

# Novell Filr 1.0 Desktop Application for Windows Quick Start

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## Quick Start

Novell Filr allows you to easily access all your files and folders from your desktop, browser, or a mobile device. In addition, you can promote collaboration around your files by sharing files and folders with others. For more general information about Novell Filr, see “About Novell Filr” in the *Filr Web Application User Guide* ([http://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr/filr1\\_user/data/bookinfo.html](http://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr/filr1_user/data/bookinfo.html)).

This Quick Start focuses on how to use Filr from your desktop.

In addition to accessing Filr from your desktop, you can also access Filr in the following ways:

- ♦ From a Web browser on your workstation, as described in the *Filr Web Application User Guide* ([http://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr/filr1\\_user/data/bookinfo.html](http://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr/filr1_user/data/bookinfo.html))
- ♦ From a mobile device, as described in the *Filr 1.0 Mobile App Quick Start* ([http://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr/filr1\\_qs\\_mobile/data/filr1\\_qs\\_mobile.html](http://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr/filr1_qs_mobile/data/filr1_qs_mobile.html))

You can synchronize your Novell Filr files with your computer, then modify the files without accessing the Filr site directly. Additions, modifications, and other actions are synchronized between Filr and your computer.

Your Filr administrator must enable the Filr desktop application to be used with the Filr site before it can be used as described in this section. For information about how administrators can enable this functionality, see “Configuring the Filr Desktop Application to Access Files” in the *Novell Filr 1.0 Administration Guide*.

## Supported Environments

The Filr desktop application for Windows is supported on Windows XP and later.

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### UNDERSTANDING SYNCHRONIZATION

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## When Synchronization Occurs

Synchronization from the Filr desktop application to the Filr server occurs immediately when changes are made; synchronization from the Filr server to the Filr desktop application occurs at an interval designated by your Filr administrator. The default is every 15 minutes.

You can manually synchronize files if you do not want to wait for the scheduled synchronization. For more information, see “Manually Synchronizing Files” on page 4.

## Which Folders Are Synchronized

Filr synchronizes files to your workstation when the files are located in the following locations in Filr:

**My Files:** Files that are located in your My Files area on the Filr site are synchronized to your workstation by default. When you add files to the My Files folder from your workstation (C:\Users\userid\Filr\My Files), the files are automatically synchronized to Filr at the next synchronization.

**Shared with Me:** Files that are located in your Shared with Me area on the Filr site are synchronized to your workstation by default. You can edit files in your Shared with Me area and the edits are synchronized to Filr. However, you cannot add files to the root of the Shared with Me folder from the Filr desktop application on your workstation (C:\Users\userid\Filr\Shared with Me/). If you do, the files are not synchronized to Filr. You can add files to folders that have been shared with you, if you have Contributor rights to the folder.

**Net Folders:** Files that are located in Net Folders are not synchronized to your workstation by default. You can configure Net Folders to be synchronized, as described in [“Configuring Folders to Synchronize” on page 3](#).

Files located at the root of the C:\Users\userid\Filr folder cannot be synchronized. Instead, add files to one of the appropriate subfolders (*My Files* or *Net Folders*; you cannot add files to the *Shared with Me* folder).

### What Actions Are Supported

When you perform any of the following actions on folders and documents within the Filr folder on your file system, the action is synchronized between your computer’s file system and the Filr server at the next synchronization:

- ◆ Create documents and folders
- ◆ Modify documents
- ◆ Move documents
- ◆ Rename documents and folders
- ◆ Delete documents and folders

Documents and folders that you delete from the Filr desktop application are also deleted on the server, as long as you have rights to delete it. However, this is not always true when deleting documents from the Shared with Me area.

If you delete a document or folder from the Shared with Me area, and that document or folder has been directly shared with you, it is no longer synchronized to the Filr desktop application, and the documents and folders remain on the server.

If you delete a document or folder that is a subfolder of a folder that was shared with you, or if the document is located in a folder that was shared with you, the document or folder is deleted, if you have sufficient rights to delete it.

