RTI Launcher Release Notes

Version 7.3.0

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Chapter 2 Supported Platforms

See Supported Platforms, in the RTI Connext Core Libraries Release Notes.

Chapter 3 Compatibility

For backward-compatibility information between this and previous releases, see the *Migration Guide* on the RTI Community Portal (https://community.rti.com/documentation).

Launcher has been tested with AdoptOpenJDK 17.0.6, which is included in the installation package.

To run *Launcher* on a Linux platform: *Launcher* requires at least GTK™ 3 version 3.20.0 and its dependencies.

Chapter 4 What's New in 7.3.0 LTS

Connext 7.3.0 is a Long-Term Support (LTS) release that is built upon and combines all of the features in releases 7.0.0, 7.1.0, and 7.2.0 (see *Previous Releases*). See the Connext Releases page on the RTI website for more information on RTI's software release model.

4.1 New button in Tools panel runs PlotJuggler RTI Edition

The Tools panel has been updated to add a new button to run PlotJuggler RTI Edition. This new button downloads and installs the product if it is not already installed. Once installed, clicking the button will start PlotJuggler.

4.2 New API panel contains direct links to API documentation

A new panel, API, has been added to *Launcher* containing links to consult the extensive API documentation.

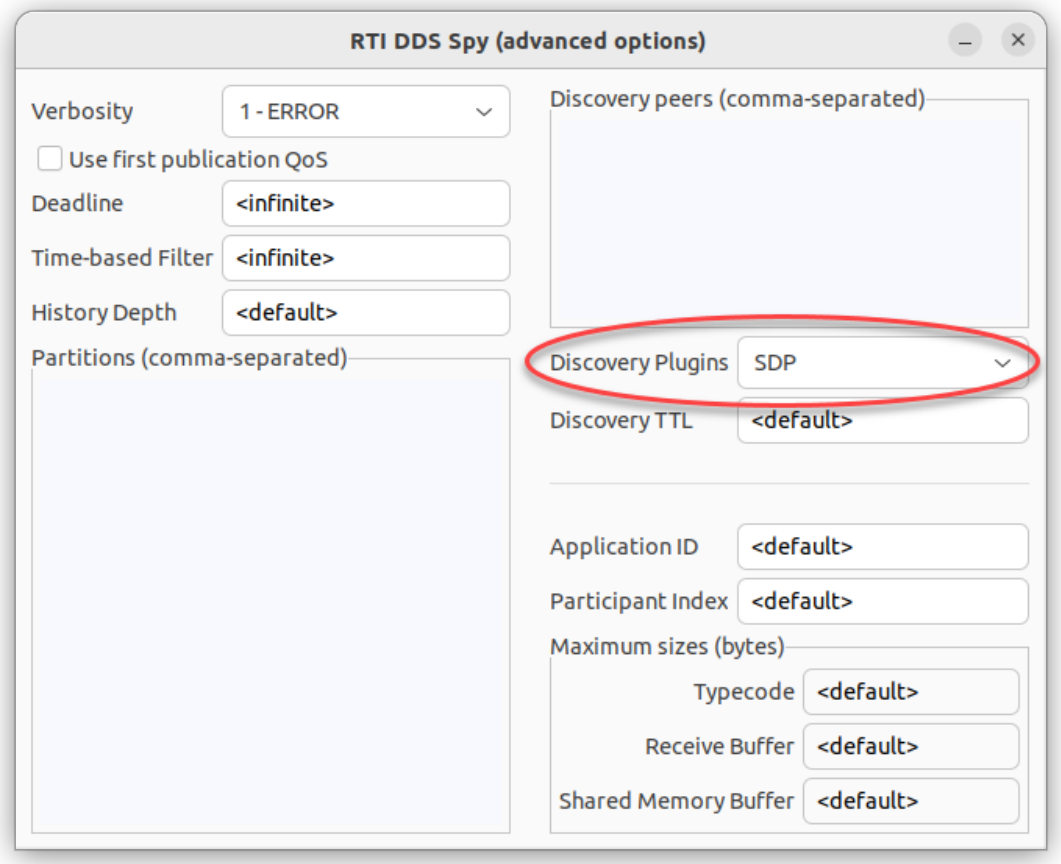
4.3 Removed Labs panel

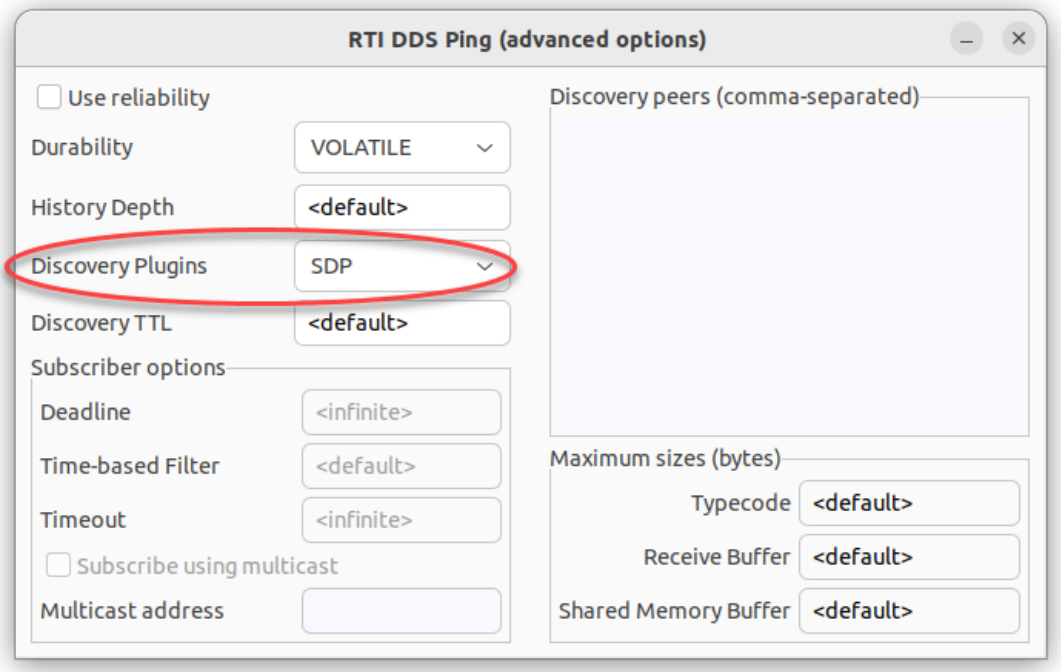
The Labs panel has been removed and its content moved to other panels. To distinguish an experimental product from a non-experimental product, a small icon displays in the lower-left corner and an **(experimental)** label is added.

Log Parser (experimental)

