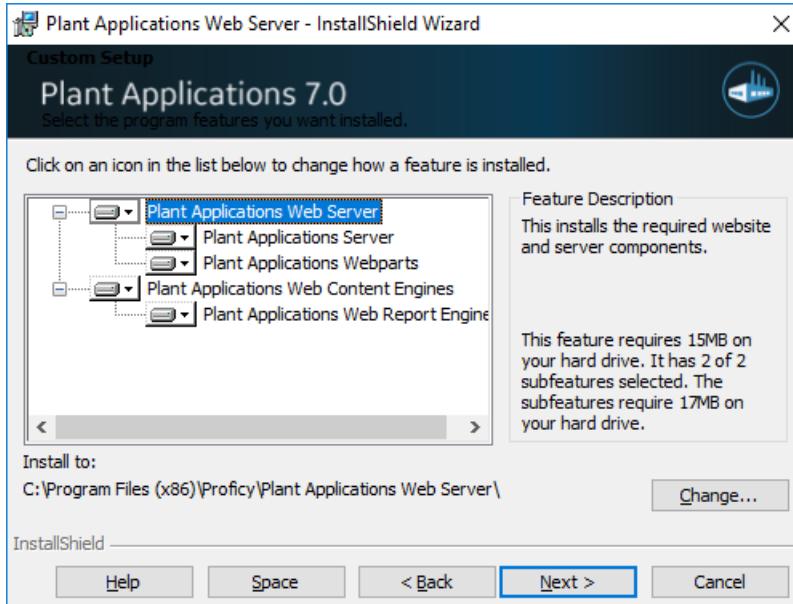
Note:

- If you are installing Plant Applications in a production environment, you must install the Plant Applications Web Server, engines, and Plant Applications Server on different computers. You can install all components on a single computer for testing.
- Engine services do not start unless assigned their own Windows user account. **Login As Service** policy required.

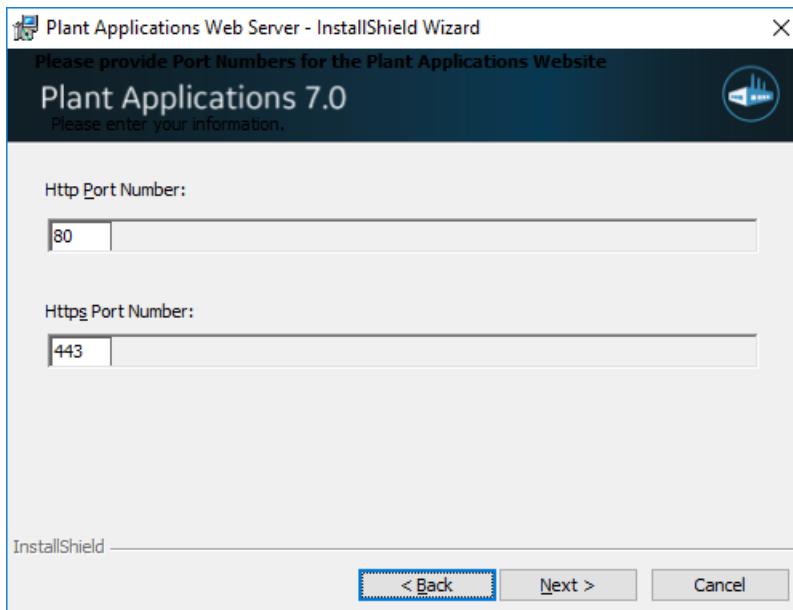
Procedure

1. Run `InstallFrontEnd.exe` to display the Plant Applications **Installation Menu**.

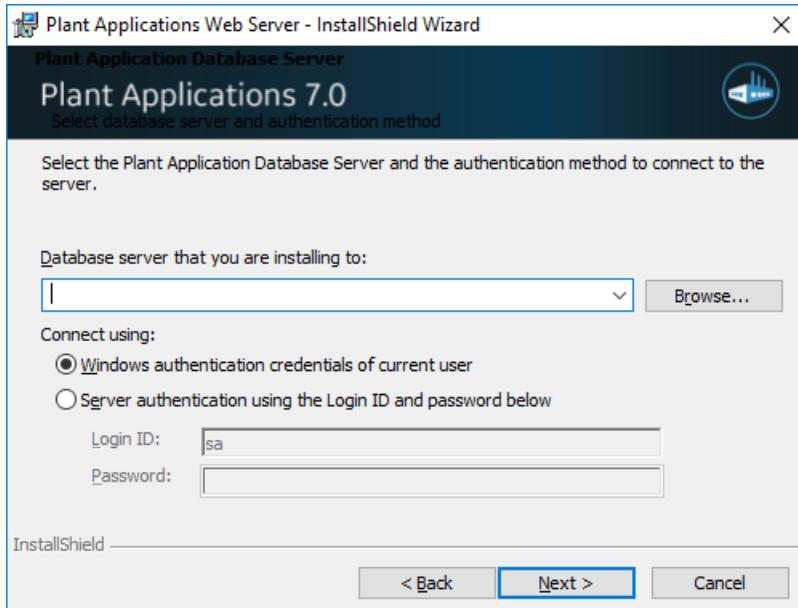
2. Select **Plant Applications Report Server** to start the installation program. If the installation does not start, run the `PlantApplicationsWebServer.exe` file.
3. Click **Next** at the **Welcome** screen, click **OK** at the next screen to proceed, and then click **Yes** to override firewall settings.
4. At the **Custom Setup** screen, select the components to install on this server. Click **Next** to continue.



5. If a dialog opens to acknowledge installation of a distiller to produce PDF documents, click **OK**.
6. Accept default port numbers for the HTTPS port, or enter different ports as needed. Click **Next**.



7. Enter the name of the SQL Database server if prompted, and select the authentication method. If using Server authentication, enter the server credentials, then click **Next**.



The Web Server installation program checks a specific registry key for an existing SQL Server name.

8. Click **Next** to continue. Record any listed tasks that you may need to complete.
9. Click **Next** to continue, and complete the dialog when prompted:
 - a) Confirm whether you want to install the Plant Applications Web Reporting engines on the same computer as the Plant Applications Server.
 - b) If the Plant Applications Web Server already exists, confirm that you want to overwrite its configuration.
 - c) Click **Next**.
10. Enter the Windows Account (username) and Password of the local Windows user account for the machine where the Plant Applications Report engines and Plant Applications services will be running. Click **Next**.

