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# Mirth Connect Version Control – Extension User Guide

NextGen Mirth Connect GIT Plugin for Version Control

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## Intended Audience

This document is intended for the users of CitiusTech's NextGen (previously known as Mirth) Connect GIT plugins developed for version control using GIT libraries.

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## How to Use this Document

This user guide provides a suggested workflow and step-by step walkthrough of the steps on NextGen Connect integration interface in order to maintain the version control of Mirth channels. Use this document as a guide to sign in to NextGen Connect servers and use GIT plugin developed for version control.



## Before you Begin

To use this guide successfully, end-users must have:

1. GIT plugin files installed on the NextGen Connect Integration engine (Refer to GIT Plugin Installation guide for more details on this)
2. Mirth Connect application (Preferably version 3.9 and above) shall be installed on the system accessing the plugin
3. Java (Java 8 Onwards) shall be installed on system accessing the plugins
4. Valid link and Valid login credentials to access the NextGen Connect integration server instance
5. Valid New code signing certificate for signing the .jar files
6. GIT repository URL for maintaining the .xml files pertaining to each version of the Channels
7. .exe files for custom editor / code comparing tool (Optional)

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

This section defines the acronyms and abbreviations used in the document.

Term	Definition
Instance	This term identifies the NextGen Connect server instance
Channel	Channel represents the integration interface configured on each NextGen Connect server instance. There can be around 150+ interfaces configured on each of the server instance.
CT	CT is the short form of term 'CitiusTech'.



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# 1 Accessing GIT Plugin on NextGen Connect Server

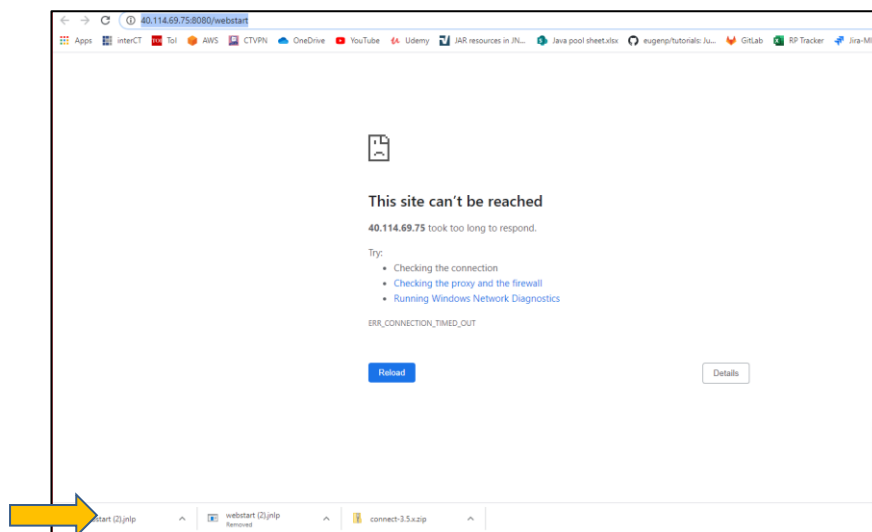
This section describes step by step guide to access the GIT Plugin and its various features on NextGen Connect Server.

## 1.1 Signing in to NextGen Connect Server

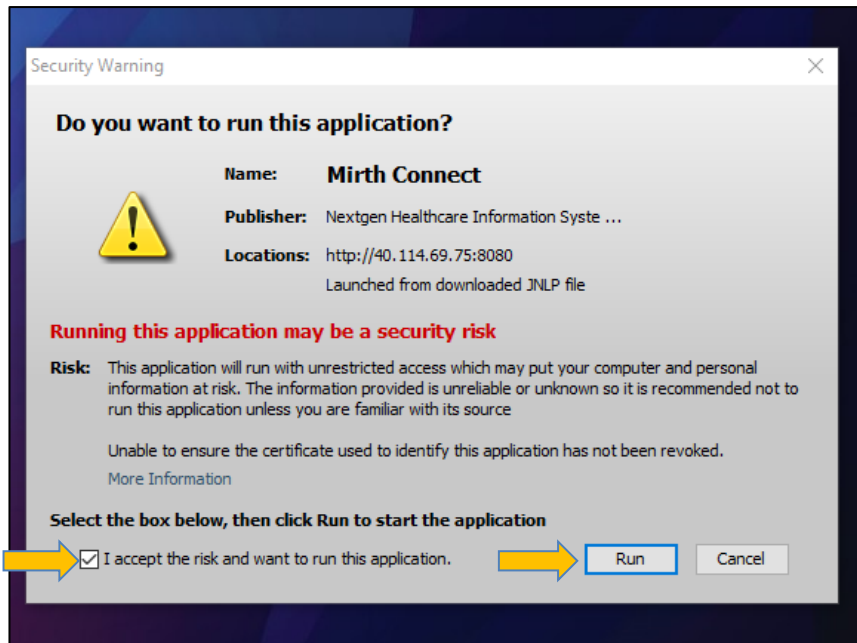
1. Click the following NextGen Mirth Connect Server link to invoke the server instance:

