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CONNECTION MANAGER GUIDE
IBM Prospect 8.0

1 Getting Connected

Before you can start working with IBM Prospect software, you must first establish a connection between the IBM Prospect client on your PC and the IBM Prospect server. You establish a connection by creating and using a connection profile. You create a connection profile by using the Connection Manager.

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Connection Manager

The Connection Manager enables you to work with connection profiles. *Connection profiles* connect a IBM Prospect client to the IBM Prospect server.

This section introduces the connection profile, provides procedures for creating and editing connection profiles, discusses what happens to profiles during a IBM Prospect client upgrade, and also provides procedures for importing and exporting profiles.

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About Connection Profiles

A connection profile contains the following information:

- User name
- Password
- DataServer host

- DataServer port
- Connect, send, and receive time-out values

Set the user name and password by using the USER ADMINISTRATION dialog box in the client user interface. Since profiles are stored on the IBM Prospect client computer, you must add a profile to each IBM Prospect client that uses the profile.

Important: Profiles are stored in the registry for the Windows user used to create the profile. To work with a Connection Manager profile, you must log onto Windows as the Windows user that created the profile.

Accessing the Connection Manager

There are two ways to access the Connection Manager:

- Using the START menu in Windows.
- Using the LOGIN dialog box of IBM Prospect Explorer.

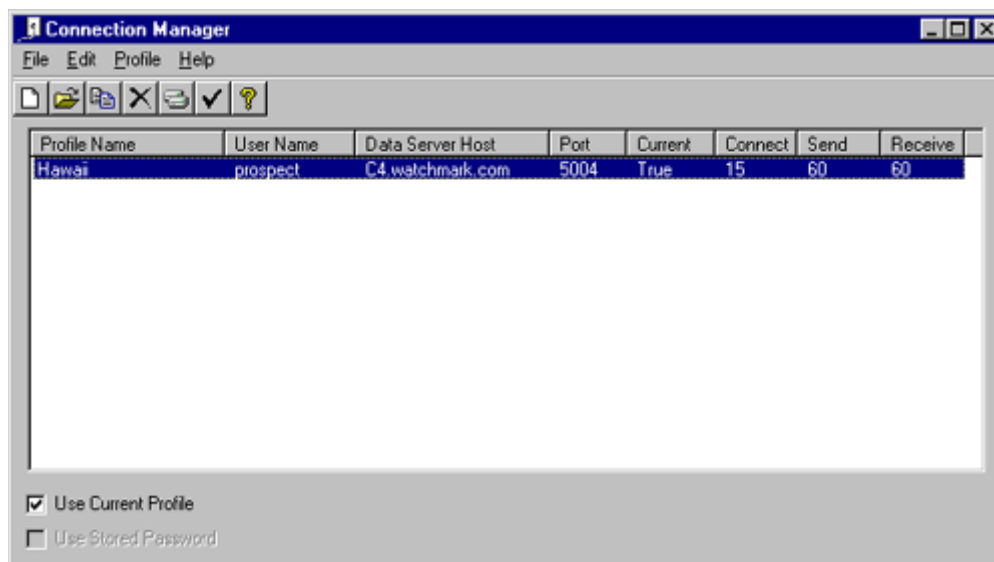
Note: The LOGIN dialog box, as indicated by its name, appears only when you are logging on to IBM Prospect. Moreover, it is only available when the USE CURRENT PROFILE option of the Connection Manager is not enabled.

Use one of the following procedures to access the Connection Manager.

To use the Start menu

Click the Windows START button, then select PROGRAMS, then IBM PROSPECT TOOLS, and then click CONNECTION MANAGER. The CONNECTION MANAGER window opens as shown in the following figure.

Figure 1: Connection Manager



To use the Login dialog box

1. Start the IBM Prospect Explorer.
2. The LOGIN dialog box opens.

Note: The LOGIN box does not open if the USE CURRENT PROFILE option of the Connection Manager is enabled.

3. In the PROFILES area, click the BROWSE button (...). The Connection Manager opens.

Creating a Profile

A *profile* contains all the information necessary for the IBM Prospect software to connect a client computer with a IBM Prospect data server host. You can create one profile for each user name-data server host set. For example, if the same user can log on to different IBM Prospect servers, create one profile for each server. Or, if one client computer is used by many different users to access the same IBM Prospect server, set up one profile for each user.

