

The End of Sterling Connect:Enterprise

WHAT IBM CUSTOMERS NEED TO KNOW

Standard support services for Sterling Connect:Enterprise (C:E) for UNIX 2.5.x and 2.4.05 will end on April 30, 2016. Although C:E can continue to run after this date, end of support signals that the application is obsolete and unable to cope with new digital business requirements.

What are the immediate impacts to IT?

Impacts will vary depending on IT role:

- Staff in charge of day-to-day oversight of C:E will be minimally impacted.
- Teams responsible for secure gateways that interface with systems outside the firewall will be severely impacted. Without security patches, they will not be able to adapt to new security policies and rules.
- Teams in charge of business applications will be strategically limited. C:E falls under the “system of engagement” category and must adapt to new business requirements (such as bi-modal IT) and new interaction patterns. An unsupported C:E will lack the flexibility to handle modern API, mobile, cloud, and other integration and governance technologies critical to digital business.

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The business risks of running on an unsupported, inflexible and obsolete product far outweigh the technical risks of migrating to a new solution.

The silver lining: get “MFT Ready” for digital business

IBM is ending support for C:E for a reason — the product is more than 15 years old and simply not compatible with today’s digital IT and business landscape. But there is a silver lining: the opportunity to become “MFT Ready” for digital business by replacing obsolete technology with the state of the art in managed file transfer.

In use at more than 500 large enterprises in the U.S., award-winning Axway SecureTransport is an enhanced gateway that is MFT Ready for anything — from high-growth ad hoc file sharing to accelerating file transfer in the cloud.

Our complete and proven migration methodology with toolset is available now for C:E customers seeking to become more agile, efficient and customer-responsive today, while establishing a flexible, reliable and powerful digital foundation for decades to come.

Which will you choose

Will you deploy an industry-leading migration methodology and toolset for a state-of-the-art, future-proof MFT Ready solution? Or will you continue to run your business on an unsupported, rigid and obsolete product?

