

RTI Monitor

Release Notes

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1 Supported Platforms

RTI® Monitor is supported on the architectures in [Table 1.1](#).

Table 1.1 **Supported Platforms**

Operating System		CPU	Compiler	RTI Architecture Abbreviation
Linux	CentOS 5.4, 5.5 (2.6 kernel)	x86	gcc 4.1.2	i86Linux2.6gcc4.1.2
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	i86Linux2.6gcc4.1.2jdk
		x64	gcc 4.1.2	x64Linux2.6gcc4.1.2
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	x64Linux2.6gcc4.1.2jdk
	CentOS 6.0, 6.2 - 6.4 (2.6 kernel)	x86	gcc 4.4.5	i86Linux2.6gcc4.4.5
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	i86Linux2.6gcc4.4.5jdk
		x64	gcc 4.4.5	x64Linux2.6gcc4.4.5
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	x64Linux2.6gcc4.4.5jdk
	Fedora™ 12 (2.6.32 kernel)	x64	gcc 4.4.4	x64Linux2.6gcc4.4.4
	Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® 5.0 (2.6 kernel)	x86	gcc 4.1.1	i86Linux2.6gcc4.1.1
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	i86Linux2.6gcc4.1.1jdk
		x64	gcc 4.1.1	x64Linux2.6gcc4.1.1
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	x64Linux2.6gcc4.1.1jdk
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5 (2.6 kernel)	x86	gcc 4.1.2	i86Linux2.6gcc4.1.2
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	i86Linux2.6gcc4.1.2jdk
		x64	gcc 4.1.2	x64Linux2.6gcc4.1.2
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	x64Linux2.6gcc4.1.2jdk
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.0-6.4 (2.6 kernel)	x86	gcc 4.4.5	i86Linux2.6gcc4.4.5
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	i86Linux2.6gcc4.4.5jdk
		x64	gcc 4.4.5	x64Linux2.6gcc4.4.5
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	x64Linux2.6gcc4.4.5jdk
	SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP2 (2.6 kernel)	x64	gcc 4.3.4	x64Linux2.6gcc4.3.4
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	x64Linux2.6gcc4.3.4jdk

Table 1.1 **Supported Platforms**

Operating System		CPU	Compiler	RTI Architecture Abbreviation
Linux cont'd	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP2 (3.x kernel)	x86	gcc 4.3.4	i86Linux3gcc4.3.4
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	i86Linux3gcc4.3.4jdk
	Ubuntu Server 12.04 LTS (3.x kernel)	x86	gcc 4.6.3	i86Linux3.xgcc4.4.3
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	i86Linux3.xgcc4.6.3jdk
		x64	gcc 4.6.3	x64Linux3.xgcc4.6.3
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	x64Linux3.xgcc4.6.3jdk
Windows	All Windows platforms listed in the <i>RTI Core Libraries and Utilities Release Notes</i>			

Monitor is also supported on the platforms listed in Table 1.2; these are target platforms for which RTI offers custom support. If you are interested in these platforms, please contact your local RTI representative or email sales@rti.com.

Table 1.2 **Custom Supported Platforms**

Operating System		CPU	Compiler	RTI Architecture Abbreviation
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.2 (2.6 kernel)		x86	gcc 4.2.1	i86Linux2.6gcc4.2.1
			Java Platform, Standard Edition 1.7	i86Linux2.6gcc4.2.1jdk

To use *Monitor* you will also need:

- ☐ *RTI Connexxt*TM with the same version number (already included in the bundle)
- ☐ JAVA 1.6 update 10 or later is suggested (already included in the bundle)
- ☐ For Windows systems: the Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistribution libraries (already included in the Windows bundle)

2 Compatibility

Monitor can be used to monitor applications built with *Connexxt* that also use *Monitoring Library*. Use the same version number for all three components (*Monitor*, *Monitoring Library*, and *Connexxt*).

Monitor 5.1.0 is not compatible with previous versions of *RTI Distributed Logger* or *RTI Connexxt*.

3 What's New in 5.1.0

3.1 New Platforms

This release adds support for the following platforms:

- ☐ CentOS and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.2 - 6.4
- ☐ SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP2 (3.x kernel)
- ☐ Ubuntu Server 12.04 LTS (3.x kernel)

- ☐ Windows 8 (32-bit and 64-bit Editions)
- ☐ Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit Edition)

3.2 More Information Displayed when not using Monitoring Library

Monitor can now show Publishers, DataWriter, Subscribers, and DataReaders that are found in your system, even if *RTI Monitoring Library* is not enabled.