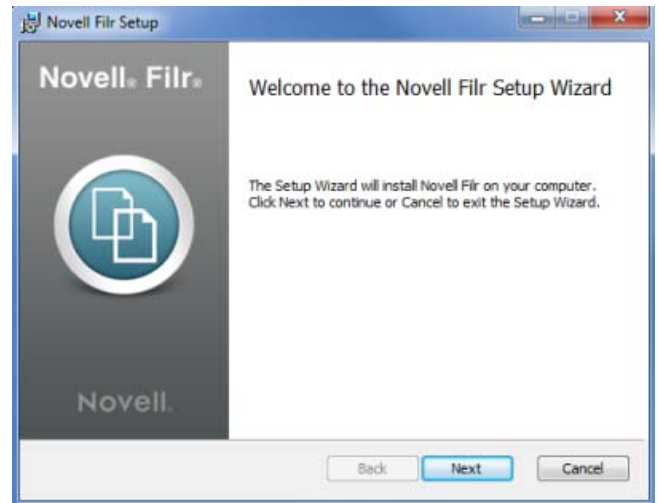
### DOWNLOADING AND INSTALLING THE FILR DESKTOP APPLICATION

- 1 On your personal workstation, access the Filr Web client from a browser.

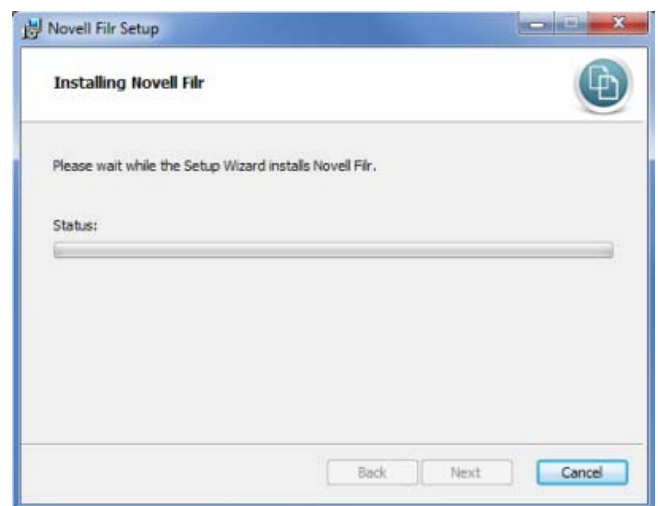
For information about how to start Novell Filr from a browser, see [“Starting Novell Filr from a Web Browser”](#) in the *Novell Filr 1.0 Web Application User Guide*.

- 2 Click your linked name in the upper right corner of the page, then click *Download Filr Desktop App*.
- 3 Click either the *Windows x86 Client* link or the *Windows x64 Client* link to download the application appropriate for your operating system.
- 4 After the download finishes, open the NovellFilrSetup-x86.exe file or NovellFilrSetup-x64.exe file, depending on whether you have a 32-bit or 64-bit operating system.

If you do not have the Microsoft .NET Framework 4 already installed on your workstation, you are prompted to accept a license agreement and install it.



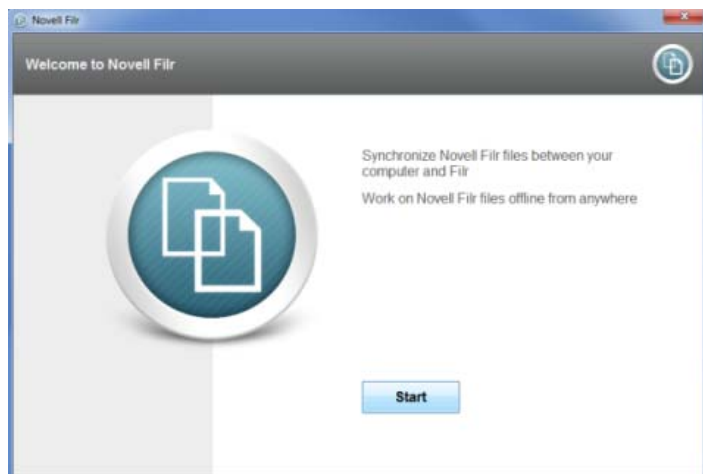
- 5 Click *Next*.
- 6 Accept the license agreement, then click *Next*.
- 7 Change the installation location for the Filr desktop application, or simply click *Next* to accept the default location.
- 8 Click *Install*.






- 9 Click *Finish* when the installation is complete, then continue with [“Configuring the Filr Desktop Application for the First Time” on page 3](#).


