

SAP GUI for Windows 6.40

Release Notes

New features in Release 6.40 of SAP GUI for Windows:

- Improved support of Unicode scenarios:
Scenarios that require the display of several non-Latin-1 code pages (especially in the Asian countries) are supported more extensively in SAP GUI for Windows 6.40 than in previous releases. Therefore, we recommend that all Unicode customers use release 6.40 of the SAP GUI for Windows or higher.
- Improved accessibility
For more information about this topic, see note [740785](#).
- Improved usability
In addition to various minor improvements to the usability of UI elements, we have enhanced the usability of lists.
- New SAP logon design
The SAP logon has been completely redesigned and its usability improved in many ways. We have also added new functions, such as filtering existing SAP systems.
- Revised icons
The designs both of the program icons of the SAP GUI and of the icons used by applications within the SAP GUI have been optimized.
- "Windows XP Theme" is supported
If you are working on Windows XP and using the "Windows Theme", you can also activate this "Windows Theme" for the SAP GUI with Release 6.40 (provided that you are using the Classic Design of the SAP GUI).
- Web SAP Console
The Web SAP Console is the successor of the SAP Console and is delivered for the first time together with the SAP GUI for Windows 6.40.
- New ABAP Editor
As of patch level 10 for the SAP GUI for Windows, the new ABAP Editor is delivered (for further information, see note [843289](#) and the online documentation of your SAP system). This new editor has a considerably enhanced set of features and can be used with SAP systems that are based on NetWeaver 2004s and higher.

In addition to the functions above, the SAP GUI for Windows 6.40 contains functions that were introduced with Compilation 6 of the SAP GUI for Windows 6.20:

- Installation compression
SAPSetup no longer transfers individual files but entire archives to the clients. This reduces the dataset that is to be transferred.

- Inclusion of Adobe Template Designer in the SAP GUI installation
To simplify the development of form-based applications, Adobe Template Designer is delivered with the SAP GUI.

Platform support of SAP GUI for Windows 6.40:

Due to a change to the development environment used, Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows ME and Windows NT are no longer supported. Windows 2000, Windows XP and Windows 2003 Server are currently supported. For information about updates to the platform matrix, see note [147519](#).

Compatibility of SAP GUI for Windows 6.40:

You can still use a SAP GUI for Windows 6.20 for applications that run on Web Application Server 6.30/6.40/7.00. If you are already using Release 6.20, you do not have to upgrade the SAP GUI to connect to these systems.

However, if you want to use one of the new functions listed above, you must use Release 6.40, since we cannot port these functions to Release 6.20 of the SAP GUI for Windows.

For customers who are using SAP software for the first time, we recommend that you use Release 6.40 (or higher) immediately since this release has considerable advantages, especially regarding Unicode support and accessibility.

Delivery:

The official delivery with a general release occurred on June 21, 2004. Since then, the SAP GUI for Windows 6.40 has been available on the SAP Service Marketplace (<http://service.sap.com/installations>).

The SAP GUI for Windows 6.40 is no longer delivered on a physical CD, but on a DVD that is included in the supply scope of SAP NetWeaver 2004. For more information, see note [710716](#).