IBM App Connect Professional on Cloud can help you connect your SaaS, ERP, and custom applications rapidly and automate your workflows by using an intuitive, configuration-based approach

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At a glance

IBM® App Connect Professional on Cloud provides a powerful combination of a simple integration experience for business users and citizen integrators that is coupled with a configuration-based-integration approach for shadow integrators and integration developers. Pairing a powerful configuration-based integration approach with a broad set of connectivity to the most popular software-as-a-service (SaaS) and on-premise applications, App Connect Professional on Cloud enables organizations to build business solutions rapidly. It delivers the following features:

- A simple, event-trigger-based integration experience for business users and SaaS power users
- A configuration, no-coding-based approach for developing integrations
- Enterprise-grade, subscription-based managed service with no upfront cost
- A rich library of prebuilt connectors to a large number of SaaS and on-premise applications
- A repository of prepackaged integration processes to help simplify and accelerate the most common integration challenges
- Built-in support for exposing integrations as Open Data Protocol (OData)
- Support for creating integration-built APIs and easy integration with IBM API Connect™ for exposing managed APIs
- Designed for easy monitoring and management
- Enterprise-grade integration platform with flexible pricing, for a wide range of integration scenarios
- Integration tooling to match different skill sets of users from a line-of-business professional to an integration specialist

Overview

App Connect Professional on Cloud provides rapid integration capabilities for today’s modern cloud and hybrid architectures. By combining a powerful configuration-based integration approach with a broad set of connectivity to the most popular SaaS and on-premise applications, App Connect Professional on Cloud enables organizations to build business solutions rapidly.
Cloud adoption is gaining momentum across enterprises of all sizes and hybrid environments are becoming a business reality. App Connect Professional on Cloud delivers the integration backbone for digital transformation and harmonizes business processes across clients' hybrid application landscape.

As enterprises embrace SaaS, hybrid integration becomes a key requirement. The challenge is to deliver these hybrid integration requirements without embarking on lengthy, costly, and complex project cycles that require specialized skill sets and multiple moving parts to install and maintain. App Connect Professional on Cloud provides a solution that meets the challenge by rapidly integrating a hybrid world of public clouds, private clouds, and on-premise applications.

App Connect Professional on Cloud delivers an integration solution with ease-of-use, flexibility, and increased responsiveness to the evolving business needs, while removing the daunting complexities of integration. It provides the powerful combination of a 'simple integration experience' for business users looking to automate how their applications talk to each other, which is coupled with 'configuration based integration' approach for shadow IT teams and integration developers who need to solve more complex problems and need powerful tooling.

App Connect Professional on Cloud offers the following key benefits:

- Provides a simple, event-trigger-based integration experience for business users with no integration skills to allow their applications to interact with one another.
- Helps reduce time-to-implement integration projects by using a configuration-no-coding-based, intuitive approach for creating integrations.
- May lead to considerable cost savings with low, monthly subscription rates and lower maintenance and operations overhead.
- Provides a rich library of prebuilt connectors and prepackaged integration processes to help simplify and accelerate integration projects.
- Helps ease monitoring and management with anytime, anywhere monitoring, and remote management and administration.
- Accelerates and simplifies the standards-based development process with flexibility and without requiring specialized middleware skills.
- Caters to users with varied levels of integration skills and varied functionality requirements.
- Integrates with API Connect capabilities to help facilitate the rapid conversion of integrations into APIs that can be exposed and managed.

App Connect Professional on Cloud is a key part of the IBM Hybrid Integration family of offerings, which also include:

- App Connect. This tool is for business users that are looking to automate workflows between SaaS and on-premise applications.
- Application Integration Suite. This premier offering combines enterprise integration, cloud integration and API management capabilities for IT users to build and manage digital transformation solutions.

App Connect Professional on Cloud incorporates the technology, formerly known as IBM WebSphere® Cast Iron®, into the new Hybrid Integration family of offerings. App Connect Professional on Cloud is specifically designed to allow both business users and application developers to get started with integration services quickly, with a ready-to-use, cloud-based environment that is hosted in IBM cloud data centers and managed by IBM.

**Key prerequisites**

App Connect Professional on Cloud requires an internet connection and a workstation with a browser.