Note: Although the Plant Applications services run under the Local System account, you should use a local Windows user account.
11. At the **Destination Folder** screen, accept the default location for the web server destination folder, or click **Browse** to select another location. Click **Next**.
12. Click **OK** to acknowledge that SharePoint Portal Services are required to access Sharepoint dashboards.

Note: See [Changing the SharePoint Port Number](#) for steps to use a port other than port 80.
13. Click **Install** at the **Ready to Install the Program** screen to begin copying files.

The installation program sets up the web server. The program installs the Microsoft SOAP if needed, imports the Web Part templates, and populates the database.

Note: If a portal is not found, a prompt notifies you that Web parts will be available only through the Plant Applications Web Server or Proficy Real-time Information Portal (RTIP).
14. Click **Finish**.

Report Server instances are displayed under the **Sites** folder in the **IIS Manager**.
15. Restart your computer to complete the installation.

Next Steps

1. Log into the computer with the newly installed Report Server using the Windows User Account that was selected during the installation.

2. Verify that the `DashboardImport.log` and `ExecuteScripts` installation log files contain no errors. By default, the log files are located in `C:\Program Files (x86)\Proficy\Plant Applications Web Server\SetupLogs`.
3. Access the Site Parameters sheet by selecting Administer Site Parameters under **Global Settings** in the Plant Applications Administrator, and set `UseHttps` in the **Client** section to `True`.

These additional steps may be required to complete installing the Report Server:

- Follow the steps in *Configuring the Plant Applications Report (Web) Server* to set up a different user only if the Report Server is installed on a non-local machine.
- Follow the steps in *Secure Socket Layer and Certificate Requirements* on page 50 *Secure Socket Layer and Certificate Requirements* available in *Plant Applications Getting Started Guide* to support the functionality of secure (HTTPS) URLs.
- Configure Excel as described in *Setting Up the Plant Applications Excel Add-In* on page 51 *Setting Up the Plant Applications Excel Add-In* available in *Plant Applications Getting Started Guide*.
- Perform the steps in *Setting Up for Using an SSO Login* *Setting Up for Using and SSO Login* available in *Plant Applications Getting Started Guide*, if required.

After installing the Plant Applications Report (Web) Server, return to [Installing the Plant Applications Client and Administrator](#).

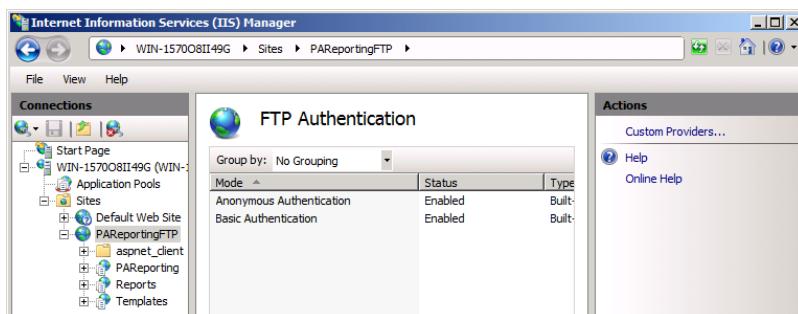
Setting Up the Plant Applications Report Server

Before You begin

- Install the Plant Applications Report (Web) Server.
- In the **Services** screen, verify that the Plant Applications Report Engine services are logging in under the domain user you specified when installing the Report Server. Check the **Log On As** column for each service.
- If the Proficy Server Remote Data Service resides on the Plant Applications server, verify that the service logs in under the domain user. If the Proficy Server Remote Data Service resides on another server, such as the Plant Applications Web server, use a Windows user account or a local administrator account with Log on as a Service rights instead of Local System.
- Verify that the domain user has Log on as a Service rights.

Procedure

1. Start Excel under the same login account used by the Plant Applications Report Engine services.
2. Under the **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**, verify that **Anonymous access** has been enabled for the three virtual FTP directories (`Templates`, `Reports`, and `PAREporting`) by enabling **Anonymous Authentication** for the `PAREportingFTP` site.



Note: By default, this action occurs when installing the Web Server for Plant Applications.

3. Verify that the anonymous users (IUSR_*) have full control.
4. Verify that you can use FTP, and log in as anonymous.
5. Right-click the ..\inetpub\wwwroot folder in Windows Explorer, select **Properties**, and then open the **Security** tab. Grant full control under Permissions to all users including `Users <computer name>`, `IIS_IUSR_<computer name>` (Internet Guest Account) and `IIS_WPG` (Launch IIS Process Account).
6. In **Local Users and Groups** (access from Computer Management, or search for “Local Users” from the Windows **Start** menu), add the following users to the **Administrators group**:
 - `IUSR_<computer name>` (Internet Guest Account)
 - `IWAM_<computer name>` (Launch IIS Process Account)

Secure Socket Layer and Certificate Requirements

The Plant Applications Report Server requires a valid IIS server certificate to work in SSL mode.

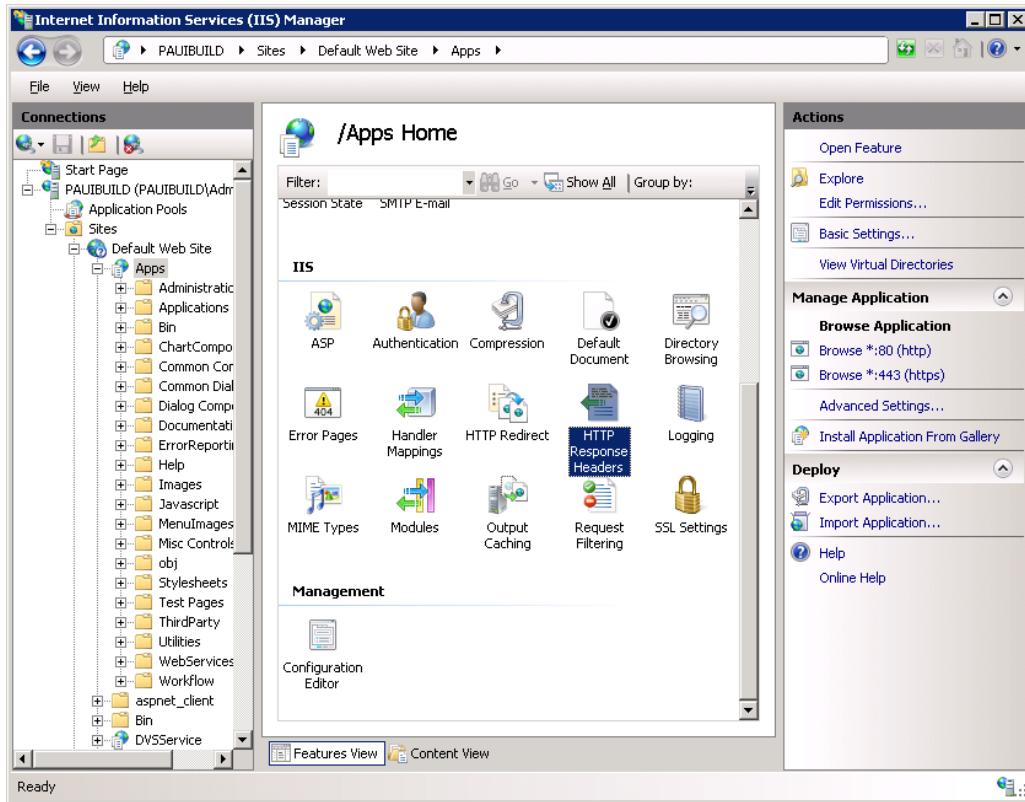
When you install and access the Report Server across different machines, the certificate should be validated across machines and preferably signed by a Certificate Authority (CA) known to these machines.