4.4 New option in DDS Ping and DDS Spy configures Builtin Discovery Plugins

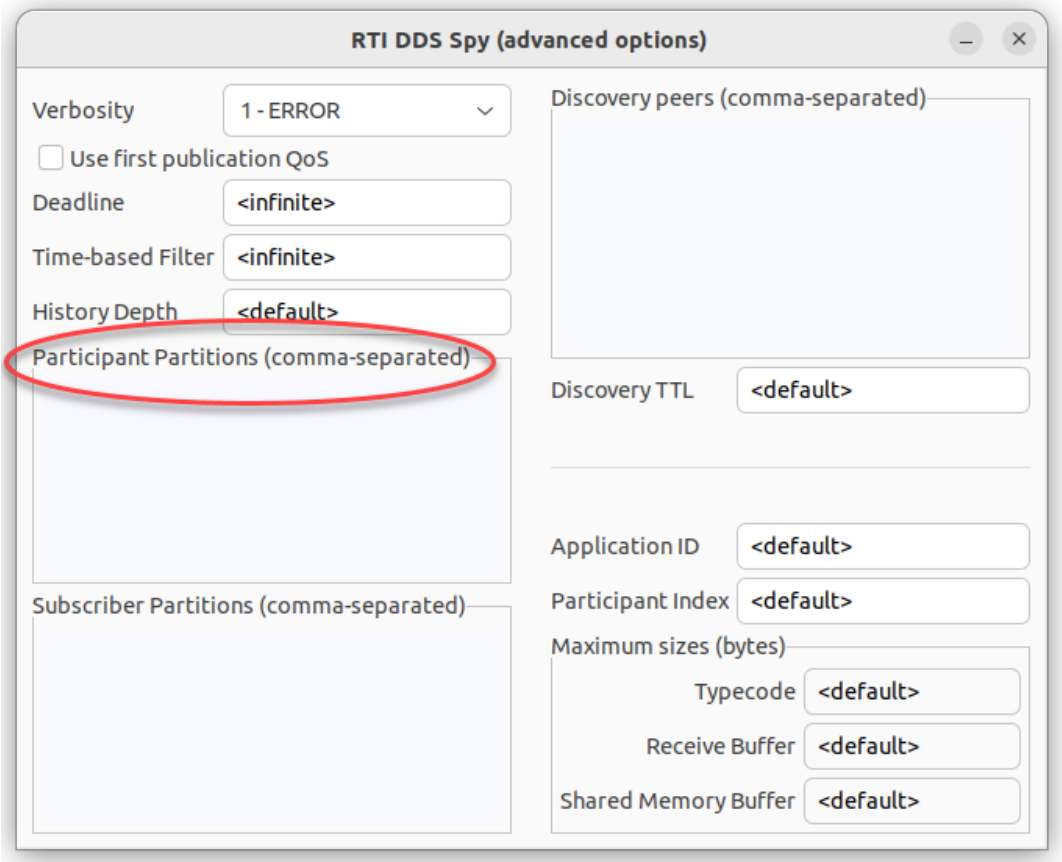
A new option, Discovery Plugins, has been added to the Advanced Options dialog for *Ping* and *Spy* to support configuring the Builtin Discovery Plugins. See DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) in the *Core Libraries User's Manual* for information on the `builtin_discovery_plugins` options.





4.5 DDS Ping and DDS Spy support configuring participant partitions

A new option, Participant Partitions, has been added to the Advanced Options dialog for *Ping* and *Spy* to support configuring *DomainParticipant* partitions. See PARTITION QosPolicy in the *Core Libraries User's Manual* for more information on *DomainParticipant* partitions.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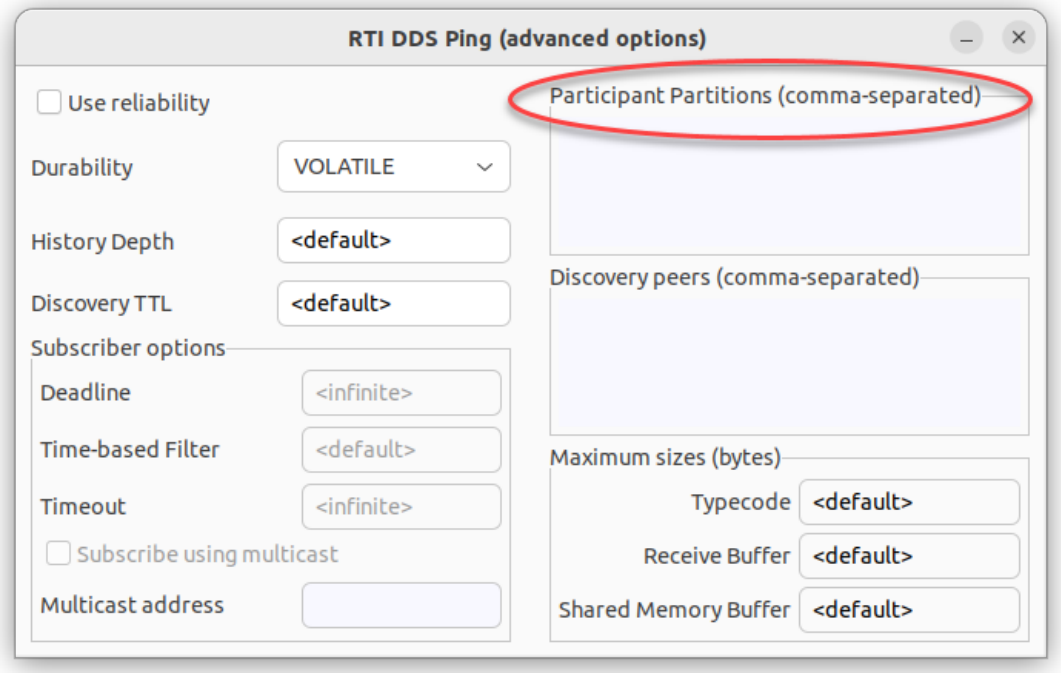
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VOLATILE
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Discovery TTL
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Subscriber options
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Timeout
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Multicast address
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Discovery peers (comma-separated)
Maximum sizes (bytes)
Typecode
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Receive Buffer
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Shared Memory Buffer
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4.6 Third-Party software changes