## CONFIGURING THE FILR DESKTOP APPLICATION FOR THE FIRST TIME


After you have downloaded and installed the Filr desktop application for the first time as described in “[Downloading and Installing the Filr Desktop Application](#)” on page 2, you are prompted to configure it. This process includes entering account information, choosing which folders to synchronize, and choosing where to store information on your computer’s file system.




- 1 Click *Start* to begin setting up the Filr desktop application.
- 2 In the *Account Information* section, specify the following information:
  - Server URL:** Specify the URL for the Filr site where you want to synchronize files to your computer. For example, `https://Filr.mycompany.com:8443`.
  - Username:** Specify the Filr username that you use to log in to the Filr site.
  - Password:** Specify the Filr password that you use to log in to the Filr site.
- 3 Click *Next*.
- 4 In the *Synchronized Folders* section, notice that files in your *My Files* and *Shared with Me* are synchronized by default.
- 5 (Optional) If you want to synchronize specific Net Folders:
  - 5a Click *Add* in the *Synchronized Folders* section, then click the *Net Folders* tab.
  - 5b Navigate to and click the *Download* icon  next to the Net Folders that you want to synchronize, then click *OK*.

- 6 (Optional) If you want to stop synchronizing files in your *My Files* or *Shared with Me* areas:
  - 6a Click *Add* in the *Synchronized Folders* section, then click the *My Files* or *Shared with Me* tab.
  - 6b Click the *Synchronized* icon  at the column heading to stop synchronizing all files and folders in the *My Files* or *Shared with Me* areas. You can then click the *Download* icon  next to specific folders that you want to synchronize.

The *Synchronized* icon  indicates that files are being synchronized.

The *Download* icon  is displayed to indicate that files in your *My Files* or *Shared with Me* areas are no longer being synchronized.
  - 6c Click *OK*.

- 7 Click *Next*.
- 8 In the *General Settings* section, specify the following information:
  - Filr Folder:** Click *Browse* if you want to change the installation location for the Filr desktop application, or simply click *Next* to accept the default location.
  - Start Novell Filr at login:** Keep this option selected to have the Filr desktop application start when you turn on your workstation.
- 9 Click *Next* to review your selections, then click *Finish*.


The Filr desktop application is now running, and the *Filr* icon  is visible in the notification area.

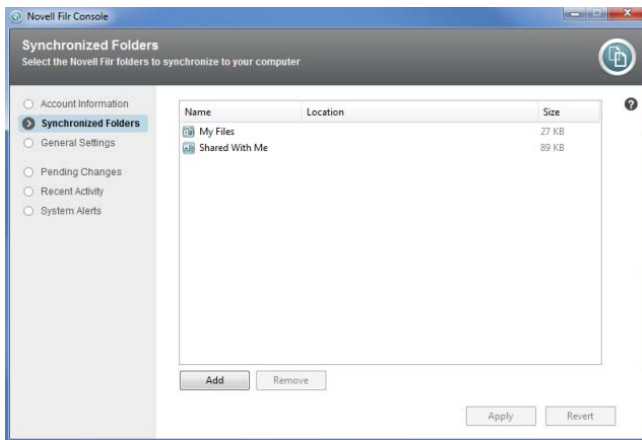
## Configuring Folders to Synchronize

When you first configure the Filr desktop application, you can choose which folders you want to synchronize. *My Files* and *Shared with Me* are synchronized by default; *Net Folders* must be manually configured to synchronize. You can configure folders to be synchronized during the initial configuration or any time after the initial configuration.

You must have appropriate *View* rights on a *Net Folder* in order to synchronize it.

To configure *Net Folders* in Filr to be synchronized to your computer:

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Open Filr console*.
- 2 Click *Synchronized Folders* to display the folders that are currently being synchronized.




3 Click *Add*.

The Add Novell Filr Folders dialog box is displayed.

4 Select the *My Files*, *Shared with Me*, or *Net Folders* tab, depending on where the folder is that you want to synchronize.

5 (Optional) Click a folder name to navigate to subfolders.

6 Click the *Download* icon  next to the folder that you want to synchronize.

or


Click the *Download* icon  at the top of the folder list to synchronize all folders.

When you select a folder to synchronize, subfolders are also synchronized.