Setting Up IIS for Remote Use

When the Plant Applications Report Server has been installed on a different machine from the Plant Applications Web Client, you must configure Plant Applications Report Server applications (PAREporting, Apps, and ProficyDashBoard) to use different X-Frame-Options.

Procedure

1. Start the **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**.
2. In the **IIS Manager**, drill down in the Connections tree to **Sites > Default Web Site > Apps**, and then select **HTTP Response Headers**.



Setting Up the Plant Applications Excel Add-In

Procedure

1. Start Excel from the command line.
 - a) Click **Start > Run**.
 - b) Type `excel.exe` in the **Open** field, then click **OK**.
2. Click **Microsoft Office**, then click **Excel Options**.
3. Click the **Add-Ins** category.
4. In the Manage box, click **Excel Add-ins**, then click **Go** to display the **Add-Ins** dialog box.
5. Select the **Plant Applications Excel Add-In** check box, then click **OK**.
A message verifies the Plant Applications Add-in has been installed.
6. Click **Plant Applications** on the **Add-ins** ribbon, then click **Options** to display the **Plant Applications Add In Options** dialog box.
7. Under **Server Access**, verify the following three items in the display
 - Correct default server.
 - Correct user.
 - Connected status.

If not:

- a) Click **Edit** to display the **Connect Server** dialog to edit the user details. If necessary, log in with Plant Applications Administrator credentials.
- b) Right-click the server, then click **Edit** to update the Add-in connection details.

- c) In the **Server** dialog, click **Advanced**, and verify that the Default Server is selected. Click **OK**.
 - d) If the Add-In is not connected to the server, right-click the server. Select **Connect**, then click **Close**.
 - e) Click **Save** to update the registry settings.
8. Click the **Microsoft Office** button, then select **Excel Options** to display the **Excel Options** screen.
 9. Click **Trust Center**, then click **Trust Center Settings** to display the **Trust Center** screen.
 10. Click **Add-ins**, and verify that all options are not selected.
 11. Click **Macro Settings**, then select **Enable all macros**.
 12. Click **OK**, then click **Save**.
 13. Clear the **Save AutoRecover information every** option, then select the **Disable AutoRecover for this workbook only** option.
 14. Click **OK** and close Excel.

Next Steps

Verify the virtual directories have been created:

1. Open **Administrative Tools** from the **Control Panel**, then select **Internet Services Manager** or **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**.
2. Expand the IIS tree, then open the **Web Sites** folder.
3. Expand **Default Web Site** to display the virtual directories. Verify that the following three virtual directories have been created in IIS:
 - Apps
 - Reports
 - PAREporting

For information about installing and using SSRS, refer to the *Proficy Plant Applications SSRS Report Configuration and Report Creation Guide*, which is posted with KB16011.

If you installed the Plant Applications Web Parts, also verify that the virtual directories **ProficyWebParts** and **ProficyDashboard** have been created.

SSO Login Requirements

After installing the Plant Applications Web Server, you must manually enable logging in using an SSO username.

This feature is available with a Plant Applications 5.0 SIM (June 2012) and Plant Applications PA 6.1 release or higher.

Note: When SSO is enabled, it creates an extra login step for some Plant Applications features (for example, when accessing Administer Web Server).

For more information, see *Setting Up for Using an SSO Login* under *Web Server and Web Client* in the *Plant Applications Help*.

Configuring Single Login

After you log into Vision, you do not require a separate login for the Plant Applications Report Server, even when the Plant Applications Report Server is installed on a different machine.

About This Task

Enable SSL (HTTPS) for the Report Server, then configure the Vision IdP cookie domain.

Procedure

1. Under **PA Admin > Global Configuration > Administer Site Parameters**, set **UseHttps** to true.
2. In the `web.config` configuration file, which is typically installed in `C:\inetpub\wwwroot\ProficyIdP\`, locate the following parameter:

```
<setting name="TokenCookieDomain"
    serializeAs="String">
    <value/>
</setting>
```

3. Replace `<value/>` with `<value><Your Domain Suffix></value>`.
4. Save your changes.

Local Client Application Support

You can install local copies of the Plant Applications Administrator, Plant Applications Client, and Workflow Client and directed them to an installed server to access the Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB), a historian, and Web Server reports.

Use the **Proficy Applications Client** selection from the Plant Applications **Installation Menu**.

UTC Support

Support for Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) as an option on a new installation of the Plant Applications Server was added in Plant Applications 5.0.

When you install a new Plant Applications Server, you can use the time zone of the server to store your data as you would in versions earlier than 5.0 or you can use the UTC option. The UTC option supports a Regional Server where plants span time zones. It also supports storage of time across the Daylight Saving Time (DST) boundary. The UTC option stores all the data on your server in UTC time regardless of the time zone of the server.

Reporting and UTC

Plant Applications displays support UTC including displaying data across the DST boundary. When data comes into a display, the timestamp is converted to the time zone of the client. For example, a test value with a UTC timestamp of 07:00:00 would be displayed with a timestamp of 02:00:00 on a client with a time zone of GMT -6:00 (assuming Daylight Saving Time). For data that crosses the Fall DST boundary, you see multiple rows and columns arranged in UTC order, depending on the display, in the same time range. For example, you can set up a time-based Autolog display which includes columns of 30-minute samples. Assuming your DST boundary is at 2:00 AM, the first 1:30 AM column in Autolog precedes 2:00 AM, while the second 1:30 AM column presents its sample after the DST boundary.