<https://ip:port/webstart>

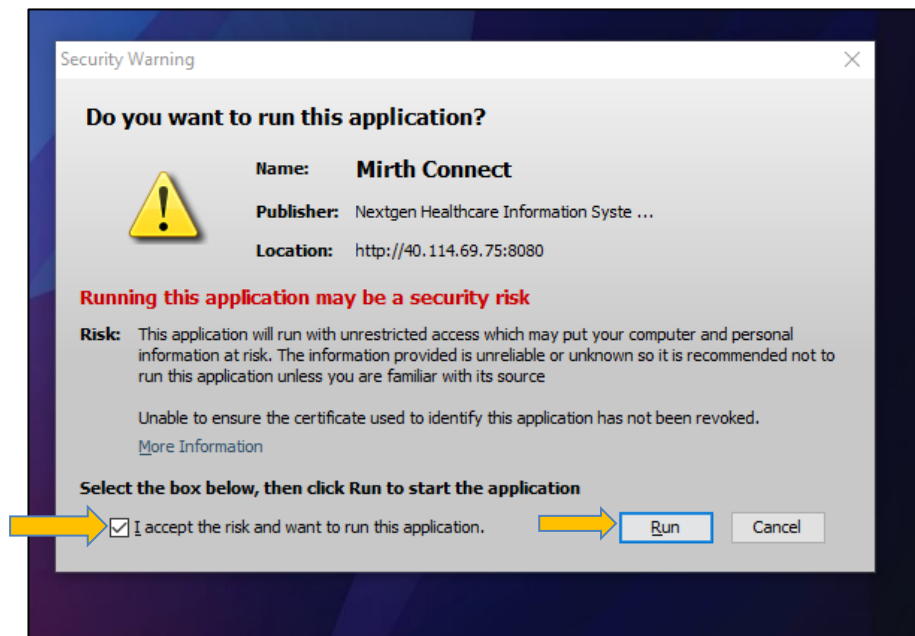
2. Opening the server instance link in browser downloads a .jnlp file in browser's downloads section.
3. Once the .jnlp file download is completed, run the file:



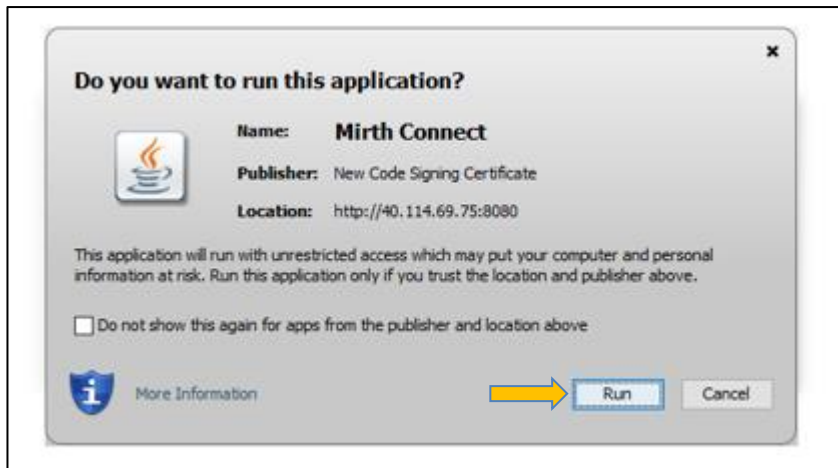
4. This opens a pop-up asking the user to run the **Mirth Connect** application. Click the check box for accepting the disclaimer and click **Run**:



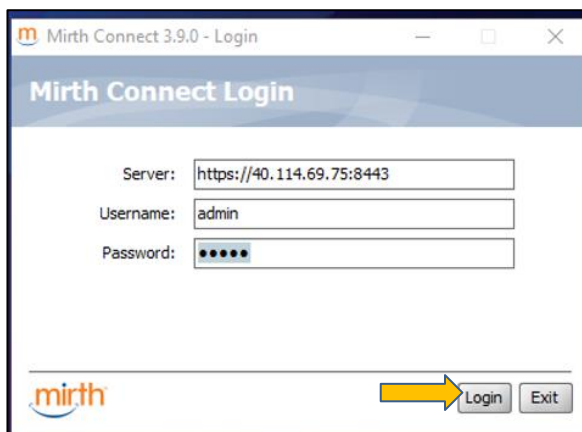
5. After clicking **Run**, one more similar pop-up box opens asking the user to run the **Mirth Connect** application. Click the check box for accepting the disclaimer and click **Run**:



6. This opens a pop-up message box asking the user to run the New Code Signing certificate for Mirth Connect. Click **Run**:

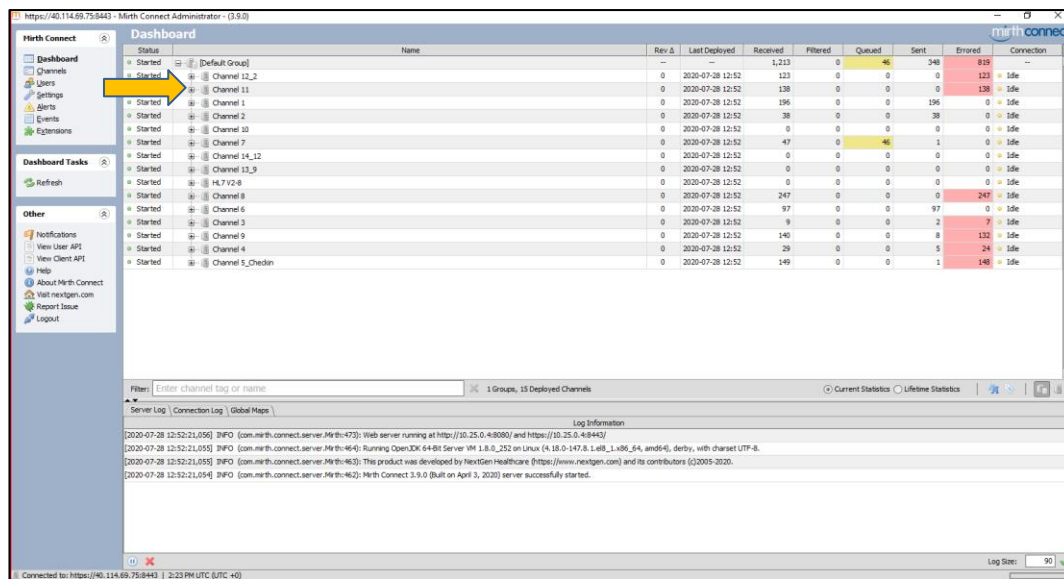


7. This opens the login screen for logging in to Mirth Connect. Enter the valid username and password and click **Login** to sign in to Mirth Connect:



8. The user can then navigate to the Mirth Connect Dashboard screen. Click **Extensions** present on the left panel and check if Git plugin is present in Installed Plugins table. If GIT Plugin is not available, get GIT Plugin installed in the system and login again to Mirth Connect. (Refer to the Installation guide for more details on GIT Plugin installation):

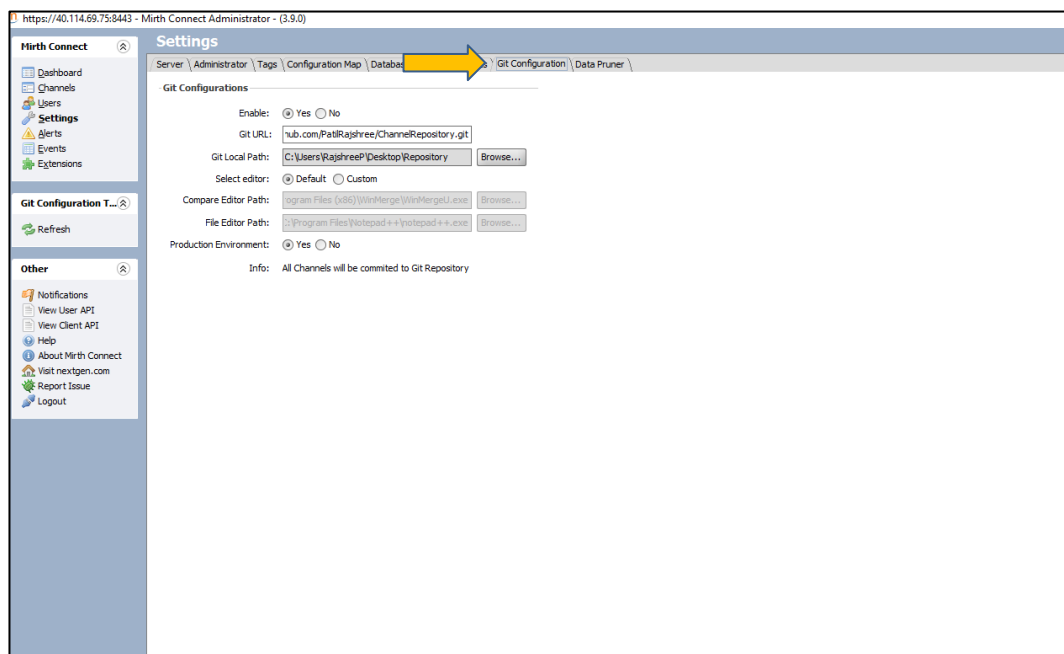




- Once GIT Plugins are installed and can be viewed in **Extensions** section, click **Settings** on the left panel for configurations. At this stage **Git Configuration** tab should be visible in header section of the screen.

