

# Installation and Upgrade

This page only applies to scenarios where you are connecting older versions of JIRA Software Server to Bitbucket Cloud.

In most cases, you should not need to install the DVCS Connector plugin in JIRA Software; it is shipped with the application. If for some reason, you *do* need to install or upgrade the connection, you must have **System Administrator** permissions on the JIRA Software instance.

## Prerequisites for Installation or Upgrade

Before you install or upgrade the DVCS Connector plugin, ensure that you are using a plugin version that is compatible with your JIRA Software version. If you are installing through the Universal Plugin Manager (UPM), it ensures you only install a compatible plugin. If you want to download the plugin from the Atlassian Plugin Exchange, click the **Compatibility with JIRA** link on the connector's page.

## Installing the DVCS Connector plugin

To install the DVCS Connector plugin, open JIRA Software in your browser and do the following:

1. Log in as a user with the **JIRA Administrators** global permission.
2. Select **Administration**.  
The system displays the **Administration** page.
3. Choose **Plugins** from the **Plugins** section.  
The UPM appears.
4. Click the **Install Plugins** link on the top bar to open the JIRA Software administration console.
5. Use the search field on the right of the page to search for the connector.
6. Type **DVCS** in the **Search the Plugin Exchange** box and click **Search**.  
A list of plugins matching the search appears.
7. Locate the DVCS Connector plugin and display the plugin details.
8. Press **Install**.  
UPM installs the plugin. It should now appear in the managed plugins list.

Once you have installed the plugin, you need to [link your JIRA Software projects to DVCS repositories](#) to view DVCS commits in your JIRA Software issues.

## Upgrading the DVCS Connector plugin

To upgrade the DVCS Connector plugin:

1. Log in as a user with the **JIRA Administrators** global permission.
2. Select **Administration**.  
The system displays the **Administration** page.
3. Choose **Plugins** from the **Plugins** section.  
The UPM appears.
4. Click the **JIRA Update Check** link on the top bar to open the JIRA Software administration console.
5. Scroll down to the **System Plugins** section.
6. Click **Show System Plugins** link.  
At this point, you can search for the plugin in the list or you can search from it using the search at the top of the page.
7. Locate the DVCS Connector plugin and display the plugin details.
8. Press **Install**.  
UPM installs the plugin. It should now appear in the managed plugins list.

Once you have installed the plugin, you need to [link your JIRA Software projects to DVCS repositories](#) to view DVCS commits in your JIRA Software issues.

## Uninstalling the DVCS Connector plugin

The DVCS Connector plugin is a system plugin. You should not uninstall it unless you are under the supervision of Atlassian Support.