For specific browser requirements, refer to the Technical information section.
Planned availability date

September 30, 2016

Description

App Connect Professional on Cloud is a multi-tenant, cloud service offering that provides integration services. These services can help companies rapidly integrate hybrid environments and connect SaaS and on-premise applications by using a configuration-not-coding approach. This enables enterprises of all size to help lower their integration costs and achieve a higher return on investments for cloud, SaaS, and digital applications. App Connect Professional on Cloud also includes entitlement to the App Connect business user tooling.

App Connect Professional on Cloud delivers following key capabilities:

- Differentiated integration tooling
  - Integration tooling to match the needs of different user roles and skill sets
  - A simple integration experience for users, such as line-of-business professionals, citizen integrators, SaaS power users, and business analysts
  - Configuration-based integration capabilities for shadow integrators and integration developers

- Comprehensive platform capabilities to handle a wide range of hybrid integration scenarios
  - Cloud data migration capabilities that can enable businesses to cleanse, enrich, and migrate data from existing applications to cloud applications in real time, to expedite the adoption of SaaS and cloud applications
  - Cloud data synchronization capabilities that can enable the coordination or orchestration of integration processes across multiple applications in real time
  - Integration in visualization (UI mashups) to provide the capability to mashup information from disparate sources and to display this information by using the native user interface of a cloud application in real time
  - Integration APIs that can be invoked from the digital applications for harnessing data and processes from other parts of the enterprise

- Extensive, pre-built connectivity
  - Pre-built connectivity to many SaaS and proprietary applications, both cloud and on-premise, which include:
    -- Enterprise resource planning (ERP)
    -- Customer relationship management (CRM)
    -- Databases
    -- Web services
    -- Flat files
  - A rich set of connectors and integration templates that can help to significantly reduce the time that is required to integrate with SaaS and on-premise applications
  - A Connector Development Kit to allow skilled developers to add connectors to custom applications
  - A Template Development Kit that facilitates the creation of reusable integration templates. Businesses and partners can create their own wizard-driven, reusable templates and make the kits valuable to the entire user community

- Flexibility and reusability
  - Allows the flexibility in deployment by providing different form factors:
-- A multi-tenant managed SaaS offering
-- An on-premise edition
- Provides flexible price points for enterprises of all size, with a free, 30-day trial to experience and evaluate the offering.
- Provides multiple, reusable template integration processes (TIPs) to most common, cloud integration scenarios that are searchable in an online library.

**Accessibility by people with disabilities**

A US Section 508 Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) containing details on accessibility compliance can be found on the IBM Accessibility website.

**Product positioning**

App Connect Professional on Cloud, as part of the IBM hybrid integration platform, brings enterprise-grade connectivity to clients, at an affordable price point to support:

- Hybrid user roles that provide capabilities for users with varied skill sets
- Hybrid deployments to provide flexibility on where the integration operates
- Hybrid Integration scenarios to support:
  - Data synchronization
  - Real-time scenarios, event or trigger-based actions
  - Batch or bulk updates
  - Ability to expose integrations as Open Data Protocol (OData)
  - Ability to create integration-built APIs and manage the APIs that use API Connect

**Reference information**

For information on IBM App Connect Professional on Cloud V7.5.2, refer to Software Announcement ZP16-0424, dated September 13, 2016.

For information on IBM API Connect V5.0, refer to Software Announcement ZP16-0035, dated February 16, 2016.

For information on IBM Application Integration Suite, refer to Software Announcement. ZP16-0139, dated February 16, 2016.

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Education is a key component to ensuring software success. IBM creates a comprehensive portfolio of education material to help clients successfully deploy IBM software products to their maximum potential. The IBM education team is committed to providing the highest quality education content available to help your organization prosper in today’s competitive marketplace.
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The delivery of IBM education is provided by IBM Global Training Partners.

For more information about available education offerings, refer to the IBM Training website.

**Offering Information**

Product information is available on the IBM Offering Information website.

More information is also available on the Passport Advantage and Passport Advantage Express website.

**Publications**

Documentation can be found in IBM Knowledge Center.

**Services**

**Global Technology Services**

Contact your IBM representative for the list of selected services available in your country, either as standard or customized offerings for the efficient installation, implementation, or integration of this product.