3.3 Ability to Sort Tree Entries Alphabetically in Description Panel

The Description Panel has a new button that sorts tree entries. When selected (the default), entries are sorted alphabetically. If unselected, entries are ordered as they were in previous releases.

3.4 Lack of Monitoring Library Information now Explicitly Reported

In previous releases, it was not clear when *Monitor* did not have all of the information necessary to fill out its display. This situation has been made more clear in this release with the addition of a small overlay icon in both the 'Physical View' and 'DDS Logical View.' The status, "Monitoring Data: not available," is also displayed in the Status Panel under the "Common Information" section.

3.5 'Samples Lost' Display Now Includes 'last_reason' Information

The 'samples lost' display now includes the 'last_reason' field, which indicates the most recent reason why samples were lost.

3.6 'Filter by Match' Capability now Shows DomainParticipant Information

The 'Filter by match' combo-box on the Status Panel now shows the DomainParticipant's domain ID and participant name (if one exists). This makes it easier to discern which remote DomainParticipant is being referenced.

3.7 System Overview Panel improvements

The System Overview Panel has been improved with three new display name modes and enhanced tooltips.

- ☐ The existing display name mode of 'Name' has been renamed to 'Topic Name.' This mode now includes the DomainParticipant's participant name by default.
- ☐ The new 'No Name' mode is useful when viewing large systems, as it removes all text from the display, making it very compact.
- ☐ The new 'Entity Name' mode displays the 'name' from the EntityNameQosPolicy for DomainParticipants, DataWriters, and DataReaders.
- ☐ The new 'Role Name' mode displays the 'role_name' from the EntityNameQosPolicy for DomainParticipants, DataWriters, and DataReaders.

3.8 Ability to Automatically Join Active Domains

This release includes a new feature that allows *Monitor* to automatically join all active domains. This feature is enabled by default.

If the Auto-join feature is enabled: First, *Monitor* will join domain 0. Then all other active domains will be discovered through their announcements in domain 0. Each discovered domain will be joined if it has not already been joined. You will not be prompted to enter a domain ID when *Monitor* starts.

For more information, see Section 3.5, Joining and Leaving Domains, in the updated *Monitor User's Manual*.

3.9 Support for the filter fields in DataWriterProtocolStatus has been removed

Support for the filter fields in DataWriterProtocolStatus has been removed from the graphical interface. This follows the deprecation of these fields in *RTI Connext* 5.1.0.

4 What's Fixed in 5.1.0

4.1 Erroneous '~' Directory Created—Linux Systems Only

When running *Monitor* on a Linux system, the log file was mistakenly stored in a new directory with '~' as the root. This was a problem with the script that launched the application and has been resolved.

[RTI Issue ID MONITOR-118]

4.2 Entities not Removed if Created/Destroyed Rapidly

Entities that were created and then destroyed rapidly would sometimes remain displayed even though they should have been removed.

[RTI Issue ID MONITOR-121]

4.3 DomainParticipant Name Sometimes Contained a '?'

The name for a DomainParticipant sometimes contained a question mark ('?') character. This would happen when the DomainParticipant did not have monitoring enabled (including when using the 'rti.monitor.config.new_participant_domain_id' configuration since that DomainParticipant does not publish monitoring data). This problem has been resolved; now the DomainParticipant name will include the associated domain ID instead of a question mark.

[RTI Issue ID MONITOR-148]

5 Known Issues

- ❑ *Monitor* will show monitoring information for an application properly only if all the monitoring Description topics are published and not filtered (this is the default setting). See the *Monitoring Library Getting Started Guide* for details about monitoring topic filters.
The ***Description** topics are needed to properly place objects in the tree views. The per-matched and per-locator topics are needed for the System Overview panel's **Matches** option to work properly.
- ❑ The aggregation capability will not work correctly with applications that publish monitoring data at a rate that is different than the aggregation rate used in *Monitor*.
- ❑ *Monitor* does not support DomainParticipants that use WireProtocolQosPolicyAutoKind RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC.
- ❑ The internal DomainParticipant (1) and DataWriters (13) created by *Monitor* are incorrectly included in the counts for remote participants or remote writers in the Status panel, even though the monitoring library has been configured to exclude internally created entities in the count.

- ❑ Type information is not available when loading historical data. The Description panel will not show the equivalent IDL, the System Types Table will be empty, and type conflicts will not be reported. [RTI Issue ID DIABLO-766]

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