The Filr administrator must enable Net Folders to be synchronized to the Filr desktop application. If the administrator has not enabled a Net Folder to be synchronized, a red icon is displayed next to the folder and you cannot synchronize it.


Files in a Net Folder might not synchronize immediately, depending on the way your Filr administrator implemented file synchronization. If there are files in a Net Folder that are not synchronized, try accessing those files first from the Filr Web application or the Filr mobile app. If files still fail to synchronize to the Filr desktop application after accessing the files from the Filr Web application or the Filr mobile app, contact your Filr administrator.

7 Repeat [Step 4](#) through [Step 6](#) to synchronize additional folders in your *My Files*, *Shared with Me*, or *Net Folders* locations.

8 (Optional) Click the *Synchronized* icon  next to any folder that you want to stop synchronizing.

You cannot stop synchronizing a subfolder if the parent folder is being synchronized; you must stop synchronizing the parent folder.

or

Click the *Synchronized* icon  at the top of the folder list to stop synchronizing all folders.

9 Click *OK*.

The folders that you have selected to be synchronized are listed on the Synchronized Folders page. The size of the folder is displayed next to the folder, in the *Size* column.

10 Ensure that you want to synchronize the folders that are listed, then click *Apply*.

If you have selected a folder that is over 500 MB in size, you are warned before proceeding.

## Viewing Filr Files from Your Computer

1 Double-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area.  
or

Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Open Filr folder*.

You can access the Filr folder directly from your file system. The Filr folder is typically in the following location, depending on your operating system:

- ♦ **Windows 8, 7, or Vista:** `c:\Users\username\Filr`
- ♦ **Windows XP:** `c:\Documents and Settings\username\My Documents\Filr`

On Windows Vista, the Filr folder is also located in your Favorites.

On Windows 7 and 8, the Filr folder is also located in your Favorites and in your Libraries.


For information on how to change the default location, see [“Changing the Location on Your File System Where Filr Files Are Synchronized” on page 6](#).

For specific information about file synchronization between your workstation and Filr, see [“Understanding Synchronization” on page 1](#).

## Manually Synchronizing Files

You can manually synchronize files between Filr and your computer if you do not want to wait for the scheduled synchronization. Files must be closed before they can be synchronized.

To manually synchronize all your files:

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Synchronize now*.

To manually synchronize an individual file:

- 1 Navigate to the file that you want to synchronize.
- 2 Right-click the file, then click *Synchronize now*.

## Launching Filr in a Browser from Filr Desktop

You can launch Novell Filr in a browser by using the Filr desktop application.

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Visit Filr on the Web*.

You can configure the Filr desktop application to display Filr in your default browser, or in an embedded browser, as described in “[Changing the Type of Browser That the Desktop Application Launches](#)” on page 6.

## Viewing Items You Have Shared

The Filr desktop application enables you to quickly access an embedded browser where you can view items you have shared.

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Shared by Me*.

Your Shared by Me view is displayed in a browser.

You can configure the Filr desktop application to display Filr in your default browser, or in an embedded browser, as described in “[Changing the Type of Browser That the Desktop Application Launches](#)” on page 6.

## Viewing What’s New

The Filr desktop application enables you to quickly access an embedded browser where you can view What’s New.

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *What’s New*.

The What’s New page is displayed in a browser.

You can configure the Filr desktop application to display Filr in your default browser, or in an embedded browser, as described in “[Changing the Type of Browser That the Desktop Application Launches](#)” on page 6.

## Commenting on a File and Viewing Comments

The Filr desktop application enables you to quickly access an embedded browser where you can view and add comments about a file.

- 1 Navigate to the file that you want to comment on or view comments.
- 2 Right-click the file, then click *View in a web browser*.  
The file and its metadata are displayed in a browser.

You can configure the Filr desktop application to display this in your default browser, or in an embedded browser, as described in “[Changing the Type of Browser That the Desktop Application Launches](#)” on page 6.

- 3 In the comment field, specify your comment, then click *Send*.

## Sharing a File or Folder

The Filr desktop application enables you to quickly access an embedded browser where you can share a file or folder.

- 1 Navigate to the file or folder that you want to share.
- 2 Right-click the file or folder, then click *Share*.

The Share dialog box is displayed in a browser.