To create a new profile

1. Click the Windows START button, then PROGRAMS, then IBM PROSPECT TOOLS, and then click CONNECTION MANAGER. The CONNECTION MANAGER window opens.
2. Click NEW on the FILE menu. The PROFILE EDITOR dialog box opens.
3. In the USER NAME box, enter the user name to use when logging on to the IBM Prospect data server host. The system administrator needs to create this user in the host database before a logon attempt using this user name can succeed.
4. Enter the password for the user name in the PASSWORD and CONFIRM PASSWORD boxes.

5. Enter the IBM Prospect server host name in the DATA SERVER HOST box.
6. Enter the IBM Prospect server port number in the DATA SERVER PORT box.
7. If necessary, change the default time-out values for the CONNECT TIMEOUT, SEND TIMEOUT, and RECEIVE TIMEOUT boxes.
8. On the FILE menu, click SAVE to save the new profile. The PROFILE NAME dialog box opens.
9. Enter the name for the profile in the PROFILE NAME box and click OK. The profile is created.
10. To close the PROFILE EDITOR dialog box, click CLOSE on the FILE menu.

After creating a profile, you may want to test the profile's connection settings. See [Testing a Profile's Connection](#) for more information about testing a profile's connection. See [Setting Profile Behaviors](#) for more information about setting profile behaviors.

Related Topics

- [About Connection Profiles](#)
- [Modifying a Profile](#)

Modifying a Profile

Use the following procedures to modify a profile's user name, password, or server settings, or to rename the profile. Each procedure assumes the CONNECTION MANAGER window is open. To open the CONNECTION MANAGER, click the Windows START menu, select PROGRAMS, then IBM PROSPECT TOOLS, and then click CONNECTION MANAGER.

To modify a profile's user name and IBM Prospect server settings

1. Click the profile you want to edit, then click OPEN on the FILE menu. The PROFILE EDITOR dialog box opens.
2. To change the user name, enter a new name in the USER NAME box.
3. To change the IBM Prospect server host name, enter the new name in the DATA SERVER HOST box.
4. To change the IBM Prospect server port number, enter the new number in the DATA SERVER PORT box.
5. To change the default time-out values, enter the new values in the CONNECT TIMEOUT, SEND TIMEOUT, and RECEIVE TIMEOUT boxes.
6. Save the modifications by clicking SAVE on the FILE menu.

To rename an existing profile

1. On the FILE menu, click RENAME. The profile name can be edited.
2. Rename the profile, then press ENTER.

To change a profile's password

1. Click the profile whose password you want to change.
2. On the FILE menu, click OPEN. The PROFILE EDITOR dialog box opens.
3. Click CHANGE PASSWORD on the EDIT menu. The CHANGE PASSWORD dialog box opens.
4. Enter the new password in the PASSWORD and CONFIRM PASSWORD boxes.
5. Click OK.

After modifying a profile, you may want to test the profile's connection settings. See [Testing a Profile's Connection](#) for more information about testing a profile's connection. See [Setting Profile Behaviors](#) for more information about setting profile behaviors.

Related Topics

- [About Connection Profiles](#)
- [Creating a Profile](#)

Testing a Profile's Connection

The Connection Manager can verify whether a connection can be made with a profile's connection settings.

To test a profile connection

1. On the Windows START menu, select PROGRAMS, then IBM PROSPECT TOOLS, and then click CONNECTION MANAGER. The CONNECTION MANAGER window opens.
2. Click the profile for which you want to test the connection.
3. On the PROFILE menu, click TEST CONNECTION.

Setting Profile Behaviors

Use the Connection Manager to set the following behaviors:

- Require a password every time a user logs on
- Use a profile automatically (by setting the current profile)

Although there can be only one current profile, you are not required to use a current profile. It is not possible to require a password every time a user logs on and use a profile automatically.

To require a password every time a user logs on

1. On the Windows START menu, select PROGRAMS, then IBM PROSPECT TOOLS, and then click CONNECTION MANAGER. The Connection Manager opens.
2. Select the profile you want to modify.
3. If necessary, clear the USE CURRENT PROFILE check box.
4. Select the USE STORED PASSWORD check box.

To force a specific name and password for a profile

1. On the Windows START menu, select PROGRAMS, then IBM PROSPECT TOOLS, and then click CONNECTION MANAGER. The Connection Manager opens.
2. Select the profile you want to modify.
3. Select the USE CURRENT PROFILE check box.