Plant Applications 6.1 or higher supports UTC-enabled standard reports and a UTC-enabled Excel Add-in.

Note: To use custom reports with UTC, you must rewrite the reports.

Default Time Zone Site Parameter

Use the Default Time Zone site parameter to specify UTC or the time zone of the server. You cannot edit this option after entering data in the Plant Applications database. This option is not available when upgrading directly from an earlier version of Plant Applications.

Upgrading Plant Applications to Use UTC

You must manually upgrade your system to use UTC on an existing Plant Applications installation.

Before You begin

Make a copy of your production database. You can use the production database copy as a backup or for reporting.

About This Task

Note: These options require advanced knowledge of both SQL Server and Plant Applications. You should test the results of either action before implementing them in a production environment.

Procedure

- Create a gap in your data, based on your server time.
 1. Change the UTC.

Server time	Do this	Example
GMT	Switch to UTC. The gap is created automatically when you switch to UTC time.	If you are at GMT -5:00 and your last data was recorded at 14:22, when you switch to UTC (GMT) the data is stored at 19:22, creating a gap in your data of five hours.
+GMT	Wait until the UTC time is newer than the last time stamp in the database. This prevents data from being overwritten.	If you are at GMT +3:00 and your last data was recorded at 11:00:00, you can shut down the server, wait for four hours and switch to UTC. The system stores your data at 12:00:00, providing a one-hour gap.

2. Move the server as described in the Knowledgebase article KB5427 at the Support web site:
<https://digitalsupport.ge.com>.
- To eliminate the runtime data from the copy of your database, move the server as specified in KB5427 and truncate your runtime data. See the support web site <https://digitalsupport.ge.com> for the additional truncation procedure.

Setting Up Languages for Plant Applications Displays

After installing Plant Applications, you can implement support for additional languages using its Native Language Support (NLS) features.

Procedure

1. Select **All Programs** from the Windows **Start** menu.
2. In the Proficy folder, open the Proficy Plant Applications folder.
3. In the Configuration folder, select **Configure Plant Applications Language Support**. You can also run **ConfigurePALanguages.exe** to set up language support.
4. At the **Configure Plant Applications Database** screen, modify any server settings as needed.
5. Select one or more languages to include, then click **Save**.

Tip: Use these options to set up language support after any subsequent Service pack or SIM upgrade.

Managing Port 12280 Conflicts

Communication conflicts can arise when some third-party applications use port 12280, also used by Plant Applications, which can cause the application to disconnect from the router.

Procedure

- If necessary, update the default communications port inside Plant Applications INI files. See [Proficy Router Conflicts](#) on page 59 to modify the default port values.

Security Modification for Proficy Plant Server

See *Security Management* in the *Plant Applications Help* for additional details on setting up your security.

Database Purges

Plant Applications release 7.0 provides a Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB) that combines a Workflow (SOA) database with a Plant Applications database.

Purging data reduces the amount of used space in the database. It does not reduce the size of the database. For instructions to reduce the size of the database, consult SQL Server documentation.

Purging the database is a two-step process involving the Plant Applications and SOA purge utilities. Contact Support at <https://digitalsupport.ge.com/> for more information.

The following notes apply to a purge of the Plant Applications database:

- Perform online purges to Plant Applications databases before upgrading.
- For sites using only the Plant Applications data model, you can perform cursor purges to trim the database as an interim solution.
- For sites incorporating both the Plant Applications and S95 data models, do not purge the Plant Applications database. Doing so orphans data in the SOA environment, and can introduce other issues.

You can use the Plant Applications Purge Utilities to conduct database purges online or offline. When creating an online purge plan, you should perform an initial database purge based on your site's desired retention limit. For more information, see KB14802 on <https://digitalsupport.ge.com/>.

Customizing Your Application

You can edit the values in the Plant Applications configuration file to customize your installation.

Procedure

- Change any of the following parameters in the configuration file as needed.

<filename> Parameters

Parameter	Description
EventNumIsNumber	For the Excel Add-in to translate numeric values, set this value to <i>True</i> . The default value is <i>False</i> . See the <i>EventNumIsNumber</i> site parameter in the <i>Plant Applications Help</i> .
ProdCodeIsNumber	For the Excel Add-in to translate numeric values, change this value to <i>True</i> . (The default value is <i>False</i> .) See the <i>ProdCodeIsNumber</i> site parameter in <i>Plant Applications Help</i> .
AllowPasswordSave	To prevent users from saving their client passwords to local workstations, change this value to <i>False</i> . The default value is <i>True</i> . See <i>AllowPasswordSave</i> in the <i>Plant Applications Help</i> .
LanguageNumber	By default, the site language is set to U.S. English. To change the default language, edit this value. See the <i>LanguageNumber</i> parameter in the <i>Plant Applications Help</i> .
StartupSetBack	By default, the Event Manager service looks back three days (4320 minutes) to look for events at startup. To change this interval, edit the <i>EventMgr</i> system value. The suggested configuration is 6 to 12 hours. Services must be restarted for changes to take effect. See the <i>System Users</i> in <i>Plant Applications Help</i> .
SpecificationSetting	The Autolog display uses this parameter to color-code test values by comparing them to the specification limits defined for each variables. When the value is 1 (the default) and the Test Values limit is greater than the Triggering Specification Limit, it triggers a specification flag updating the Test Values Color. When the value is 0 and the Test Values limit is greater than or equal to the Triggering Specification Limit, it triggers a specification flag updating the Test Values Color.
UseProficyClient	Set this site parameter to <i>True</i> to merge the Plant Applications and SOA equipment models using the Workflow Client. Refer to <i>Enabling the Proficy Client UI and Aspecting</i> in the <i>Plant Applications Help</i> .
MinEventTimeSpan	To reduce the frequency of event generation, set this value to 0. The default value of this parameter is four minutes. For more information, see the <i>MinEventTimeSpan</i> site parameter in the <i>Plant Applications Help</i> .

Verifying Plant Applications Service Startup

After installing the Plant Applications Server, the Plant Applications Server services should start automatically.

About This Task

Verify that the Plant Applications Server services have started.

Procedure

1. Open the Windows **Control Panel**, and double-click **Administrative Tools**.
2. Double-click **Services**.
3. Scroll through the list of services and verify that the Plant Applications Server services have all started. If they have not started, start them manually.