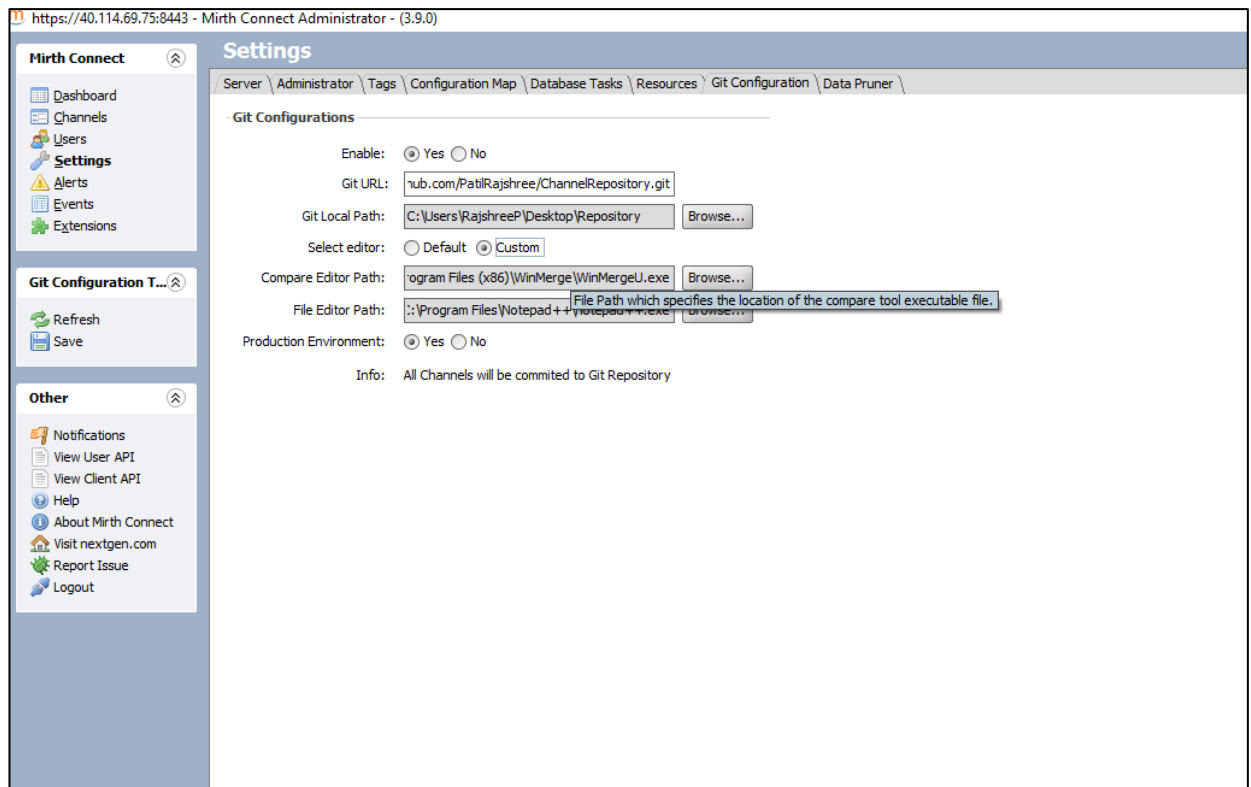
## 1.2 Setting up GIT Configuration

- Click the **Git Configuration** tab where all GIT configurations are visible:





2. Select **Yes** for **Enable** attribute, to enable the GIT Plugin and its associated configurations.
3. Enter the URL of GIT Repository where you want to store the .xml files for version control in the text box for **GIT URL**.
4. To enter the **Git Local Path** on system for storing all XML files, click **Browse**.
5. Select the **Editor** option as per your choice. Selecting **Default** option opens the default editor and comparator tool for viewing and comparing the XML available on Mirth Connect.
6. Selecting **Custom** option allows the user to use Notepad++ for editing the XML files and Win-merge for comparing the XML files. If user selects the **Custom** option, then user needs to input the file path of executable files (.exe files) in **Compare Editor Path** and **File Editor Path** sections to use desired tools:

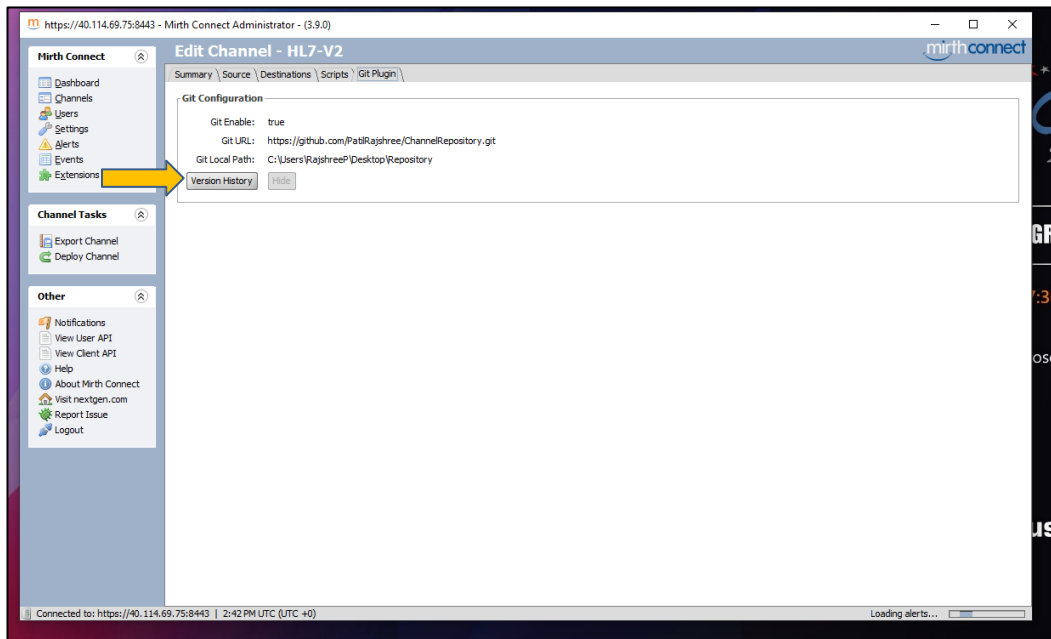


7. Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button against the **Production Environment** section. If user selects **No**, the user gets an option to save the XML files to GIT repository every time any change is made. If user selects **Yes**, all the changes made are saved to the GIT repository, by default.
8. Once all the settings are done, click **Save** option present on the left panel in the **Git Configuration** tab, to start using the GIT plugin.

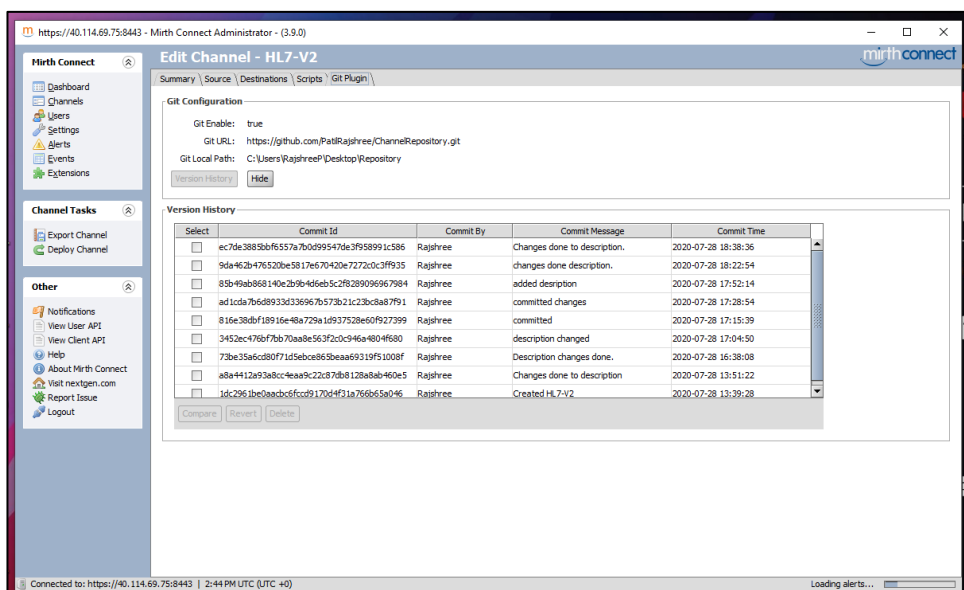


## 1.3 Using GIT Plugin for Channel

1. Once GIT Configurations are done and successfully saved, click **Channels** from **Mirth Connect** section on the left panel.
2. On selecting a particular channel from channel list, **Git Plugin** tab should be visible along with the other existing tabs.
3. Click the **Git Plugin** tab, where user can see all the settings configured in section [1.2](#), along with the **Version History** and **Hide** buttons:

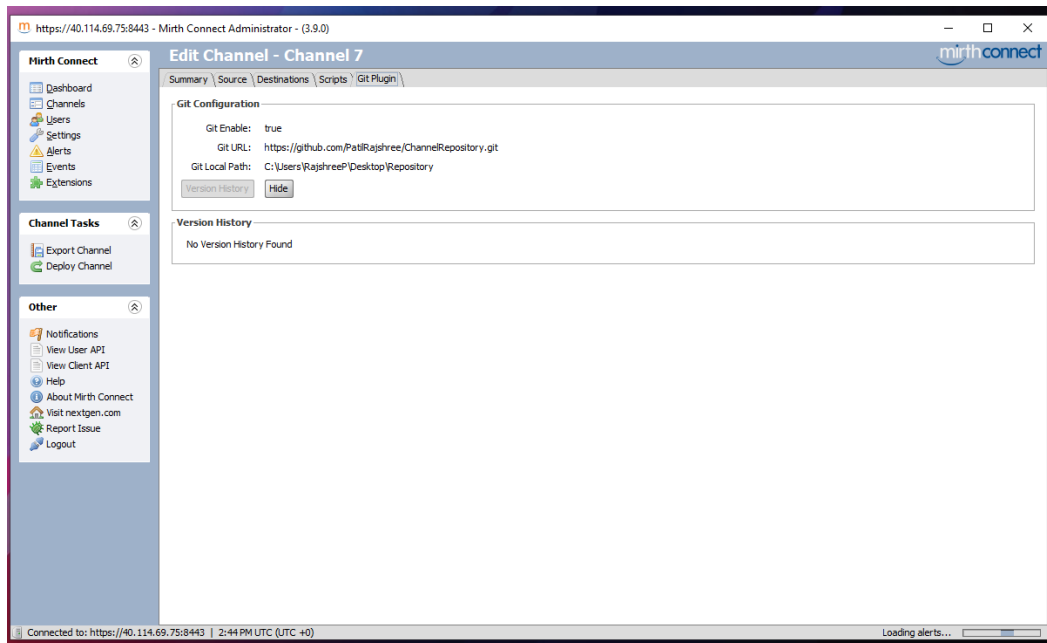


4. Select **Version History** button to view the list of previous versions of the channel configurations:



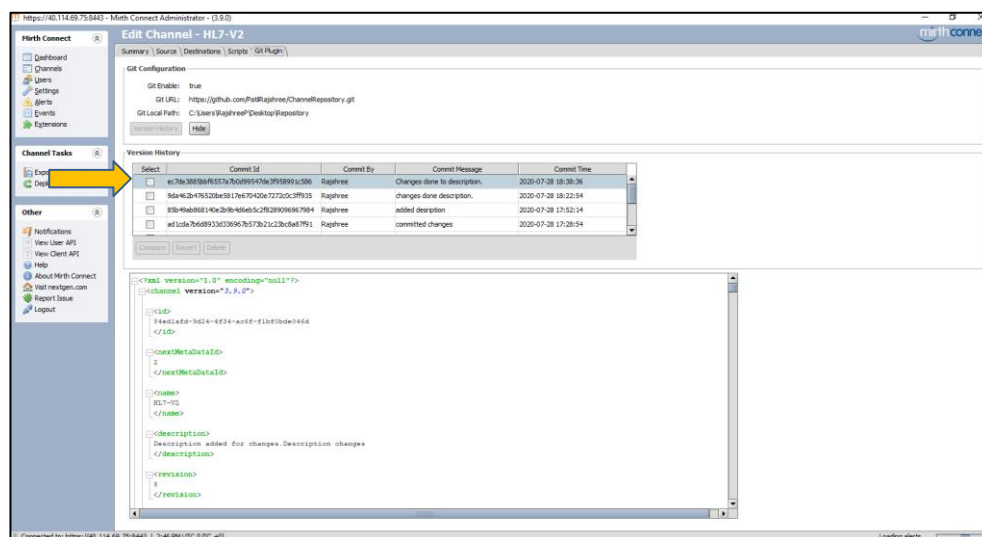


- If there are no previous versions of configuration XML files available for the given channel, then the following screen is visible:

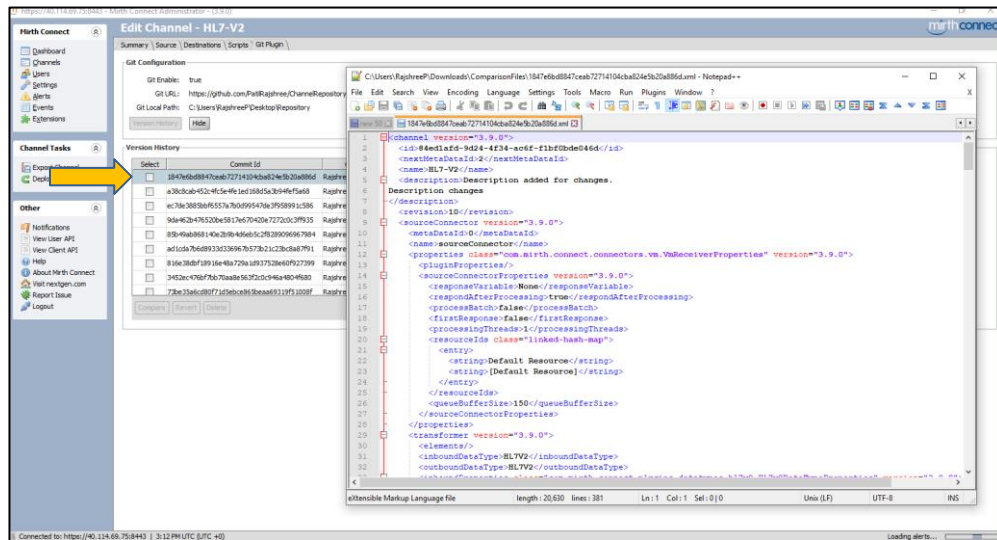


To view XML files of previous version, perform the following steps:

- Double-click any of the version from the list of available versions to view the .xml file in file editor:



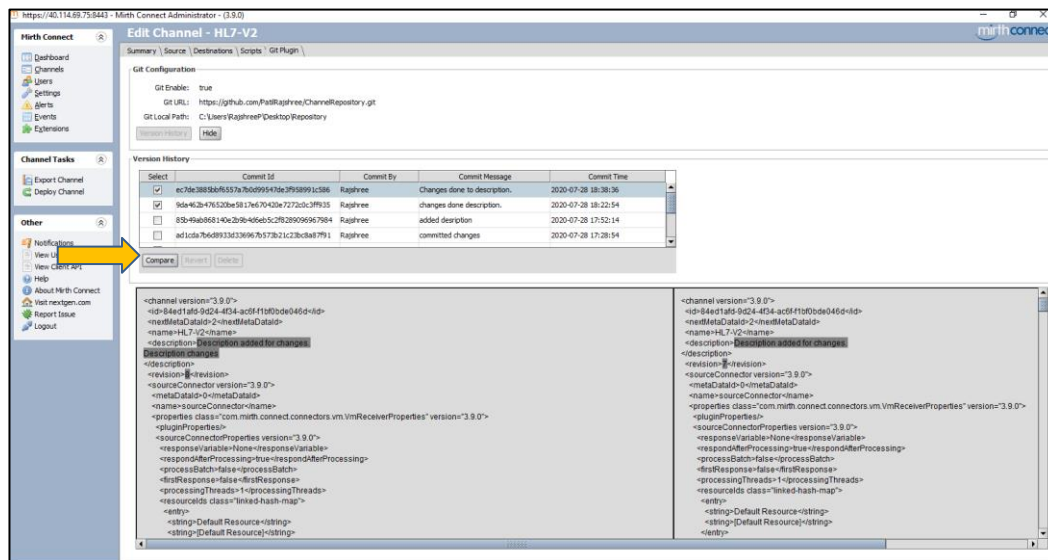
- If the user has selected the **Custom** file editor while setting up the GIT configuration, the file opens in the selected custom editor:



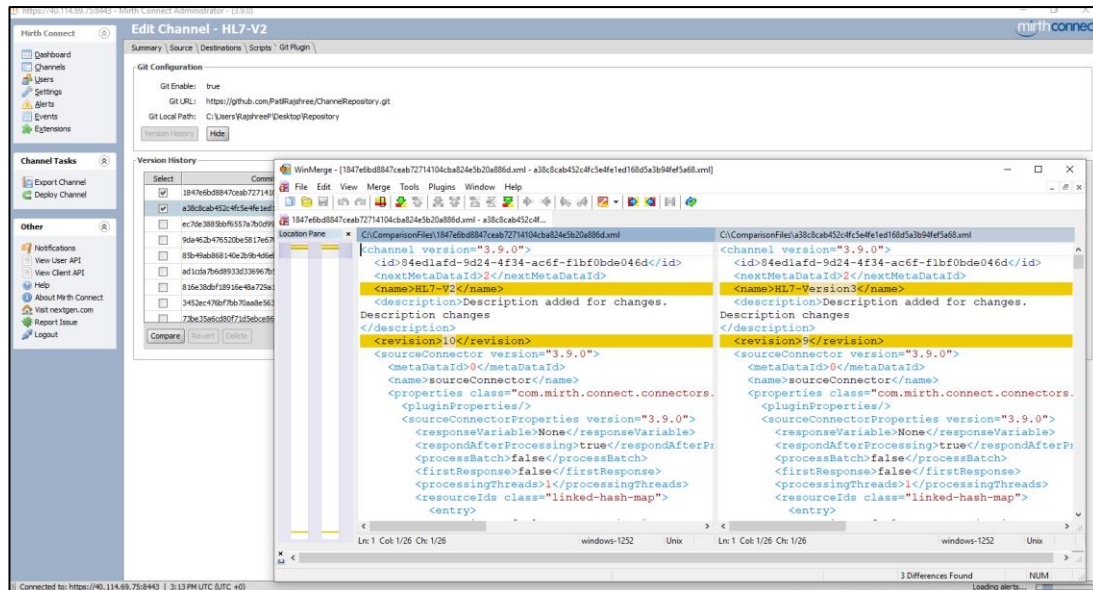
To compare any two previous versions, perform the following step:

- Select the check boxes against the desired versions and select **Compare** button.

The following screenshot shows the default Mirth Comparator:

