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Preface

About This Documentation

This document explains how to install the Windows Client component of GemStone/S 64 Bit™ version 3.6.7, and how to upgrade GemStone clients on Windows from previous versions.

The Windows Client component allows GemBuilder for Smalltalk (GBS) or other GCI applications, running on the Windows operating system, to log into the GemStone/S 64 Bit server. It also provides tools and utilities that can help in administering your GemStone/S 64 Bit server. The GemStone/S 64 Bit server does not run directly on Windows.

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Installing GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client

This chapter describes the procedure for installing the Windows client component for GemStone/S 64 Bit™ version 3.6.7.

This client installation provides shared libraries that can be used to log in from a client running on Windows to a GemStone/S 64 Bit server on a server machine, utilities such as **topaz** and **VSD** that can be run on the Windows client, and provides the include files used to link client GCI applications on the Windows client.

The GemStone/S 64 Bit server does not run directly on the Windows platform.

System Requirements

The following system requirements are for the GemStone/S 64 Bit client components; which are released with, and must be compatible with, the GemStone/S server product.

For system requirements for the client Smalltalk environments, and for GemBuilder for Smalltalk (GBS) supported platforms, refer to the documentation that is provided with your client smalltalk product, and to the *GemBuilder for Smalltalk installation Guide*.

GBS depends on the client shared libraries provided by this distribution; support for GBS client platforms is limited to platforms that are supported by the GemStone/S 64 Bit server.

Operating system versions

- ▶ Windows 2016
- ▶ Windows 10

Windows 7 reached end of life in January of 2020. This is no longer a certified platform, although it may continue to work.

If you are using GemBuilder for Smalltalk, you should also ensure that your version of client Smalltalk – VisualWorks or VA Smalltalk – is supported on the given OS version, and that GemBuilder for Smalltalk is supported on that version.

Installing the GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client

Perform the following steps to install GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows client components.

1. As the Windows Administrator account or as an account that belongs to the Administrators group, log in to the client machine.
2. Select an installation directory, *InstallDir*, and make this directory the current working directory.
3. GemStone/S 64 Bit is provided as a zipped archive file with a name similar to `GemStone64BitClient3.6.7-x86.Windows_NT.zip`. Extract the contents of this archive into the directory location in which GemStone will be installed, *InstallDir*.

You may perform this extraction using unzip or another uncompress application, or using Windows Explorer.

4. Verify that *InstallDir* now contains a GemStone directory with a name similar to `GemStone64BitClient3.6.7-x86.Windows_NT`.

The following directories and files are included:

<code>bin\</code>	64-bit shared libraries, and executables for VSD and topaz .
<code>bin32\</code>	32-bit shared libraries, and executables for topaz .
<code>externals.sha.txt</code>	Git sha for externals included in the distribution
<code>include\</code>	Include files used for GCI applications
<code>lib\</code>	64-bit TCL libraries for VSD, and lib files
<code>lib32\</code>	32-bit lib files
<code>licenses\</code>	GemStone licence file and licenses for open-source code included with GemStone.
<code>sys\</code>	Topaz help file
<code>ualib\</code>	Empty directory for user action libraries.
<code>version.txt</code>	Contains information on the particular product and release of this GemStone client.

Set the Environment

Perform the following steps to properly configure the operating environment.

You may not need to do this if you are not running the GemStone/S 64 Bit utilities, such as **topaz** and **gslis**, on the Windows client. However, you may need to configure your windows path to include the directory containing the shared library files.

1. Add or update the `%GEMSTONE%` environment variable. This is required only if you will be executing **topaz** on the windows client, or linking a shared library.
 - a. Open System Settings, and select **System and Security** and then **System**.
 - b. On the left-side menu, select **Advanced System Settings**, then on the **Advanced** tab.
 - c. Select the **Environment Variables** button.

- d. Set the environment variable GEMSTONE to the full pathname of your new GemStone installation directory.

If this is a new installation, in the System Environment Variables list, click on the **New** button, and enter the full path, starting with the drive, of your new Gemstone Installation directory.