Another method for verifying that the Plant Applications Server services have started is to view the server log files. These text files are created during the Plant Applications Server installation. Each service has its own log file. By default, the log files are located on the Plant Applications Server in the following directory:

C:\<Program Files>\Proficy\Proficy Server\LogFiles

Verifying the Server Connection

When using Plant Applications, the connection to the server can be lost for a number of reasons.

Procedure

1. Start Plant Applications **Administrator** and log in with username comxclient and password comx.
2. Start Plant Applications client and log in with username comxclient and password comx.
3. Start Microsoft Excel.
4. Load the Plant Applications Add-in for Excel, click **Tools > Add-ins > Plant Applications Excel Add-in**.
5. Connect to the Plant Applications Server. For more information, see *Connecting to a Server* topic in the online help for the Add-in.

Changing the SharePoint Port Number

SharePoint Services 3.0 uses port 80 by default, which is the port used by the Plant Applications Web server.

About This Task

You must change the port used by SharePoint:

Procedure

1. On the Plant Applications Web server, select **Start > Administrative Tools > Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager** to open Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager.
2. Expand the server and expand Web Sites.
3. Right-click **SharePoint - 80**, then select **Properties**.
The SharePoint - 80 Properties dialog box appears.
4. Under web site identification on the Web Site tab, enter an unused port number in the **TCP Port** field. Click **OK**.
5. Right-click **SharePoint Central Administration v3**, then select **Browse** to display the **SharePoint Central Administration** page.
6. Select the **Operations** tab and select **Alternate access** mappings under Global Configurations.
7. Under Internal URL, select the URL for the server (for example: `http://<myservername>/`).
8. In the URL protocol, host and port field, append the port number used in step 5 to the end of the computer name. For example: `http://<myservername>:85/`.
9. Click **OK** and, if necessary, start the Default Web Site.

Note: Add the port number to the SharePoint URL. For example, if you used port 81, the URL would be:
`http://<myservername>:81`.

Backing Up and Restoring an SQL Database

You can use an SQL Server database as the Plant Applications database or Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB).

About This Task

You must back up and restore an SQL Server database.

Procedure

1. Back up the database on the SQL Server instance.

See *How to create a database backup (Enterprise Manager)* in the SQL Server Books Online.

2. Make a copy of the backup file.

Because SQL Server Management Studio does not allow restoration from a network location, the backup file must be copied to the local disk of the SQL Server instance.

3. Restore the database to the SQL Server instance.

See *How to: Create a New Database from an Existing Database Backup (SQL Server Management Studio)* in the SQL Server Books Online.

4. After the database has been restored, ensure that permissions are set up correctly in the Plant Applications database. From SQL Server Management Studio, run the following script to rebuild the SQL permissions

```
exec sp_Revokedbaccess 'ProficyDBO'
go
exec sp_Revokedbaccess 'ComXClient'
go
exec sp_Revokedbaccess 'ProficyConnect'
go
exec SpSupport_ChangeDBOAccount 'Proficydbo', 'ProficyDBO'
```

Moving Database and Log Files

After installing the Plant Applications Server, you can move the Plant Applications or Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB) database file and log file to a separate physical disk to optimize performance.

About This Task

The physical disk should be part of the disk subsystem,

Note:

- For more information on optimizing SQL Server performance, contact Support at [Support](#).
- If upgrading SQL Server to a newer version, run `sp_revokeDBAccess` for ProficyDBO, ComxClient, and ProficyConnect. Next, run `spSupport_ChangeDBOAccount` to reconfigure the SQL User Accounts.

An SQL Server database consists of MDF (database file) and LDF (log file) files. By default, these two files are located in the following directory:

C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL\Data

Procedure

1. Locate the MDF and LDF files.
 - a) Start SQL Server Management Studio from the Windows **Start** menu.
 - b) Navigate to the database, right-click it, then select **Properties** to display the **Database Properties** dialog box.
 - c) Under **Select a page**, right-click **Files** to view the location of the MDF and LDF files.
2. Stop the following Plant Applications Server services:
 - Proficy Server Manager
 - Proficy Server Router
 - Proficy Server License Manager
3. Stop the Proficy Server, Proficy Publisher, and Proficy STS Services used for SOA.
4. In **SQL Server Management Studio**, take the database offline.
 - a) Select **Plant Applications SQL Server**, then select **Databases**.
 - b) Right-click the Plant Applications database, select **Tasks**, and then select **Take Offline**.
5. Detach the database (refer to SQL Server documentation).
6. Copy the MDF and LDF files to the SQL Server instance.
7. Attach the database to the SQL Server instance.
8. Bring the database online, then verify the location of the MDF and LDF files.
9. Restart the Plant Applications Server and SOA services.
10. After the database has been restored, verify that permissions are set up correctly in the Plant Applications database. From **SQL Server Management Studio**, run the following script to rebuild the SQL permissions:

```
exec sp_Revokedbaccess 'ProficyDBO'Plant Applications
go
exec sp_Revokedbaccess 'ComXClient'
go
exec sp_Revokedbaccess 'ProficyConnect'
go
exec SpSupport_ChangeDBOAccount 'Proficydbo','ProficyDBO'
```

Proficy Router Conflicts

By default, Plant Applications uses port 12280, which is occasionally used by other software. This can cause communication conflicts causing the Plant Applications Server to disconnect from the Proficy Router.

About This Task

The following four files must be edited on the Plant Applications Server:

- cmConfigMgr.ini
- cmRtr.ini
- Message.ini
- PlantAppsMessaging.ini

You must change the port used by Plant Applications.

Procedure

1. On the Plant Applications Server, navigate to <drive>:\Program Files\Proficy\Proficy Server\Messaging. By default, this directory is on the C: drive.
2. Using a text editor, open each of the INI files.
3. Locate the following line: Protocol0_Item0 = 12280.
4. Change 12280 to an unused port number. You must use the same port number in each of the four files.
5. Save the file.
6. After you update all the files, restart the Plant Applications Server.

SQL Login Conflicts

When installing the Plant Applications Server, if the SQL user information cannot be validated, the installation program generates an error message.

About This Task

Upon failing to validate the SQL user account, the installation program displays the following message before returning to the login validation screen:

Database Install Fatal Error encountered: Invalid SQL Username and Password
Install aborted.

The error indicates a configuration conflict in the registry with the ADO Connection string used to instantiate a connection to the SQL Server. If the Plant Applications Server had been previously installed with a different server name, the DatabaseNodeName registry key may be pointing to an invalid SQL Server.

