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Connect:Direct for Windows SDK Version 4.5.00 Release Notes

The *Connect:Direct for Windows SDK Version 4.5.00 Release Notes* document supplements Connect:Direct version 4.5 documentation. Release notes are updated with each release of the product and contain last-minute changes and product requirements, as well as other information pertinent to installing and implementing Connect:Direct. Read the document in its entirety before installation.

The Connect:Direct package consists of the distribution media and product publications. Connect:Direct is distributed as follows:

- ◆ File downloaded from the Sterling Commerce Electronic Software Distribution Portal
See *Installing Connect:Direct from the ESD Portal* on page 7 for instructions.
- ◆ CD format when Sterling Commerce ships the physical distribution media

Requirements

Connect:Direct has the following requirements:

Hardware and Software

See the *Connect:Direct for Windows Version 4.5.00 Release Notes* document for the hardware and operating system requirements for Connect:Direct. In addition, Connect:Direct requires the following:

- ◆ Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 to build the C++ samples and Microsoft Visual Basic 2008 to build the Visual Basic samples.

Note: This software is required to build the samples, but is not required to run the samples.

Customer Center Portal User Name and Password

The new Customer Center portal offers you a single location to administer everything associated with your Sterling Commerce products and services. It provides quick access to online tools, on-demand applications, community forums, product information, industry news, support updates, and support case management. We've combined the current content experience of Sterling customer-facing portals—Innovation Gateway, STUN (Sterling Commerce Technical Users Network), and Support on Demand—into a single location and extended it across all of our products and applications within Customer Center.

To log into the Customer Center, go to <http://customer.sterlingcommerce.com>. If you do not have a Support On Demand user name and password, click the Join Now link and follow the instructions for new users. If you have a Support on Demand account, define a new password the first time you log on.

What's New in This Release

For the latest information on updates to the product and documentation, see *Features and Enhancements* on page 6 and *Improvements to Documentation* on page 6. For the latest updates to the Connect:Direct for Windows application, see the *Connect:Direct for Windows Version 4.5.00 Release Notes*.

Features and Enhancements

Connect:Direct version 4.5.00 has the following new features and enhancements:

- ◆ A new SDK that supports Microsoft .NET languages C# and VB .NET is now available. You can download this SDK from the Customer Center Portal. This SDK is compatible with Connect:Direct for Windows version 4.5, which is available on the same page.

Improvements to Documentation

Sterling Commerce welcomes your comments and suggestions for improvements to our product documentation. You can submit suggestions for improvements to ConnectDoc@stercomm.com. For a description of the improvements to all the Connect:Direct for Windows documentation, see *Connect:Direct for Windows Version 4.5.00 Release Notes*.

Obtaining Product Updates

Product updates and update summaries, including issues resolved for previous versions of Connect:Direct for Windows, are available on the Customer Center Web site.

To obtain product updates:

1. Log on to your Customer Center account to display your customer Home page.
2. From the **Product Support** menu on the left navigation bar, click **Connect > Product Updates/Download**.

3. Follow the links for your product until you locate the updates for your product and platform.

Description of Support Requests Resolved for This Release

There are no Support Requests (SRs) resolved for Connect:Direct for Windows SDK version 4.5.00 since the last cumulative fix release.

For the history of issues resolved prior to this release, navigate to the Product Updates/Downloads site for your product and platform using the instructions in *Obtaining Product Updates* on page 6 and review the Fix List.

Special Considerations

Connect:Direct for Windows SDK has no special considerations.

Installation Notes

Before you install Connect:Direct, read all the information in this section and follow the guidelines.

- ◆ Review *Connect:Direct for Windows SDK Version 4.5.00 Release Notes* for last-minute product information and pre-installation tasks.
- ◆ Ensure that Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 is installed on the system where you intend to build the C++ samples and Microsoft Visual Basic 2008 is installed on the system where you intend to build the Visual Basic samples.
- ◆ Verify that you have the current updates for Connect:Direct. Access current update information, including instructions for applying updates containing product fixes and enhancements, from the Connect product support Web site at www.sterlingcommerce.com. See *Obtaining Product Updates* on page 6 for instructions.

Installing Connect:Direct from the ESD Portal

The Connect:Direct application is included when you purchase Connect:Direct for Windows from the ESD Portal. See the *Connect:Direct for Windows Version 4.5.00 Release Notes* document for ESD instructions.

Known Restrictions

Connect:Direct version 4.5.00 has no known restrictions.

Documentation Updates

The Connect:Direct version 4.5 documentation requires no last-minute updates.

Connect:Direct Documentation

The Connect:Direct documentation is available on the product media or the documentation CD. You can view or download documentation from the Sterling Commerce Customer Portal Web site at <http://customer.sterlingcommerce.com>. You need a Customer Center user name and password. See *Customer Center Portal User Name and Password* on page 6 for instructions on obtaining your user name and password.

Access to PDF files requires the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader, which you can download at www.adobe.com.

The Connect:Direct documentation consists of:

- ◆ *Connect:Direct for Windows SDK Programmers Guide*
- ◆ *Connect:Direct for Windows SDK Version 4.5.00 Release Notes*

The latest updates to and information on Connect:Direct Processes are available from the Connect:Direct Processes Web site at <http://www.sterlingcommerce.com/documentation/processes/processhome.html>.