You can configure the Filr desktop application to display this in your default browser, or in an embedded browser, as described in “[Changing the Type of Browser That the Desktop Application Launches](#)” on page 6.

- 3 Continue with Step 3 in “[Sharing Files \(https://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr1/filr1\\_user/data/bjqtffp.html\)](https://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr1/filr1_user/data/bjqtffp.html)” or in “[Sharing Folders \(https://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr1/filr1\\_user/data/bjqtfcg.html\)](https://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr1/filr1_user/data/bjqtfcg.html)” in the *Novell Filr 1.0 Web Application User Guide*.

## Viewing Recent Activity

You can view activity that has recently taken place in the Filr desktop application. For example, you can see the date and time that Filr folders were synchronized, which files were modified, and information about any synchronization issues you might be experiencing.

To view recent activity:

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Open Filr console*.
- 2 Click *Recent Activity*.

## Viewing File Metadata within a Browser

The Filr desktop application enables you to quickly access an embedded browser where you can view file metadata and accomplish more tasks.

- 1 Navigate to the file that you want to view in a browser.
- 2 Right-click the file, then click *View in a web browser*.

The file and its metadata are displayed in a browser.



You can perform key tasks, such as sharing, commenting, subscribing, and more.

You can configure the Filr desktop application to display metadata in your default browser, or in an embedded browser, as described in “[Changing the](#)”




## Viewing System Alerts

The Filr desktop application might need to make you aware of various alerts, such as new software updates, expired passwords, server downtime, and so forth.

When system alerts are available, this information icon  flashes over the *Filr* icon .

To view system alerts:

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Open Filr console*.
- 2 Click *System Alerts*.


## Changing the Location on Your File System Where Filr Files Are Synchronized

By default, Filr files are synchronized to the `c:\Users\username\Filr` folder on your file system.

When you first configure the Filr desktop application, you can specify the installation location on your file system. You can change the location of the Filr folder at any time after initial configuration.


**NOTE:** You should not synchronize files to a location on a network that can be accessed by multiple computers. If the Filr folder is on a network location that is accessed by multiple computers, synchronization issues can occur when Filr files accessed from either computer are out of sync with each other and with the Filr server.

To change the location of the Filr folder:

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Open Filr console*.
- 2 Click *General Settings*, then click *Browse* to browse to the new location on the file system where you want the Filr folder to reside.
- 3 Click *OK > Apply*.

## Changing the Type of Browser That the Desktop Application Launches

You can configure how the Filr Web site is displayed when selecting certain options from within the Filr desktop application. When you click the options to view a file in a web browser, share a file, or subscribe to a file, the Filr desktop application launches Filr in a browser.

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in the notification area, then click *Open Filr console*.
- 2 Click *General Settings*.


3 Under *When launching Filr in a Web browser*, select one of the following options:

- ♦ **User your default browser:** Select this option if you want Filr to be launched in your regular browser. This option requires you to log in to the Filr site each time you perform an action that launches the browser.
- ♦ **Use an embedded browser:** Select this option if you want Filr to be launched in an embedded browser. This option does not require you to log in to the Filr site when performing an action that launches the browser. However, some basic browser functionality is not available, such as the Back and Forward buttons.

4 Click *Apply*.

## Changing Your Filr Account Information for the Filr Desktop Application

When you first configure the Filr desktop application, you specify your account information and Filr server information. You can change your Filr desktop application account information and Filr server information at any time after the initial configuration:

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in your notification area, then click *Open Filr console*.
- 2 Click *Account Information* in the Novell Filr Console dialog box.
- 3 Specify the following information:

**Account Name:** Specify a descriptive name for the Filr account. A folder with this name is created in your user directory in the file system.

**Server URL:** Specify the URL for the Filr site where you want to synchronize files to your computer. For example, `https://Filr.mycompany.com`.

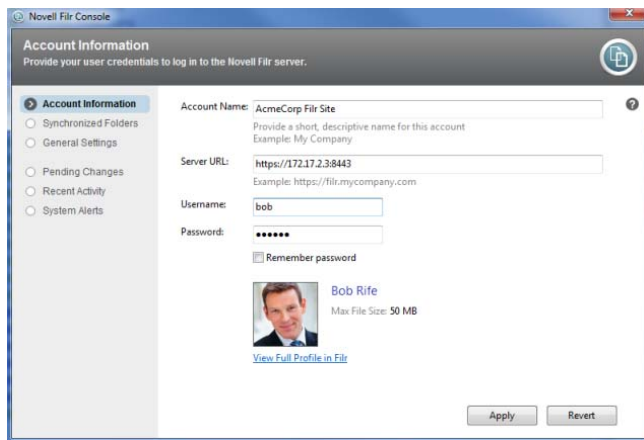
**Username:** Specify the Filr username that you use to log in to the Filr site.