Procedure

- To resolve the error, open **REGEDIT** and validate that the String Value <datbasename> exists in the following locations:
 - HKey_LocalMachine\Software\Proficy\Plant Applications\Proficy Server
 - HKey_LocalMachine\Software\MountainSystems\Proficy\Proficy Server \DataBaseNodeName

Runtime Error

Plant Applications Server or Common Licensing installation fails upon encountering a pre-existing installation.

About This Task

This error typically occurs on machines that have Terminal Services enabled and where you are running a compressed setup that is not named setup.exe. The error occurs because the operating system fails to return the correct Fonts system folder, which causes a setup.exe exception during initialization.

In most cases, the operating system uses C:\Documents and Settings\\Windows, instead of a real Windows folder, and does not include a Fonts subfolder. The operating system fails when attempting to locate the Fonts subfolder. Refer to MSDN for additional information.

Procedure

- Rename the single executable file to `setup.exe`, and run the installation again.
- Disable Terminal Services on the machine, and re-run the installation.
- Replace the compressed, single executable with a full DVD release.
- Run the installation from **Add/Remove Programs** rather than launching the installation directly. Create the `Fonts` folder in the location where the setup is checking under the current user at `Documents and Settings\Windows\Fonts`.

SQL Server Blockage

The Plant Applications SQL Server can fail when running at the same time as an Online-Transaction Processing (OLTP) application and a reporting database.

About This Task

Because SQL transactions are typically small for OLTP applications, a common practice is to disable parallelism to minimize conflicts between different processes. To improve the response of large complex reporting queries however, it is generally recommended to maximize parallelism. If the Plant Applications SQL Server starts to experience a significant amount of blocking that affects the timely interaction of Plant Applications with operators and control systems, reducing or disabling the parallelism option may alleviate the issue.

You should initially restrict the SQL Server parallelism option to use half the number of processors available. If not adequate, try disabling parallelism altogether by setting the option to 1 so that one processor is used for a given query. For more about max degree of parallelism option, see the *SQL Server documentation*.

Procedure

1. In SQL Server Management Studio, right-click the server, then click **Properties** to display the **Server Properties** dialog box.
2. Under **Select a page**, click **Advanced** to display the **Advanced** page.
3. Under **Parallelism**, edit the **Max Degree of Parallelism** value. The default is 0 (zero), which uses the actual number of available processors.

Option

Edit	Recommended value: half the number of processors on the server.
1	Disables the option.

4. Click **OK**.

License Server Startup Failure

The Plant Applications Server License Manager service may not start due an incorrect database password stored in the registry.

About This Task

As the Proficy Server License Manager service is used to change the password, you must reset the database passwords to correct this issue.

Procedure

1. Set the proficydbo password to the default password, proficydbo, in SQL Server.
2. Set the comxclient password to the default password, comxclient, in SQL Server.
3. Delete the encrypted passwords from the registry:
 - HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Proficy\Plant Applications\Proficy Server\DBParam1
 - HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Proficy\Plant Applications\Proficy Server\DBParam2
4. Start Proficy Server License Manager to initialize the registry to the default.
5. Reset the password using the Administrator.

Web Content Issues

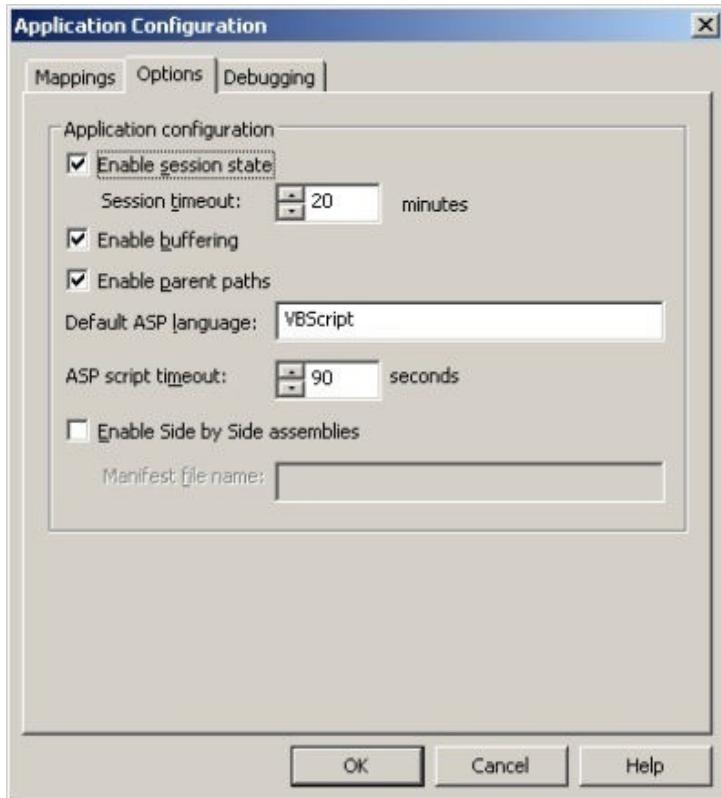
If you are having difficulty viewing the web content tree or you are receiving errors when you try to view the tree in a web client, you may need to enable parent paths for the PAReporting virtual directory.

About This Task

Note: ASP.NET is required to log into the Web Report server.

Procedure

1. Open **Internet Information Services** (IIS) Manager and expand the server.
2. Right-click the **PAReportingvirtual** directory, then click **Properties**.
The PAReporting dialog box appears.
3. On the **Virtual Directory** tab, click **Configuration**.
The Application Configuration dialog box appears.
4. On the **Options** tab, select **Enable parent paths**.



5. Click **OK** twice to return to the **Internet Information Services** window.
6. Close the **Internet Information Services** window.

Web Reports Issues

If the Plant Applications Web Reports are not working correctly, you may need to enable HTTP Keep-Alives.

About This Task

For information about installing and using SSRS, refer to the *Proficy Plant Applications SSRS Report Configuration and Report Creation Guide*, which is posted in KB16011.

Procedure

1. In the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager, locate the local computer.
2. Expand Web Sites, right-click the website, and then select **Properties**. The Properties dialog box for the web site is displayed.
3. On the **Web Site** tab, click **Connections** and ensure **Enable HTTP Keep-Alives** is selected.
4. Click **OK**.

Proficy Server Shutdown Error

When stopping the Proficy Server, the system can generate a 1067 error message indicating that the process terminated unexpectedly. This error can be ignored.

Procedure

- Click **OK**, then confirm that the status of the service is no longer started.

Proficy Server Installation Script Failure

Proficy Server installation can fail when the scripts utility cannot log in with authentication for the previously installed version.

