

Filr 4.1 Release Notes

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Product Overview

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- ♦ From a web browser on your workstation, as described in the [Filr 4.1: User Access Guide](#).
- ♦ From a mobile device, as described in the [Filr Mobile App Quick Start](https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/filr-qs-mobile/data/filr-qs-mobile.html) (<https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/filr-qs-mobile/data/filr-qs-mobile.html>).
- ♦ From your desktop, as described in the following guides:
 - ♦ **Linux:** [Filr Desktop Application for Linux Guide](https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/filr-desktop-linux/bookinfo.html) (<https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/filr-desktop-linux/bookinfo.html>)
 - ♦ **Mac:** [Filr Desktop Application for Mac Guide](https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/filr-desktop-mac/bookinfo.html) (<https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/filr-desktop-mac/bookinfo.html>)
 - ♦ **Windows:** [Filr Desktop Application for Windows Guide](https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/filr-desktop/bookinfo.html) (<https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/filr-desktop/bookinfo.html>)

NOTE: Filr 4.0 accommodates two types of licenses:

- ♦ **Standard-Edition License:** Allows all of the services available in previous versions of Filr plus several new features and improvements.
- ♦ **Advanced-Edition License:** Also allows administrators the ability to enable the sharing of folders within Net Folders, and to customize (brand) the Desktop and Mobile App user interfaces.

For more comparison between the standard and advanced editions of Filr, see the [Micro Focus Filr Product Page](#).

What's New in Filr 4.1

- ♦ **Content Editor:** A new appliance that enables the Edit feature. The functionalities are:
 - ♦ This functionality is only available on Filr Advanced Edition.

- ◆ This feature is available with Filr Web UI, desktop clients and mobile apps.
- ◆ Secure edits of the documents
- ◆ Multiple files that can be concurrently edited by multiple users
- ◆ Supports collaborative edits for all major file types like documents, spreadsheet, and so on
- ◆ Edits are done by using the Browser, no Native application is required
- ◆ Policies to block copy, print, and download of the content
- ◆ By default, this functionality is available for all files under My Files, Shared With Me, Shared By Me and Net Folder areas.

A separate appliance is required as the collaborative edit feature is resource intensive. Around 40 files can be concurrently edited with the planned Content Editor specifications. The Content Editor Appliance uses 9980 and 443 ports for communicating with the Filr Appliance.

- ◆ **Refreshed User Interface (Technical Preview):** The User Interface is refreshed with a new Home screen, locale changes, and so on.

What's New in Filr 4.0?

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Changes from Filr 3.x to Filr 4.0

Table 1 Version Changes

Components	Filr Appliance 3.x	Filr Appliance 4.0
Base Appliance	SLES 11 SP4	SLES 12 SP3
	Java SE 1.7	OpenJDK 1.8
	MySQL	PostgreSQL
Ports	MySQL - 3306	PostgreSQL - 5432
Apache Lucene	3.4	7.x
Tomcat	7	9
	Stellent	KeyView

For detailed information on the support matrix, see [Filr System Requirements](#) in the [Filr 4.1: Installation, Deployment, and Upgrade Guide](#).

Ease of Access On All Devices

- ♦ Access to all files and shared network folders from any device or location.
- ♦ Filr clients and apps for desktops, laptops, smart phones and tablets are available on a variety of platforms, including Windows, iOS, Android, Linux, and many more.

Quick Integration With Your Environment

- ♦ Integrates with your organization's existing directory services, either Microsoft Active Directory, Micro Focus eDirectory, or both. No schema extensions or directory reconfiguring required.
- ♦ Works with your existing file servers and leverages already set access rights, quotas, firewalls, backup, disaster recovery systems, and so on.

New Web User Interface (Beta Version)

A new look and feel that makes the interface more intuitive with hover control, quick help, and so on.

File Sharing and Access

- ♦ Ease of sharing and unsharing with intuitive GUI
- ♦ Control Sharing through Policies
- ♦ Net Folder Sharing
- ♦ Ability to request and receive files from users out outside the Filr system
- ♦ Files on Demand for Desktop Clients

Enhanced Security and Compliance

- ♦ Integrates with Micro Focus Advanced Authentication for supporting multi-factor authentication for Filr users for all the clients (desktop, mobile, and web).
- ♦ Registering Desktop Client and Remotely Wiping Filr Data - Filr Administrator can now view details about the Desktop devices that has accessed your Filr system and wipe all Filr data from a device in the event that it is lost or stolen.
- ♦ Works With Existing Directory Services - Integrates with your organization's existing directory services, either Microsoft Active Directory, Micro Focus eDirectory, or both. No schema extensions or directory reconfiguring required. Works with your existing file servers and leverages already set access rights, quotas, firewalls, backup, disaster recovery systems, and so on.
- ♦ Ability to Restrict Filr Clients to Use TLS 1.2 Protocol for Server Communications - Introduces a new network configuration option, **Enable TLS v1.2 Protocol ONLY**, that lets you restrict the Filr clients (Desktop, Mobile, Web) to use only TLS 1.2 protocol for communicating with the Filr server. See [Network Configuration](#) in the *Filr 4: Administrative UI Reference*.
- ♦ The external users need to accept your organization's terms and conditions before they get access to your Filr system.

Collaboration

- ♦ Integration with Microsoft Outlook - Users can use the Outlook application to browse local or Filr files and attach the files in the email.
- ♦ Working with Microsoft Office - Users can directly work with Microsoft application such as Excel, Word, or PowerPoint.
- ♦ Provides an easy way to request and receive files from users even outside Filr system.
- ♦ Email notification and share access report is available when the users access the shares.

Automatic Access for Open Enterprise Server or Open Workgroup Suite Users

Filr is automatically included for customers with active maintenance on Open Enterprise Server or Open Workgroup Suite. Customers are entitled to use Filr based upon the number of users covered under their maintenance contract.

Upgrade Filr

The supported path for upgrade is Filr 3.4.x to Filr 4. For more information, refer to the [Upgrading from Filr 3.x to Filr 4.0](#) and [Upgrade Issues](#) in the *Filr 4.1: Installation, Deployment, and Upgrade Guide*.

Installation Notes

To enable the Filr 4.0 server to communicate with OES 2018 and OES 2015 SP1 servers, you must ensure that the OES servers are updated with the latest patches.

For information about the system requirements to install Filr, see “[Filr System Requirements](#)” in the *Filr 4.1: Installation, Deployment, and Upgrade Guide*.

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Filr 4 Bug Fixes

For a list of customer and partner reported bugs that were logged and fixed in Filr 4.x, see the following:

- ♦ [Filr 4.0 Bug List \(https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/pdfdoc/filr-4-fixes/filr-4-fixes.pdf\)](https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/pdfdoc/filr-4-fixes/filr-4-fixes.pdf)

For more information about each bug, log in to your account and look up the bug numbers in [Bugzilla \(https://bugzilla.novell.com/\)](https://bugzilla.novell.com/).

Documentation

- ♦ [Filr 4 Documentation \(https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/\)](https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/filr/filr-4/)

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