**Password:** Specify the Filr password that you use to log in to the Filr site.

**Remember Password:** Select this option to have the Filr desktop application remember your password.

This option can be disabled by your Filr administrator.

#### 4 Click *Apply*.



## Viewing Your Data Quota

Data quotas can be enabled by your Novell Filr administrator in order to limit the amount of data that is stored on the Filr site. For information on how the Filr administrator can enable data quotas, see [“Managing Disk Space Usage with Data Quotas and File Restrictions”](#) in the *Novell Filr 1.0 Administration Guide*.

If data quotas have been enabled on your Filr site, you need to understand what counts toward your data quotas, the different kinds of data quotas that exist, and how you can view the current data usage so you can know when you are approaching the allotted data quota. If you meet your allotted quota, Filr enables you to purge files and attachments that you have previously deleted.


### UNDERSTANDING DATA QUOTAS

Data quotas limit the amount of data individual users can add to the Filr site. Files that are located in Net Folders (including your Home directory) do not count toward your data quota.

### VIEWING YOUR DATA QUOTA

Data quotas might or might not be in use on your Filr site. If you are unable to view your data quotas as described in this section, your Filr administrator has not yet restricted the amount of data that can be added to the Filr site.

You can view your data quota directly from the desktop application:

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in your notification area.
- 2 Click *Open Filr console*.
- 3 Click *Account Information* in the Novell Filr Console dialog box.

Your data quota is displayed with the amount that you have currently used. The max file size is also displayed, which is the largest size of file you are allowed to upload to the Filr site.

For information about how to manage your data quota from within the Filr Web application, see [“Managing Your Data Quota”](#) in the *Novell Filr 1.0 Web Application User Guide*.


## Understanding and Resolving Synchronization Issues


Most synchronization issues can be resolved through the Pending Actions section of the Filr Console. If issues require further investigation, you can check the desktop logs.


- ◆ [“Understanding Pending Actions”](#) on page 7
- ◆ [“Resolving Document Conflicts”](#) on page 7
- ◆ [“Viewing Log Files for the Filr Desktop Application”](#) on page 8

### UNDERSTANDING PENDING ACTIONS

You might encounter any of the following synchronization issues, indicated by one of the following icons:


: There is an upload error.


: There is an upload warning.

: There is a download error.

: There is a download warning.

: There are upload and download errors.


: There are upload and download warnings.

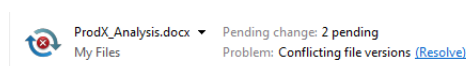
: The client has not yet attempted to upload or download the file.

If you are unsure why a document is not downloading or uploading, view the recent activity, as described in [“Viewing Recent Activity”](#) on page 5.

### RESOLVING DOCUMENT CONFLICTS

If a document is edited at the same time from various locations, conflicts can arise. To resolve document conflicts:

- 1 Right-click the *Filr* icon  in your notification area.
- 2 Click *Open Filr console*.
- 3 Click *Pending Changes*.