The following third-party software used by *Launcher* has been upgraded:

Table 4.1: Third-Party Software Upgrades

Third-Party Software	Old Version	New Version
SWT	4.19 and 4.15	4.30
Apache Commons Lang	3.4	3.13
Apache Commons Exec	1.1	1.3
Apache Commons IO	2.11	2.13

For information on third-party software used by *Connext* products, see the "3rdPartySoftware" documents in your installation: <NDDSHOME>/doc/manuals/connext_dds_professional/release_notes_3rdparty.

Chapter 5 Previous Releases

5.1 What's New in 7.2.0

5.1.1 Updated Ecosystem panel

The **Ecosystem** panel has been updated to display the applications from RTI's partners as a list, instead of buttons like other Launcher panels.

5.1.2 Updated What's New panel

The **What's New** panel was updated to clearly indicate the selected information type.

- When a button is selected, the button text is now bolded to indicate the selection
- The title now updates based on the button selected:
  - What's New: What's New in Connext <VERSION>
  - News: RTI News Releases
  - Blogs: RTI Blog

5.1.3 Updated Utilities panel

The **Utilities** panel was updated as follows:

- **Connector for Python**® and **Connector for JavaScript**® were removed from the panel.
- The **Perftest** icon now downloads and installs **Perftest** from the RTI github repository. Once installed, clicking **Perftest** opens a new dialog from which the utility can be run.

5.1.4 Third-party software changes

The following third-party software used by *Launcher* has been upgraded:

Third-Party Software	Previous Version	Current Version
AdoptOpenJDK	11.0.13	17.0.6
AdoptOpenJRE	11.0.13	17.0.6

For information on third-party software used by *Connext* products, see the "3rdPartySoftware" documents in your installation: **<NDDSHOME>/doc/manuals/connext_dds_professional/release_notes_3rdparty**.

5.2 What's Fixed in 7.2.0

[Critical]: System-stopping issue, such as a crash or data loss. [Major]: Significant issue with no easy workaround. [Minor]: Issue with an available workaround. [Trivial]: Small issue, such as a typo in a log.

5.2.1 [Critical] Launcher crashed when a dialog contained an invalid value

Launcher may have failed to access the platform-specific icons for Warnings, Errors, Info, and Questions, causing *Launcher* to crash when a dialog contained an invalid value. This issue also caused some dialogs, like *Code Generator* and *Connext Professional* Terminal, to not open. This issue has been resolved.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-722]

5.2.2 [Trivial] Connext Professional Terminal did not configure OpenSSL in PATH *

The terminal launched on selecting the *Connext Professional* Terminal icon did not add OpenSSL in the PATH. This problem has been resolved. *Launcher* now calls `rtisetenv_<architecture>`, which configures OpenSSL in the PATH, on selecting *Connext Professional* Terminal.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-694]

* *This bug does not affect you if you are upgrading from 6.1.x or earlier.*

5.3 What's New in 7.1.0

5.3.1 Option in Web Integration Service dialog to enable builtin topics

There is a new option in the Advanced Options dialog for Web Integration Service to enable support for builtin topics.

5.3.2 Launcher displays correct mode (Drive or Professional) when both products are installed

Previously, if both *Connext Drive* and *Connext Professional* were are installed on the same machine, you had to remove the workspace each time you wanted to run the second installation because the workspace was shared between the two products. This has been changed so now *Launcher* will detect the mode at startup.

5.3.3 Code Generator dialog now accepts directories as input and to search for files recursively

The *Code Generator* dialog now accepts directories as input. When using a directory as an input, *Launcher* will automatically add the **-inputIDL** or **-inputXML** option. There is also a new checkbox to search for files recursively.