Deleting a Profile

Deleting a profile removes connection information from the client computer; it does not remove a user from the IBM Prospect software. You can delete all profiles by clicking DELETE ALL on the FILE menu.

To delete an existing profile

1. On the Windows START menu, select PROGRAMS, then IBM PROSPECT TOOLS, and then click CONNECTION MANAGER. The Connection Manager opens.
2. Select the profile you want to delete.
3. On the FILE menu, click DELETE.

Connection Profiles from a Previous Version

When you upgrade the IBM Prospect client to a new version, the Connection Manager automatically imports the connection profiles from the existing version (or versions).

Important! If you uninstall the existing client before installing the new version, you lose the connection profiles.

However, if you must uninstall the client, you can still save the connection profiles by first using the profile import/export utility (see [Importing and Exporting Profiles](#)).

Importing and Exporting Profiles

The import/export profile utility allows you to do the following:

- Export connection profiles from the Connection Manager to a file
- Import connection profiles into the Connection Manager from a file

This section discusses why you might use the import/export profile utility, as well as security issues. It also provides procedures for importing and exporting profiles.

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[Security Issues](#)

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Why Use the Import / Export Profile Utility?

You can use the profile import/export utility for the following reasons:

- Providing backups — If the Connection Manager profile data is lost or corrupted, you will need to re-enter all the information manually.
- Re-installing the IBM Prospect client — If you uninstall and then re-install the client, all your connection profiles will be lost. You can use the import / export utility to save the profiles and then import them once you have re-installed the client.
- Transferring a profile from one PC to another — If you work on more than one PC, you can transfer your connection profiles from one PC to the other.
- Transferring profiles between IBM Prospect clients of different versions — Starting with the client version 7.2.82, you can export one set of profiles from one version of the client to another.

Security Issues

Each Connection Manager profile contains a user password which provides access to the IBM Prospect server. Although the password is encrypted, a user might still gain access to the server by importing another user's connection profiles. Therefore, when distributing the export file, ensure that you send the profiles to trusted individuals and groups.

Importing Profiles

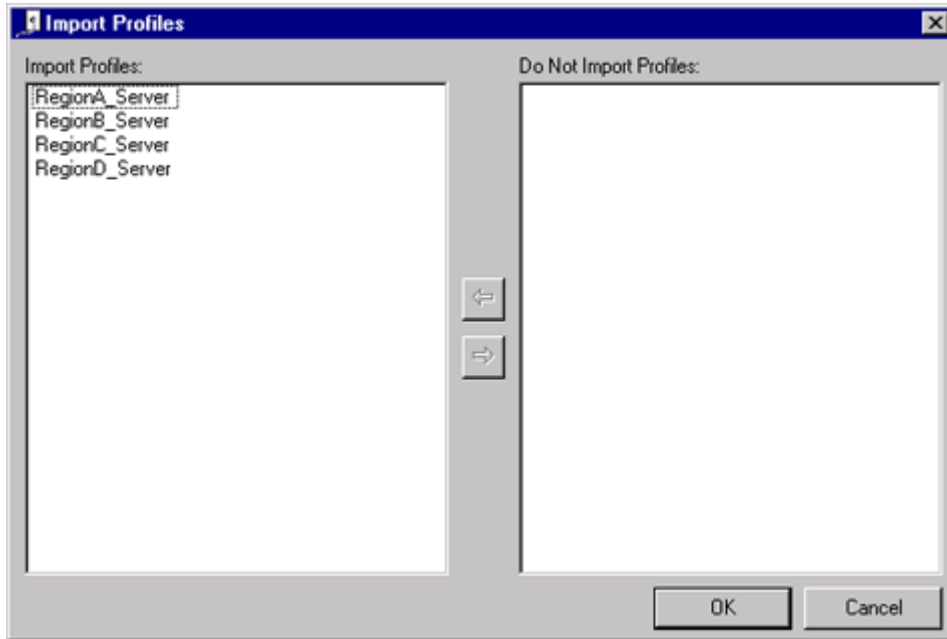
Use the following procedure to import profiles into the Connection Manager. The procedure assumes that the Connection Manager window is open (see [Accessing the Connection Manager](#) on page 6).