About This Task

When the SQL script cannot run, the installation script generates the following message:

```
Script Execution- Login Failed
```

Procedure

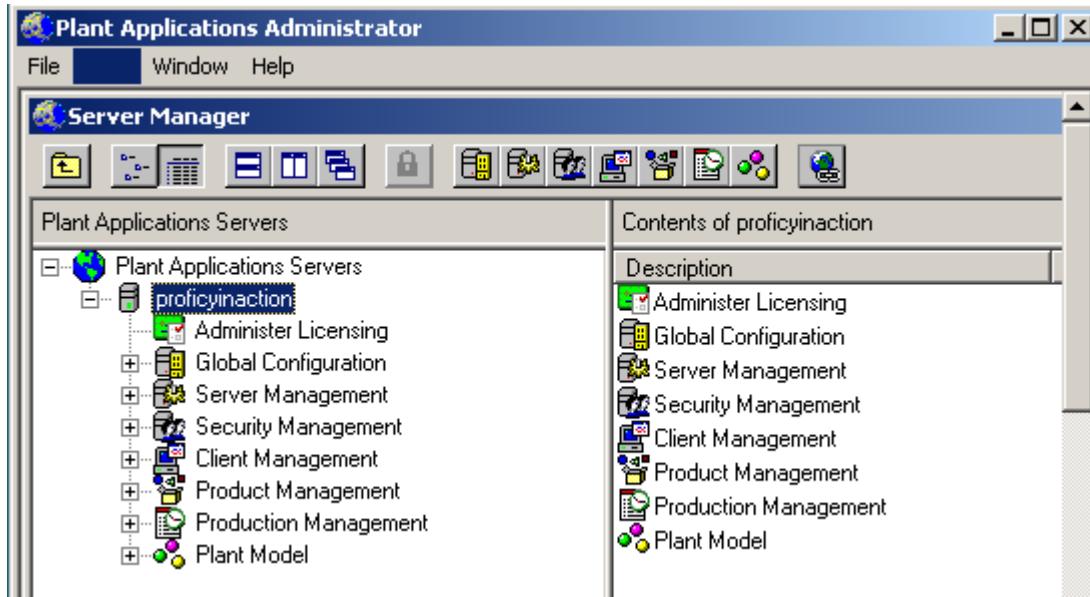
- As a workaround, set the sa user login to a blank password in SQL Server Management Studio.

Database Connection Failure

After installation, the system displays a failed to connect to database server message when starting the Plant Applications Administrator or client.

About This Task

Note: If the server appears in the list of Plant Applications Servers in the Plant Applications Administrator, double-click the server name to display the list of nodes.



Procedure

1. Verify that the Proficy Licensing and Proficy Server License Manager services are running. If not, start the services. Restart the Plant Applications Administrator or Client to see if it connects to the database.
2. If you are still unable to connect to the database, register the following controls using the command line:
 - Regsvr32 "C:\<Program Files location>\Common Files\Proficy\Plant Applications\PRMsgs.dll"
 - Regsvr32 "C:\<Program Files location>\Common Files\Proficy\Plant Applications\ProfCDG.ocx"
 - Regsvr32 "C:\<Program Files location>\Common Files\Proficy\Plant Applications\ProfSVR.dll"
 - Regsvr32 "C:\<Program Files location>\Common Files\Proficy\Plant Applications\PRUtils.dll"

Note: The Program Files location varies depending on whether the operating system is 32- or 64-bit. For a 64-bit operating system, the path is Program Files (x86). For a 32-bit operating system, the path is Program Files.

License Manager Connection Failure

The License Manager depends on the ProficyConnect database user.

About This Task

If the Proficy Server Router log file indicates that it is waiting for the license manager connection and the license is installed correctly as confirmed through the License Viewer, the database users are likely not synchronized.

To check whether database users are synchronized, connect to the database (for example, SOADB) using SQL Server authentication with ProficyConnect as the user and proficy as the password. If the connection attempt fails, you must fix the database users.

Procedure

1. Stop the following services:
 - Proficy Server Manager
 - Proficy Server Router
 - Proficy License Manager
2. Connect to the SQL server as sa, under the main Security\Logins branch, then delete the ComXClient, ProficyConnect, and Proficydbo users.
3. Run the following command as a database query:
`exec spSupport_ChangeDBOAccount`
4. Restart the Proficy License Manager and Proficy Server Manager services.

Results

All the services controlled by Proficy Server Manager should start up.

Proficy Workflow Client Startup Failure

About This Task

If the Workflow client does not start:

Procedure

- Verify that all related services, including the licensing and Proficy Server services, are running.
- Stop and restart the services if necessary.

Plant Applications Client or Administrator Failure

About This Task

This procedure is applicable if you installed GE Proficy Historian Server 7.1 on the same node as Plant Applications.

Procedure

1. Verify whether the Historian is uninstalled.
2. Reinstall the Historian on the same node as Plant Applications.

Chapter

5

Installing Dockerized Plant Applications

Topics:

- About Installing Dockerized Plant Applications
- Software Requirements
- Install Docker and Set up the Requirements
- Install <Plant Applications Discrete>

About Installing Dockerized Plant Applications

This section of the document explains you how to get started with the installation of Plant Applications in the Docker environment. Ensure that you perform the following tasks before you access the Plant Applications.

- [Check for the software requirements](#)
- [Install Docker and set up the requirements](#)
- [Install Plant Applications Docker](#)

Software Requirements

Before you install Plant Applications, verify that the following software versions are installed on the target machine.

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7
- Windows 10 (64-bit) or later
- SQL Server 2016 (64 bit) for discrete. It is not required for process applications.
- Docker v18.0 or later
- Browsers
 - Chrome v65.0+ or later
- RabbitMQ
- Cloud Foundry

Install Docker and Set up the Requirements

About This Task

Procedure

1. Download the Docker application version 18.0 or later from <https://download.docker.com/win/stable/Docker%20for%20Windows%20Installer.exe>.
2. Follow the install wizard to accept the license, authorize the installer, and proceed with the installation.
3. Right-click the **Docker** icon in the task bar and select **Settings**.
The **General** screen appears.
4. In the **Shared Drives** screen, select the **C** drive as your preferred local drive for the container. If you do not select the C drive, an error message appears that there is not enough memory while launching the Plant Applications services.
5. In the **Advanced** screen, specify **CPUs** as 2 and **Memory** as 8192 MB. This is necessary to have enough space to run the images.
6. In the **Proxies** screen, select the **Manual proxy configuration** radio button and enter the proxy settings of your environment. By default, the **No Proxy** radio button is selected.