5.4 What's Fixed in 7.1.0

[Critical]: System-stopping issue, such as a crash or data loss. [Major]: Significant issue with no easy workaround. [Minor]: Issue with an available workaround. [Trivial]: Small issue, such as a typo in a log.

5.4.1 [Minor] Local link to Ping documentation pointed to Spy documentation *

The local link to the *DDS Ping* documentation pointed to the *DDS Spy* documentation. This issue has been resolved.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-668]

* *This bug does not affect you if you are upgrading from 6.1.x or earlier.*

5.5 What's New in 7.0.0

5.5.1 'Copy Connext Micro SDK' Button no longer Copies Connext Micro Documentation

In previous releases, the **Copy Connext Micro SDK** button copied the entire *Connext Micro* installation directory. This caused broken links between *Connext Micro* and *Connext Core Libraries* documentation. This issue has been resolved; the **Copy Connext Micro SDK** button will now only copy the *Connext Micro* source code and the examples; it will not copy the *Connext Micro* documentation, *Code Generator*, or *Micro Application Generator*. Documentation must be accessed via *Launcher* or the *Connext Micro* installation directory.

5.5.2 User Entry of OpenSSL Path no longer Required

You no longer need to specify the path to OpenSSL, because OpenSSL is always installed under **$NDDSHOME/third_party/openssl-<version>**.

The OpenSSL fields have been removed from the dialogs for opening *Connext Professional* and *Connext Micro* terminals.

5.5.3 C++/CLI and Legacy .NET Options Removed from Code Generator Dialog

The C# (Legacy) and C++/CLI (Legacy .NET only) language options have been removed from the *Code Generator* dialog.

These changes have been made because the **-language C++/CLI** and **-dotnet legacy** options have been removed from *Code Generator*. See "What's New in 4.0.0" in the *RTI Code Generator Release Notes* for more information.

5.5.4 Code Generator Dialog's Language Choices now Include Python

The language drop-down list in the Code Generator dialog has been updated to include Python.

5.5.5 Persistence Service Advanced Options Dialog now Allows Setting the Restore State to Persistent Storage

The Persistence Service Advanced Options dialog has been updated to allow you to set the Restore state to any of its supported values. Now you can use **-restore 1**, **-restore 0**, or omit the **-restore** option. Previously **-restore** 1 was not supported.

5.5.6 Launcher Automatically Updates to Reflect Changes from Installed RTI Packages

Previously, if the installation or removal of an RTI Package (***.rtipkg**) caused a button or tab to be added or removed in *Launcher*, you had to restart *Launcher* to see the change. *Launcher* has been updated to automatically update its content if a change is detected while *Launcher* is running.

5.5.7 New Location for Configuration Files for Labs Panel

The configuration files for the Labs panel are now in the *Connext* installation directory, instead of **rti_workspace**. You will find these files in **NDDSHOME>/resource/app/app_support/launcher/panels**.

5.5.8 Validated Windows Platforms added to Code Generator Dialog's Platforms Menu

In the Code Generator dialog, the choices in the Platforms drop-down menu now include validated Windows platforms such as x64Win64VS2019 and x64Win64VS2022.

5.5.9 New Configuration Options for Launcher Tabs

The configuration file has been updated to allow you to:

- Specify the position of a tab in *Launcher*.
- Specify which tab is selected by default (if the License File has been set).
- Split a tab into two sub-panels.

For more information about these new configurations, see Section 3.1.1, Configuration File, in the *Launcher User's Manual*.

5.5.10 Updates to DDS Spy Dialog

The DDS Spy dialog has been updated with new options to:

- Configure what type of data (discovery data, user data) will be displayed (**-mode <USER|DISC>**). If **-mode** is omitted, both types are displayed.
- Display the entity name (**-showEntityName**)
- Display the partition (**-showPartition**) to which an entity belongs

The **Print Sample** option has been updated so you can configure which type of sample information DDS Spy will display (plain or compact). The default is plain.

The **Truncate** option has been removed, since DDS Spy no longer supports it.

5.6 What's Fixed in 7.0.0

[Critical]: System-stopping issue, such as a crash or data loss. [Major]: Significant issue with no easy workaround. [Minor]: Issue with an available workaround. [Trivial]: Small issue, such as a typo in a log.