To import profiles

1. Click IMPORT PROFILES on the FILE menu. The IMPORT PROFILES dialog box opens.
2. Go to the directory where the profile export file (*.pfl) is located.
3. Select the file and click the OPEN button.

A second IMPORT PROFILES dialog box opens as shown in the following figure.

Figure 2: Import Profiles Dialog Box



You can import all or some of the profiles listed in the IMPORT PROFILES list box.

4. To deselect profiles from import:
 - a. Under IMPORT PROFILES, select one or more profiles.
 - b. Click the right arrow.
The profiles are moved from the IMPORT PROFILES list box to the DO NOT IMPORT PROFILES list box.
5. Do one of the following to finish:

<i>To...</i>	<i>Do This...</i>
Import the selected profiles	Click OK. > If you import a profile name that already exists on the PC, a message box opens and lets you decide whether or not to overwrite the existing file. > If one of the imported profiles is marked as “use as current profile,” the profile becomes your current profile unless a current profile exists on your PC. If a current profile exists on your PC, it remains your current profile. > The Connection Manager imports the profiles. A message box opens and confirms that the import was successful.
Cancel	Click the CANCEL button. The IMPORT PROFILES dialog box closes.

Related Topic

[Exporting Profiles](#)

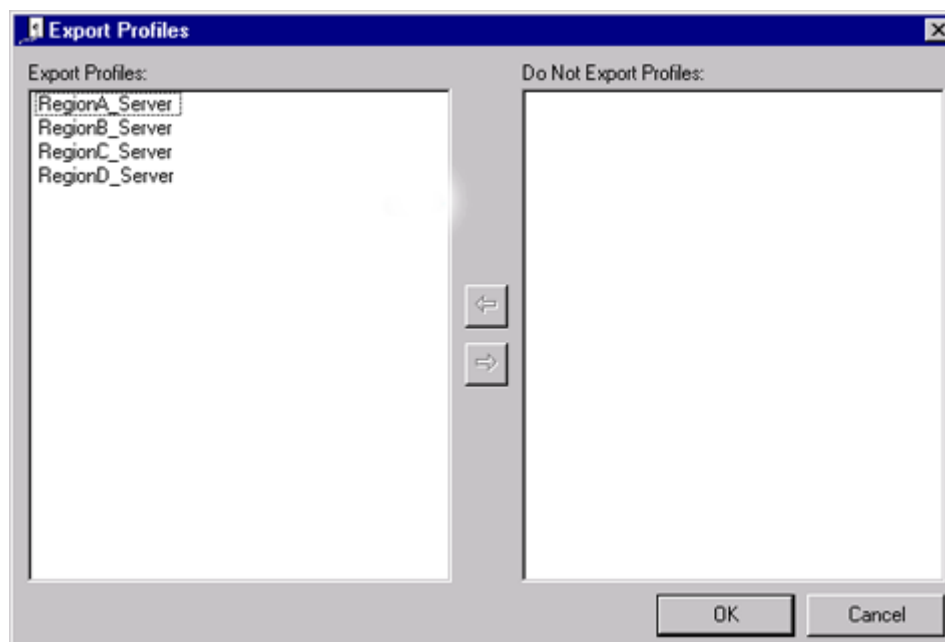
Exporting Profiles

Use the following procedure to export profiles from the Connection Manager to a file. The procedure assumes that the Connection Manager window is open (see [Accessing the Connection Manager](#) on page 6).

To export profiles

1. Click EXPORT PROFILES on the FILE menu. The EXPORT PROFILES dialog box opens and displays all the available profiles as shown in the following figure.

Figure 3: Export Profiles Dialog Box



2. To deselect a profile from export:
 - a. Under EXPORT PROFILES, select one or more profiles.
 - b. Click the left arrow.
The profiles are moved from the EXPORT PROFILES list box to the DO NOT EXPORT PROFILES.

3. Do one of the following to finish:

To...	Do This...
Export the selected profiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Click OK. A second EXPORT PROFILES dialog box opens.• Go to the directory in which you want to save the export file.• In the FILE NAME text box, type the name of the export file. The default name is <code>MyProfiles</code>.• Click the SAVE button.<ul style="list-style-type: none">> The file is saved with the <code>.pfl</code> extension.> A message box opens and confirms that export was successful.
Cancel	Click the CANCEL button. The EXPORT PROFILES dialog box closes.

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[Security Issues](#)

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