If you are updating an existing installation, select GEMSTONE in the System Environment Variables list. Click on the **Edit** button, and update the value with your new GemStone new installation directory
2. Add or update the %Path% environment variable. This is required if your client Smalltalk library loading uses the %Path% to locate the client shared libraries, as well as when running **topaz** or linking a shared library.
 - a. Open System Settings, and select **System and Security** and then **System**.
 - b. Click on the Advanced tab, then on the Environment Variables button.
 - c. In the System Environment Variables list, select the Path variable, and click on the **Edit** button. Add %GEMSTONE%/bin to the front of the path string.

If you are updating an existing installation, remove the previous GemStone directory from the path.

Define the NetLDI Service Name

To log in remotely to a GemStone/S 64 Bit server, there must be a NetLDI service running on the server machine. A NetLDI is not needed and can not be run on the Windows client. By default, the server NetLDI name is `gs64ldi`. In order to log in using the name of the NetLDI service, either `gs64ldi` or the name you select, this service name must be defined in your Windows client TCP/IP network database, and define the same port number as defined on the server.

If you do not define the NetLDI name and port on the Windows client, you can still login using the port number within your login parameters, rather than the name.

To define a NetLDI name on the Windows client:

1. Open the TCP/IP network database, which is located at:

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\drivers\etc\services
```

2. Add an entry similar to the following :

```
gs64ldi 50377/tcp #GemStone 3.6.7
```

This port number must be the same as the NetLDI service you will connect to on the GemStone/S 64 Bit server machine.

3. Save the file and exit.

Configuring GBS for GemStone/S 64 Bit

While the GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client provides a number of server utilities that can be run on Windows, the primary purpose of the GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client is to provide the libraries that support client applications on Windows, such as GemBuilder for Smalltalk (GBS) client applications.

This chapter describes how to configure or update your client Smalltalk application using GBS on Windows to run with a GemStone/S 64 Bit version 3.6.7 server.

The GemStone/S 64 Bit v3.6.7 server requires a compatible version of GBS; versions of GBS earlier than v8.7 or v8.6 for VisualWorks Smalltalk, or v5.4.7 for VA Smalltalk are not fully supported with GemStone/S 64 Bit v3.6.7 or later servers.

In addition to using the appropriate version of GBS, you must use GemStone/S 64 Bit 3.6.7 client libraries with your GBS client application, to be able to log in to the v3.6.7 server. These libraries are specific to the GemStone/S 64 Bit server version and to the client platform.

Only RPC logins are available from Windows.

The GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client provides both 64-bit libraries and 32-bit libraries.

- ▶ With 64-bit VisualWorks environments, you must use the 64-bit GemStone client libraries. GBS does not support 64-bit versions of the VAST Platform (VA Smalltalk).
- ▶ With 32-bit VisualWorks and on the 32-bit VAST Platform (VA Smalltalk), you must use 32-bit libraries.

For instructions on installing and configuring GBS, see the *GemBuilder for Smalltalk Installation Guide* for the appropriate version of GBS.

Supported GBS client Smalltalk Platforms with Windows

The following client Smalltalk versions are supported on Windows platforms:

GemBuilder for Smalltalk/VW v8.7

- **VisualWorks 9.1.1 (32-bit and 64-bit)**

- ▶ Windows 10

GemBuilder for Smalltalk/VW v8.6

- **VisualWorks 9.1.1 (32-bit and 64-bit)**

- ▶ Windows 10

GemBuilder for Smalltalk/VA v5.4.7

- **VA Smalltalk 11.0.1 (32-bit)**

- ▶ Windows 10
- ▶ Windows 2016

- **VA Smalltalk 10.0.2 (32-bit)**

- ▶ Windows 10
- ▶ Windows 2016

- **VA Smalltalk 8.6.3 (32-bit)**

- ▶ Windows 10
- ▶ Windows 2016

GBS Setup or Upgrade Procedure

Shared Libraries for GBS Client Node

The GBS client requires a set of shared libraries (.dlls) that are provided as part of the GemStone server product distribution. Since the GemStone/S 64 Bit server itself is not available for Windows, the Windows Client distribution is provided, which includes the shared libraries as well as other server utilities that can be run on Windows.

When these client shared libraries are loaded into the VisualWorks or VA Smalltalk image in which GBS code is installed, the GBS client can log into the GemStone server.

The shared libraries must be the same version as the GemStone server. Since they are loaded into the client smalltalk VM, they must be appropriate for the client platform and client executable bit size (32-bit or 64-bit).

You can either install the full GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client on your GBS client node, or just copy the specific shared libraries you need.

Full GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client installation on client node

One option for installation is to install the complete GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client on the client machine.

In addition to the shared libraries, the GemStone/S 64 Bit client installation includes tools such as *topaz* and *VSD*, that may be useful to run on your client.

To perform this installation, follow the instructions in Chapter 1 of this *Installation Guide*.

Libraries only

If you do not require tools such as *vsd* or *topaz* on the client, you do not need to install the full GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows Client on the client node. You may just copy the set of library files that GBS requires.

32-bit VisualWorks or VA Smalltalk clients:

For RPC logins from 32-bit VisualWorks or VA Smalltalk, the following files need to be copied to the client node:

```
%GEMSTONE%\bin32\libgcirpc-3.6.7-32.dll  
%GEMSTONE%\bin32\libssl-3.6.7-32.dll  
%GEMSTONE%\bin32\msvcr100.dll
```

64-bit VisualWorks clients:

For RPC logins from 64-bit VisualWorks, the following files need to be copied to the client node:

```
%GEMSTONE%\bin\libgcirpc-3.6.7-64.dll  
%GEMSTONE%\bin\libssl-3.6.7-64.dll  
%GEMSTONE%\bin\msvcr100.dll
```

GBS provides a number of options as to where to place the shared libraries on the client machine. Refer to the *GemBuilder for Smalltalk Installation Guide* for details on these options.

Upgrade GBS to a version that supports v3.6.7

Versions of GBS earlier than 8.7 or 8.6 for VisualWorks and 5.4.7 for VA Smalltalk are not supported with GemStone/S 64 Bit v3.6.7 or later.

If you are currently running with an older version of GBS, you should upgrade your GBS client application, and possibly also upgrade VisualWorks or VA Smalltalk to a more recent version, in order to use these clients with v3.6.7.

GBS does not support upgrade from an image in which an older version of GBS has been previously installed. To upgrade GBS, start with a client Smalltalk image in which GBS is not installed. Follow the instructions in the *GemBuilder for Smalltalk Installation Guide*, and then install your application code.

See the *GemBuilder for Smalltalk Installation Guide* for more information, and the *GemBuilder for Smalltalk Release Notes* for details on the changes in these versions.

Update GBS to reference v3.6.7 libraries

Once you have installed the GemStone Windows Client on the GBS client machine, or copied the appropriate shared libraries, you need to ensure that the client Smalltalk executable – a VisualWorks or VA Smalltalk application – will load the v3.6.7 libraries.

Determining library name to specify

Whether or not you have a full GemStone/S 64 Bit Windows client installation on the client or have copied a few libraries, there is a specific library name you will specify to have GBS load using the `libraryName:` parameter.

32-bit VisualWorks or VA Smalltalk clients:

```
libgcirpc-3.6.7-32.dll
```

64-bit VisualWorks clients:

```
libgcirpc-3.6.7-64.dll
```

Setup GBS to load the new libraries

- If you have set the GBS configuration parameter `libraryName:`, update this to the new library name, and save your image.
- If you have set the GBS configuration parameter `libraryName:` to an empty string, ensure that no other client libraries of the same name are in the current working directory or the bin directory or subdirectory of your VisualWorks image's VISUALWORKS directory. This is not applicable to VA Smalltalk.
- For a new GBS application, refer to the *GemBuilder for Smalltalk Installation Guide* for details on the library loading setup options.

Stop and restart the client VM

GBS loads the client libraries into the client Smalltalk VM the first time a GemStone server call is made after each startup of the VM.

GBS is now ready to use.