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For quick access to TIBCO Spotfire content, see https://community.tibco.com/products/spotfire.

About TIBCO Spotfire® Analyst Portable

TIBCO Spotfire® Analyst Portable enables users to test a specific version of TIBCO Spotfire® without having to uninstall an existing Spotfire® version. You can use Spotfire Analyst Portable directly from a portable media device, such as a USB flash drive.

Spotfire Analyst Portable is easy to distribute and deploy: just unzip the `TIBCO Spotfire Analyst Portable.zip` archive, launch the `Spotfire.Dxp.exe`, and log in to a TIBCO Spotfire® Server to receive licenses and other configurations. The upgrade procedure to get patches and new packages is identical to regular Spotfire usage.

The Spotfire Analyst Portable footprint is minimized for easy removal, and it does not to interfere with any existing Spotfire installation. Some registry settings are created, but the registering of file extensions is omitted.

By default, the Spotfire Analyst Portable user must log in to a Spotfire® Server at least once every fourteen days. However, this login requirement is a setting that the Spotfire administrator can modify.

To uninstall Spotfire Analyst Portable, just delete the containing folder.

Getting started

Use Spotfire Analyst Portable to test a new version, to troubleshoot a different version of Spotfire, or to compare versions Spotfire.

Prerequisites

You must have write access to the installation location.

Procedure

1. In your Windows explorer, extract the contents of `TIBCO Spotfire Analyst Portable.zip`.
   Specify a folder where you have write access, and make a note where you unzip the application.

   > If you need to compare more than one version with another, name the folder to specify the version.

2. Double-click the file `Spotfire.Dxp.exe`.
   The Spotfire Analyst Portable application launches and displays the Spotfire login dialog.
3. Click **Manage Servers**.
   The Manage Servers dialog is displayed.
4. Click **Add Server**.
   The Add Server dialog is displayed.
5. In the **TIBCO Spotfire server address** text box, provide the address for the Spotfire Server for which you want to test Spotfire Analyst Portable.
   The application receives the appropriate licenses and configurations to work with the specified Spotfire Server, and the application launches.

What to do next

Review the list provided in Good practices for Spotfire Analyst Portable.

Good practices for Spotfire Analyst Portable

Spotfire Analyst Portable is easy to install and to use, but there are certain guidelines and practices that help ensure the best results and help avoid problems.

- Make sure you unzip the Spotfire Analyst Portable zip archive to a directory to which you have write access.
- Always create new files, or if you must open existing files, never save them. (Saving an existing file using Spotfire Analyst Portable with a Spotfire Server different than your existing Spotfire installation can result in your not being able to open the file in your existing installation.)
- Do not edit the configuration files manually.
- When you start Spotfire Analyst Portable as a new user on Windows, in the login dialog, always connect to a Spotfire Server. (If you select **Work Offline**, the application does not receive licenses or configuration settings, so you cannot do any meaningful tasks.)
- Use Spotfire Analyst Portable only from your local computer drive or from a USB flash drive or other portable media. (Do not share it over a network drive.)
- If you run Spotfire Analyst Portable from a USB flash drive, keep the flash drive in place until you have finished using and quit Spotfire Analyst Portable.
- If logging is configured for Spotfire Analyst Portable using **Help** > **Support Diagnostics and Logging** >, make sure Spotfire Analyst Portable is always in the same place and not moved. (This can become an issue if you use Spotfire Analyst Portable from a USB flash drive or other portable media, and the drive mapping is changed when you use the media on another computer.)