Release Notes: IBM Aspera Connect 4.2.0

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This release of IBM Aspera Connect 4.2 provides the new features, fixes, and other changes listed below.

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NEW FEATURES

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Summary	Ticket
Connect 4.2.0 now supports Faspex 5.0.	Aspera/connect-app#1409
Alphabetically sort workspaces in the Inbox settings section.	Aspera/connect-app#1375
[Windows] Registering the Aspera Drive shell extension can now be disabled during the Connect installation.	Aspera/connect-app#1139
[macOS] The Connect package installer (.pkg) now supports both system-wide and per-user installations.	Aspera/connect-app#901

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Summary	Ticket
[Windows] The Aspera Drive folder only appears in the Explorer navigation pane when you add accounts in Connect.	Aspera/connect-app#685

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Summary	Ticket
When connecting to Faspex 5 BETA, Connect uses your default browser for OAuth 2 authorization to Faspex 5 BETA resources.	Aspera/connect-app#713
Connect supports the Faspex 5 BETA. Send and download packages and browse nodes using Connect.	Aspera/connect-app#168

BREAKING CHANGES

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Summary	Ticket
Connect 4.2.0 no longer includes the DSA private key. On the ascp command line, you will not see -i/path/to/asperaweb_id_dsa.openssh.	Aspera/connect-app#1392

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DOCUMENTATION UPDATES

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Summary	Ticket
Upgraded the importance of a note that warns customers not to enable debug or trace logging unless needed due to impact on performance.	Aspera/connect-app.docs#20

ISSUES FIXED IN THIS RELEASE

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Summary	Ticket
Connect app is missing app group entitlement.	Aspera/connect-app#1298

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Summary	Ticket
Content Security Policy blocks inline scripts and inline event handlers.	Aspera/connect-sdk#92
Browsing Aspera on Cloud workspaces only displays the first 25 workspaces.	Aspera/connect-app#723
[mas OS] The Connect icon is not properly displayed in the macOS menu bar.	Aspera/connect-app#1178
FASP URL transfers are using the dgram_sz option, resulting in intermittent packet size errors.	Aspera/connect-app#1244

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Summary	Ticket
When setting up automatic package downloads with Aspera on Cloud, users only see the first 50 workspaces instead of all available workspaces.	Aspera/connect-app#1155
Connect does not provide a completion event after successful transfer when configured to "remove transfer list items upon successful transfer".	Aspera/connect-app#1079
On smaller monitors, the Connect Preferences window is too large, preventing users from saving preferences.	Aspera/connect-app#1070
You cannot permanently dismiss the "Node not syncable" message after exhausting retries.	Aspera/connect-app#1049
Users cannot add a Shares account using Okta 2FA.	Aspera/connect-app#1032
Users cannot add a Faspex account to Connect using Okta 2FA.	Aspera/connect-app#1027
Connect does not use thecheck-sshfp ascp parameter.	Aspera/connect-app#960
Reduced the scope of permissions on Connect web extensions to address a security concern.	Aspera/connect-app#896
There is an assortment of translation and localization errors.	Aspera/connect-app#881

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[macOS] The Preferences option is missing from the Apple Menu.	Aspera/connect-app#756
[Windows] Connect is slow to start when Connect is configured to run many concurrent instances of Connect.	Aspera/connect-sdk#71

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Summary	Ticket
[Windows] Download silently continues even after user presses stop button during "Connecting" phase.	Aspera/connect-app#771
Linux] Unable to launch asperaconnect on some Linux machines with the error "Could not load the Qt platform plugin 'xcb'".	Aspera/connect-app#669
[macOS] Visual glitch appears on Accounts page when starting transfers with a new server.	Aspera/connect-app#660
Drive (now Connect) intermittently crashes during AoC sync.	Aspera/connect-app#605
Removed the word "dummy" in codebase to align with inclusivity guidelines.	Aspera/connect-sdk#69

OTHER CHANGES

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Summary	Ticket
We no longer provide one-click installer for Connect in Windows or macOS.	Aspera/connect-app#1264

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Note on browsers: The version numbers shown are for those browsers on which Connect was verified at the time of release; however, Connect is likely to work on later versions.

os	Versions	Browsers
Windows	Windows 11 Windows 10 Windows Server 2019	Chrome 100 Firefox 99 Firefox ESR 91.3.0 Microsoft Edge 99
Linux	RHEL 7, 8 CentOS 7, 8 Debian 9, 10 SLES 11, 12 Fedora 31, 32 OpenSUSE 15 Ubuntu 16.04 LTS, 18.04 LTS, 20.04 LTS	Chrome 100 Firefox 99 Firefox ESR 91.3.0
macOS	macOS 12.0 macOS 11.0 macOS 10.13 - 10.15	Chrome 100 Firefox 99 Firefox ESR 91.3.0

os	Versions	Browsers
	If customers are using macOS 10.13 or older, please upgrade to the latest supported macOS version or use Connect 3.11.	Safari 15

Server Requirements

One of the following:

- IBM Aspera Shares a currently supported version
- IBM Aspera Faspex a currently supported version
- IBM Aspera High-Speed Transfer Server (HSTS) 3.9.6 or higher recommended

To use Connect's Aspera Drive synchronization features, the server must have a Sync-enabled license.

The minimum version of Connect that works with the Connect SDK is 3.9.0.

KNOWN ISSUES

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Summary	Ticket
[Windows] In some cases, you might not be able to access the Aspera Drive shell extension after upgrading to Connect 4.2.0. Workaround: Manually restart Explorer or reboot the machine.	Aspera/connect-app#1325

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No known issues discovered in 4.1.3

4.1.2

No known issues discovered in 4.1.2

4.1.1

No known issues discovered in 4.1.1.

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Summary	Ticket
[macOS] The current one-click installer does not support a system-wide install on macOS. Workaround: To do a system-wide install on macOS with the current one-click installer:	Aspera/connect-app#901
 Log in as an Administrator of the machine. Open the binary distribution file (.dmg file) to mount the installer Run: 	
<pre>sudo /Volumes/ibm-aspera-connect_4.1xx_macOS_x86_64/IBM\ Aspera\ Connect\ Installer.app/Contents/Resources/install true</pre>	
Windows Explorer crashes in some situations trying to view package files in Faspex 5 BETA.	Aspera/connect-app#811
Note: This issue will be resolved in future updates to Faspex 5 BETA.	

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