Note: In the **bypass for hosts and domains** box, you must add the IP address of your DTR machine, if you want to use the existing DTR account.

7. In the **Daemon** screen, Specify the IP address of your machine in the **Insecure Registries** box for creating a local DTR account.

8. Click **Apply**.

Results

The Docker settings are saved.

Next Steps

Install [Plant Applications Docker](#) to access the Plant Applications.

Install <Plant Applications Discrete>

Before You begin

Ensure that you have installed all the required software and the docker is configured appropriately. For more information refer to the [Install Docker and Set up the Requirements](#) on page 68 topic.

About This Task

To access the Plant Applications, you must install the Plant Applications Docker application on your computer.

Procedure

1. Download the software and extract the files to the machine where you want to install the application, and then run Plant Applications Docker 8.0 as an Administrator.
The **Welcome** screen appears.
2. Click **Next** in the welcome screen.
3. In the **License Agreement** screen, accept the license agreement by selecting the **I agree the terms in the license agreement** check box and then click **Next**.
4. In the **Install Directory and DTR** screen, choose the location of the installation directory and in the **Docker Trusted Registry** section, enter your docker login details as described in the following table for an existing Docker Trusted Registry (DTR) user, and then select **Validate** to validate the credentials. Else, for a new DTR account, the **Hostname** appears by default.

Credential	Description
Hostname	Enter the hostname where the Docker server is installed in the format HOST_NAME PORT_NUMBER, where HOST_NAME is either a fully qualified domain name or IP address of the server, and PORT_NUMBER is the port number of the server. You can use the hostname to access DTR web user interface to remotely connect with the DTR API, push and pull images, and access the applications hosted on the DTR cluster.
Username	Enter the username that has permissions to access docker.
Password	Enter the password of the Docker Trusted Registry account.

Note: If the credentials are successfully validated, the **Next** button is enabled.

5. In the **PA DB settings** screen, enter your database details as described in the following table, and then select **Validate** to validate the database connection. You can use the Plant Applications database settings to run service specific scripts by using the MS OLE DB tool, which is automatically installed with the Plant Applications Docker 8.0 installer file.

Credential	Description
Server name	Enter the IP address of the Plant Applications database in the format PORT_NUMBER/INSTANCE_NAME.

Credential	Description
DB name	Enter the name of the Plant Applications database that you want to connect with the Plant Applications Universal Client.
Instance	Enter the name of the instance of the SQL server. Entering an instance is optional.
	Note:
	Note: You can specify values either for Instance or Port # .
Port #	Enter the number of the port that the instance uses to listen for client connections.
Username	Enter the username that has permissions to access the database you entered in the DB name box. By default, the username appears as sa.
Password	Enter the password for the user you entered in the Username box.

6. In the **Messaging Details** screen, enter the user name and password of your RabbitMQ Administrator account credentials for queuing the messages as described in the following table, and then select **Validate**.

Credential	Description
Server name	Enter the IP address of the server where RabbitMQ is installed.
Username	Enter the username that has permissions to access the RabbitMQ Administrator account.
Password	Enter the password for the user you entered in the Username box.

7. In the **UAA Details** screen, enter the Cloud Foundry User Account and Authentication Service (UAA) details for authentication purpose, and then select **Validate** to validate the credentials.

Credential	Description
Server name	Enter the IP address of the Cloud Foundry server.
Port #	Enter the port number that the instance uses to listen to the client connections.
Client ID	Enter the unique identifier used for authenticating the OAuth client in the UAA server.
Client Secret	Enter the unique password of the OAuth client.

8. In the **PA Settings** screen, select one of the following options, and then select **Validate** to validate the credentials. If the credentials are successfully validated, the Next button is enabled.
- **Discrete:** Select this option to install the Operations, Work Queue, NCR Management, Property Definition, Order Management, Route Management applications.
 - **Process:** Select this option to install the Activities, Analysis, and My Machines applications.
 - **Both:** Select this option to install all the discrete and process applications.

When you select any one of these options, the Security Management, Equipment & Report, Downtime, and Alarms applications are installed.

Note: If a port is not available or any other service is running, then you can modify the port number.

9. In the **Universal Client Settings** screen, by default, the Universal Client and Port number appears which enables you to access all the Universal Client applications in the port. The port number in the following format: `https://<hostname>:<port>`; where `<hostname>` is the host name or IP address of the Predix UAA server on which you installed the Plant Applications Universal Client, and `<port>` is the port number you used to install the server. The hostname appears by default.

10. In the **Apps Settings** screen, by default, all the applications available in the Plant Applications Universal Client are selected so that you can access these applications.
11. Select **Next**.
The **You are ready to install** screen appears.
12. Select **Install** to install Plant Applications Discrete 8.0.
Note: Depending on the options selected, the installation process may take some time. The installer displays the status updates.
On successful installation, the **Installation Successful** screen appears.

Results

The Plant Applications Docker application is installed successfully.

Chapter

6

Upgrading the Plant Applications

Plant Applications Installation Overview

Introduction

Plant Applications is a unique software solution that digitizes the collective information being generated throughout your production facilities into a “virtual plant” for access where, when, and how you need it. Plant Applications provides clear insight into your production to greatly improve operational effectiveness.

Plant Applications continues to offer an SDK to customize and implement platform (MESCore) features.

United Manufacturing Database Support

Plant Applications continues support for the Unified Manufacturing Database (UMDB) that combines a Plant Applications data model with the S95 data model employed by the SOA platform.

The model offers a single platform to implement holistic, operational performance-management solutions for batch, discrete, and mixed environments using equipment, product, and people centric models. It provides the following benefits:

- Extension by the new MESCore Service provider of the SOA data model to enable creation of a Unified Manufacturing Database.
- Data entry through the convenient Workflow Client interface. A separate license for Workflow is required to use workflows.
- Data methods to design custom displays and forms to gather, monitor, and analyze plant operations data. Using methods with Workflow requires a license.

Licensing

Plant Applications licensing has been simplified to help manage concurrent users. The Plant Applications Server is licensed based on the number of concurrent users that connect to the server.

A concurrent user has access to all modules and functions in Plant Applications. You can license individual modules, supporting module-level licensing for customers having previous licensing for the Efficiency, Quality, and Production modules.

After installing Plant Applications, you can use the License Viewer to help determine what licenses exist on a machine. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Programs > Proficy Common > License Viewer**.

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