**Technical information**

**Specified operating environment**

**Hardware requirements**

App Connect Professional on Cloud requires:

- A workstation that supports one of the web browsers as listed in the Software requirements section
- A direct, internet connection

**Software requirements**

App Connect Professional on Cloud requires one of the following supported web browsers:

- Microsoft™ Internet Explorer V9, or later
- Mozilla Firefox V24, or later
- Google Chrome V30

The program's specifications and specified operating environment information may be found in documentation accompanying the program, if available, such as a readme file, or other information published by IBM, such as an announcement letter.
Companion products
The following products or services could be purchased with this product:

API Connect

API Connect can help businesses accelerate their digital transformation to provide secure services across on-premise, on cloud, and dedicated clouds. API Connect empowers API developers and businesses to rapidly design APIs with enterprise-grade, security policies and share APIs across organizational boundaries and environments, while providing deep insight into API usage. For additional information on API Connect, refer to the following:

- API Connect V5.0, in Software Announcement ZP16-0035, dated February 16, 2016
- IBM API Connect for Bluemix Local, in Software Announcement ZP16-0372, dated June 7, 2016

IBM Application Integration Suite V1.0

Application Integration Suite V1.0 provides the tools enterprises need for connecting cloud and on-premise applications, building Microservices and exposing and managing APIs. It enables you to reach new markets, rapidly take advantage of new business opportunities, and improve communications within your partner ecosystem. With this offering, you can influence existing investments by continuing to provide reliable, secure, and scalable enterprise integration while modernizing IT infrastructure to support digital transformation. For additional information on Application Integration Suite V1.0, refer to the Software Announcement ZP16-0139, dated February 16, 2016.

Planning information

Packaging

This offering is delivered through the Internet.

No software is shipped with this offering. There is no physical media.

Ordering information

For ordering information, consult your IBM representative or authorized IBM Business Partner, or go to the Passport Advantage(R) website.

This product is only available through Passport Advantage. It is not available as shrinkwrap.

These products may only be sold directly by IBM or by authorized IBM Business Partners for Software Value Plus.

More information can be found on the IBM Software Value Plus website.

To locate IBM Business Partners for Software Value Plus in your geography for a specific Software Value Plus portfolio, go to the Find a Business Partner page.

Product group: IBM Cloud

Product: App Connect Professional on Cloud (5737-B81)
Product category: Hybrid Integration

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**Free trial**

A 30-day free trial of App Connect Professional on Cloud is available from the IBM Connectivity and integration website.

**Charge metric**

**App Connect Professional on Cloud (Passport Advantage™)**

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**Instance**

Instance is a unit of measure by which the IBM SaaS can be obtained. An Instance is access to a specific configuration of the IBM SaaS. Sufficient entitlements must be obtained for each Instance of the IBM SaaS made available to access and use during the measurement period specified in Customer’s Proof of Entitlement (PoE) or Transaction Document.

**Item**

Item is a unit of measure by which the IBM SaaS can be obtained. An Item is an occurrence of a specific item that is processed by, managed by, or related to the use of the IBM SaaS. Sufficient entitlements must be obtained to cover every Item processed by, managed by, or related to the use of the IBM SaaS during the measurement period specified in Client’s Proof of Entitlement (PoE) or Transaction Document.

**Virtual Processor Core**

Virtual Processor Core is a unit of measure by which the IBM SaaS can be obtained. A Physical Server is a physical computer that is comprised of processing units, memory, and input/output capabilities and that executes requested procedures, commands, or applications for one or more users or client devices. Where racks, blade enclosures, or other similar equipment is being employed, each separable physical device (for example, a blade or a rack-mounted device) that has the required components is considered itself a separate Physical Server. A Virtual Server is either a virtual computer created by partitioning the resources available to a Physical Server or an unpartitioned Physical Server. A Processor Core (commonly called a processor or CPU) is a functional unit within a computing device that
interprets and executes instructions. A Processor Core consists of at least an instruction control unit, and one or more arithmetic or logic unit. A Virtual Processor Core is a Processor Core in an unpartitioned Physical Server, or a virtual core assigned to a Virtual Server. Sufficient entitlements must be obtained for each Virtual Processor Core made available to the IBM SaaS during the measurement period specified in Client’s Proof of Entitlement or Transaction Document.

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Subscription

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Refer to additional technical support information in the IBM Software as a Service Terms of Use document for the program.

Terms of Use

The program’s Terms of Use and CSA Service Description document is available on the Software as a Service terms website.

Limited warranty

If warranted, refer to the warranty as stated in the Terms of Use document or the Cloud Services Agreement for this offering.

Money-back guarantee

No

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The Publications section is revised.