5.6.1 [Major] Launcher crashed when reopening Code Generator dialog after closing it

Launcher crashed when reopening the *Code Generator* dialog after closing it. This problem has been resolved.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-599]

5.6.2 [Major] Unable to start some tools on Windows systems in certain cases

On Windows systems, *Launcher* (as well as *Admin Console* and *Monitor*) failed to start when the installation path contained white spaces and the user did not have admin privileges. This problem has been resolved.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-602]

5.6.3 [Major] Possible crash when using unsupported image format

Launcher may have crashed when using an unsupported image format such as **.webp**. This problem has been resolved. Now, *Launcher* will report an error when trying to use an image whose format is not one of the following: **wimp**, **.gif**, **.ico**, **.jpeg**, **.png**, **.tiff**, **.bmp**.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-605]

5.6.4 [Minor] Migration Guide in Help menu pointed to invalid URL

The *Migration Guide* in the Help menu pointed to an invalid URL. This problem has been resolved.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-620]

5.6.5 [Minor] Licensed RTI Services failed to run from Launcher in LM version

Licensed RTI Services, such as *RTI Routing Service*, failed to run from *Launcher* in the License-Managed (LM) version if you skipped copying the license file to a known location. This issue has been resolved.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-653]

* *This bug does not affect you if you are upgrading from 6.1.x or earlier.*

Chapter 6 Known Issues

Note: For an updated list of critical known issues, see the Critical Issues List on the RTI Customer Portal.

6.1 Error when Updating GTK2 Libraries on Linux Platforms

If you update the GTK2 libraries on a Linux system and click on the textbox, *Launcher* will crash and show this error:

```
java: cairo-misc.c:380: _cairo_operator_bounded_by_source: Assertion `NOT_
↪REACHED' failed.
./rti_connext_dds-5.2.0/bin/rtilauncher: line 48: 17317 Aborted (core dumped)
↪"$JREHOME/bin/java" -jar "$rti_launcher.jar"
```

To resolve this problem, modify the *Launcher* script (**<NDDSHOME>/bin/rtilauncher**). Add the following to the java call in the **rtilauncher** script:

```
-Dorg.eclipse.swt.internal.gtk.cairoGraphics=false
```

When you are done, it should look like this:

```
"$JREHOME/bin/java" -Dorg.eclipse.swt.internal.gtk.cairoGraphics=false -jar "
↪$rti_launcher_jar"
```

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-151]

6.2 Launcher Fails to Copy License from Network Location into an Administrator Owner Directory

Launcher fails to copy the license from a network location into an administrator owner directory. This is because *Launcher* tries to copy the license using a command prompt with administration privileges, which cannot access the shared folder because it is running in a different user context.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-181]

6.3 GLib Warnings when Opening Dialogs

On certain Linux platforms, you may see the following warning when opening a dialog:

```
(RTI Launcher:2680): GLib-CRITICAL **: .... Source ID 1968 was not found when␣
↪attempting to remove it
```

This warning is harmless. It happens because **g_source_remove()** is called to disconnect a source that was already disconnected. (*Launcher* doesn't call that function, but does call some of its dependent libraries.)

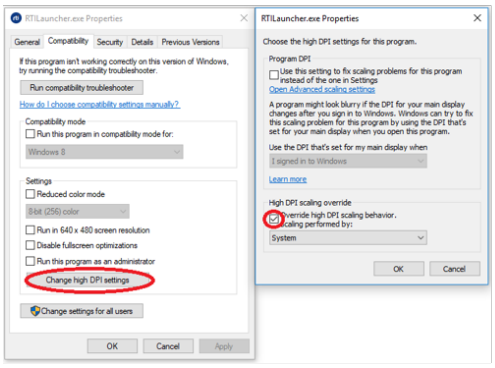
[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-382]

6.4 Launcher not Scaled Properly for Intermediate Factors on High-DPI Displays on Windows Platforms

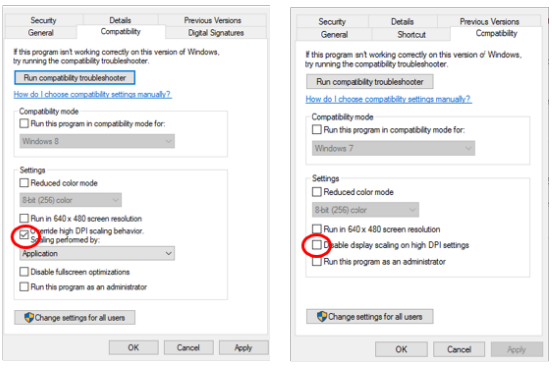
SWT (the library used to build *Launcher*) automatically scales images on high-DPI monitors based on the resolution of the monitor; however, this scaling works only with integer scaling factors (100%, 200%, etc.) by default. Therefore, *Launcher* is not scaled properly when using intermediate scaling factors (125%, 150%, etc.) on high-DPI displays on Windows platforms.

The workaround is to change the scaling behavior from **Application** to **System**. For example, on Windows 10 platforms:

1. Right click the **RTILauncher.exe** executable and select Properties.
2. Navigate to the Compatibility tab and choose the "Change high DPI settings" button.
3. Select the "Override high DPI scaling behavior" check box and change **Application** to **System** in the drop-down menu.
4. - The "Override high DPI scaling behavior" check box may be located in the Compatibility tab.
   - The check box may be called "Disable display scaling on high DPI settings" located in the Compatibility tab.



Windows 10



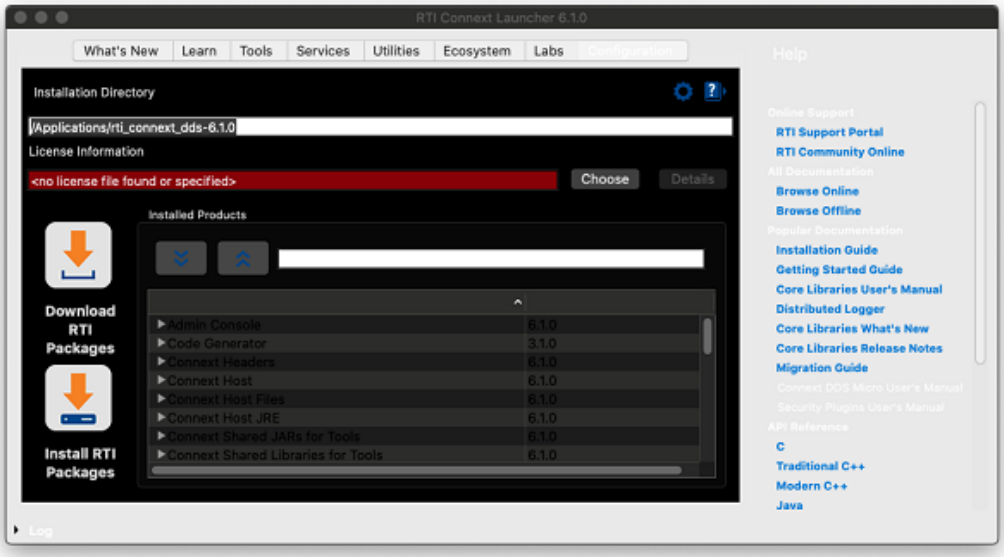
Older Windows 10 versions

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-387]

6.5 Appearance Issues on macOS 10.15 Platforms (Catalina)

Launcher shows some appearance issues on macOS 10.15 platforms (Catalina):

- If the appearance mode is set to Auto, *Launcher* will mix the Light and Dark appearances.
- Changing the appearance mode from Light to Dark, or vice versa, will also mix the Light and Dark appearances of *Launcher*.



In both cases, changing the appearance mode to Light or Dark and reopening *Launcher* will fix the appearance issue.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-510]

6.6 Drag-and-drop does not Work when Running Launcher as Administrator on Windows Systems

The drag-and-drop feature doesn't work when running *Launcher* as an Administrator on a Windows system.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-607]

6.7 Launcher Fails to Start Terminal Applications in macOS Ventura

Due to a known issue in macOS Ventura versions 13.3 and lower, *Launcher* fails to start any applications that run in a terminal window (for example, *Routing Service*). Upgrading to the latest macOS version resolves this issue.

[RTI Issue ID LAUNCHER-741]