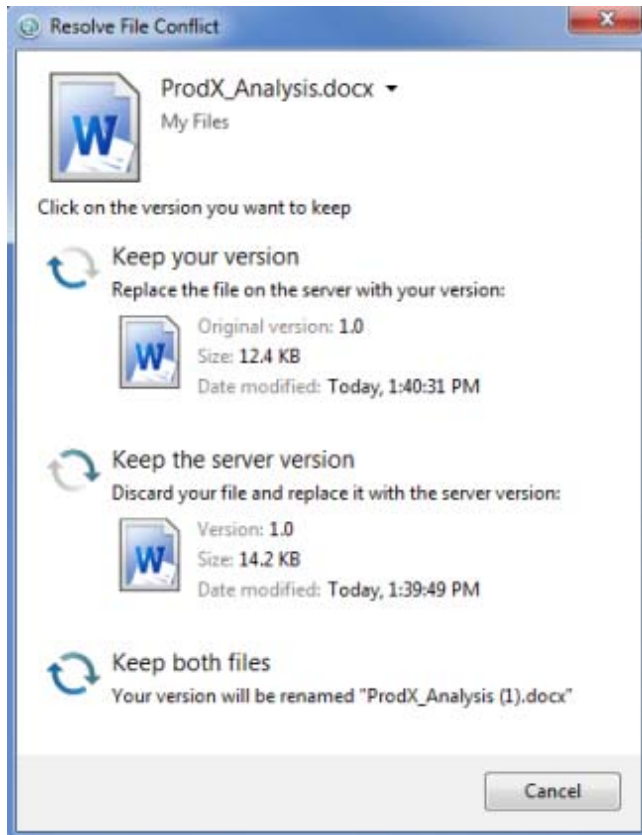


- 4 Next to the conflict that you want to resolve, click *Resolve*, then choose one of the available options:

**Keep your version:** Replaces the file on the Filr server with your version.

**Keep the server version:** Discards your file and replaces it with the version on the Filr server.

**Keep both files:** The file on the Filr server is saved as the original file, and your version of the file is renamed.



## VIEWING LOG FILES FOR THE FILR DESKTOP APPLICATION

If Filr files are not being downloaded to your workstation as you expect, or you are experiencing other unexpected behaviors, you can see the `filr.log` file for more information.

- 1 Open Windows Explorer.
- 2 In the Windows Explorer address bar (this is the field at the top of the explorer window that shows you a breadcrumb view to your current location), type or paste the following address:

```
%USERPROFILE%\Local Settings\Application Data\Novell\Filr
```

- 3 Open the `filr.log` file.

After information in the `filr.log` file exceeds 1MB, older log information is moved to the `filr.log.1`, `filr.log.2`, and `filr.log.3` files.

## Uninstalling the Novell Filr Desktop Application

Complete the following sections to completely uninstall the Filr desktop application:

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- ♦ “Deleting the Filr Directory” on page 8
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- ♦ “Deleting Credentials” on page 8
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## UNINSTALLING THE FILR DESKTOP APPLICATION FROM THE WINDOWS CONTROL PANEL

- 1 Click the *Start* icon, then click *Control Panel*.
- 2 Click *Programs > Uninstall a program*.
- 3 Select *Novell Filr > Uninstall*.

## DELETING THE FILR DIRECTORY

The location of the Filr directory differs, depending on your operating system:

### Windows Vista or Windows 7:

```
UserProfile\AppData\Local\Novell\Filr
```

**Windows XP:** `UserProfile\Local Settings\Application\Data\Novell\Filr`

## DELETING REGISTRY KEYS

- 1 Click the *Start* icon, then click *Run*.  
If *Run* does not appear, type `Run` in the *Search* field, then press `Enter`.
- 2 Type `regedit`, then click *OK*.
- 3 Delete the following registry keys if they exist:
  - ♦ `\\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Novell\Filr`
  - ♦ `\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Novell\Filr`

## DELETING CREDENTIALS

**NOTE:** These credentials are shared with the Novell Filr Add-in for Microsoft Office. If you are running the Filr Add-in, you should not delete these credentials.

On Windows Vista or Windows 7:

- 1 Click the *Start* icon, then click *Control Panel*.
- 2 Click *User Accounts and Family Safety > Credential Manager*.
- 3 Remove credentials beginning with `Novell.Collaboration.Filr`.



On Windows XP:

- 1 Click *Start*, then click *Control Panel*.
- 2 Double-click *User Accounts*.
- 3 Click the user account that you are logged in as.
- 4 Click *Manage my network passwords*.
- 5 Remove credentials beginning with  
Novell.Collaboration.Filr.

## EMPTYING THE TRASH

- 1 After the Filr application, metadata, log files, and credentials have been deleted, empty the trash (double-click the *Trash* icon, then click *Empty the Recycle Bin*).

## Known Issues

For a list of known issues, see the ([http://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr1/filr1\\_readme\\_desktop/data/filr1\\_readme\\_desktop.html](http://www.novell.com/documentation/novell-filr1/filr1_readme_desktop/data/filr1_readme_desktop.html)).

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