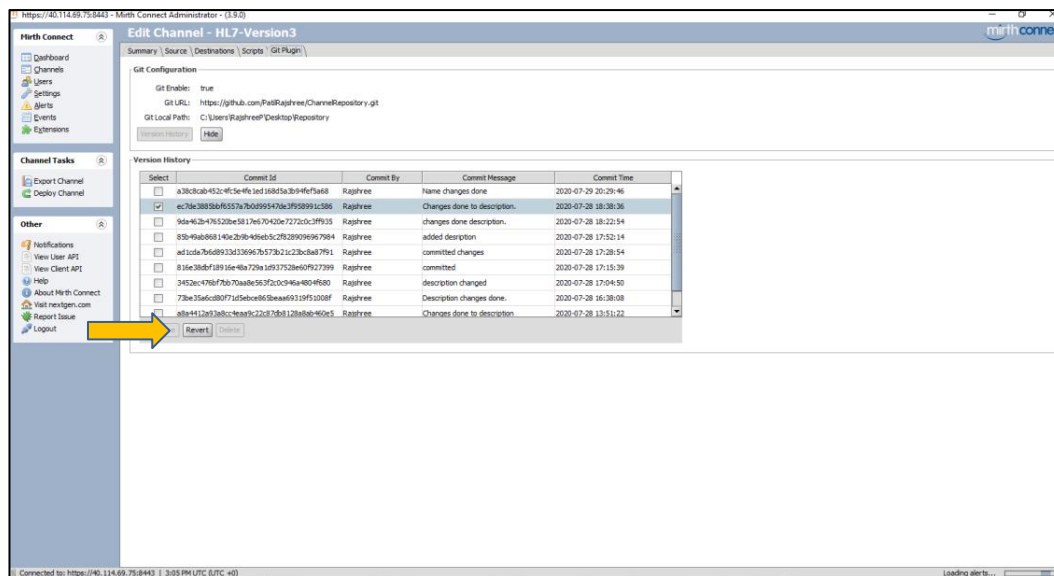


The following screenshot shows the Custom Win-Merge Comparator:



To revert any previous Channel Version, perform the following steps:

1. To revert any particular previous version of the channel configuration from the available history of the channel configurations, select the check box against any one particular previous version and click **Revert**:





- Reverting the previous version opens up the channel configurations as per the selected version and navigates user to the **Summary** tab for making any other edits:

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Channel - HL7-V2' configuration page in the Mirth Connect Administrator. The 'Summary' tab is active, displaying various configuration options for the channel. The 'Channel Properties' section includes fields for Name, ID, and Enabled status. The 'Message Storage' section shows settings for Content, Metadata, and Durable Message Delivery. The 'Message Pruning' section includes options for pruning metadata and content. A 'Custom Metadata' table is visible with columns for Column Name, Type, and Variable Mapping. The 'Channel Description' section contains a text area for description changes. The 'Channel Tasks' pane on the left shows 'Save Changes' as the selected action.

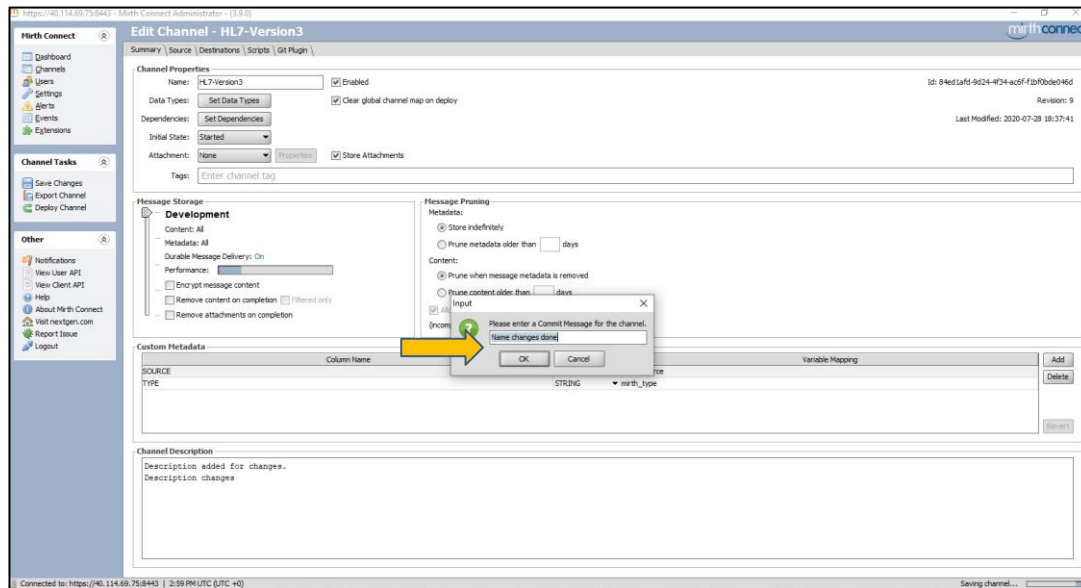
- Once all the changes have been configured, select **Save Changes** in **Channel Task** pane on the left panel.
- If in the **Git Configuration** tab, **No** option is selected under **Production Environment**, then the user gets a warning pop-up asking whether all the changes can be saved to GIT repository. Select **Yes** to save the changes to GIT repository or else select **No**:

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Channel - HL7-V2' configuration page with a warning dialog box overlaid. The dialog box asks 'Should we save to commit the changes to git repository?' and has 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. A yellow arrow points to the 'Yes' button. The background configuration page is partially visible, showing the 'Message Pruning' section.





- After selecting either of the options from the preceding step, user gets a pop-up to enter the commit comments. Add comments and click **OK**:



- Clicking **OK** saves all the configurations and the channel configurations are reverted as per the earlier selected channel version:

