

Cincom Smalltalk™

The Benchmark Tools for Productivity

Cincom® ObjectStudio®
The Windows-Centric, Business Analyst's Thinking Tool

Cincom® VisualWorks®
The Cross-Platform, Multilingual, Do-Anything Tool

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Cincom Smalltalk Foundation

Cincom is a market leader in commercial Smalltalk. Cincom Smalltalk enhances the value and ease of use of enterprise-level, application development software, web application development tools and deployment environments. Developers looking for custom Windows® applications will find ObjectStudio as the ideal choice. When cross-platform custom application development is required, VisualWorks is the perfect solution.

KEY FOUNDATION FEATURES

- New UI Designer in both products
- Store Merge improvements
- Store Auto-reconnect
- Windows ARM preview
- VM Compiler updates
- TLS Plugin enhancements

RECENT:

- New Tabbing System simplifies development

Highlights

- Store merge improvements
- Store auto-reconnect
- Database API enhancements
- Faster editing of long methods
- Updated AppEx ECMAScript support version
- Security plug-in enhancements
- Seaside integration updated to newer version
- Next Generation User Interface Designer released

Refactoring Browser

The refactoring browser has been getting incremental visual and functional improvements every cycle and is often where new improvements are first integrated and proven.

Database

Cincom Smalltalk supports connectivity to all major relational databases including Oracle, Sybase, SQL Server, PostgreSQL, MySQL, DB/2, and SQLite. VisualWorks also connects easily with OODBMS systems.

Network Connectivity

Cincom Smalltalk has an extensive library of internet connectivity tools. We support a variety of protocols including FTP, HTTP 1.1/2, SMTP, IMAP, POP3 and LDAP supported by a robust MIME framework. All protocols can run over a secure connection.

MatriX Multi-Core

Cincom Smalltalk lets you leverage multi-core processors with the MatriX framework. Using this can dramatically increase throughput for some applications.

Store Source Code Management

Cincom Smalltalk offers a sophisticated source management system optimized for Smalltalk and built on industry-standard relational databases. This optimizes managing development for both the individual and the team. Source files, parcels, and the sophisticated Store RDBMS-based system can handle projects of any size.

Web Applications and Solutions

Users have access to the new Sioux Web server with goals of performance and scalability, and the AppeX Web framework to build and maintain state-of-the-art Web applications for browsers and mobile devices.

Cincom supports several choices for developing simple to sophisticated Web-based solutions using our Sioux and AppeX. AppeX can be used with JavaScript frameworks like ReactJS, JQuery, D3, and others.

Sioux

Sioux is our unified, flexible, scalable, high-performance HTTP, HTTPS, HTTP/2 server. It can support many Web solutions with one capable server, even simultaneously.

AppeX

AppeX is our lightweight, flexible, next-generation Web app framework that supports:

- HTML5
- Updated AppeX ECMAScript
- Ajax
- JSON
- XHR
- WebSockets

Seaside

The Seaside Web framework is a highly regarded, mature, and capable solution for Smalltalk-only Web solutions

Web Services

Web Services enable applications to communicate across networks or the internet in a platform-independent way. Cincom Smalltalk has full support for SOAP and WSDL. This allows for full interoperability with .NET-based services and J2EE Web services. Wizards make it easy to either expose existing interfaces as a Web service or create client interfaces to existing services.

Opentalk

Opentalk is the distribution framework that allows rapid implementation of distributed protocols such as Smalltalk-to-Smalltalk remote object communication.

Security/TLS/HTTPS¹

The Cincom Smalltalk Security Library offers a wide range of industry-standard cryptography for users by providing an API to industry-standard cryptography libraries, such as OpenSSL (Linux), SChannel (Windows) and Security.Framework (macOS). This enables developers to quickly and easily incorporate a variety of security capabilities into their applications.

Components include secret key encryption, public key encryption, hash algorithms, digital signatures, password-based cryptography and support for TLS protocol and HTTPS.

Source Code Editor Enhancements

The source code editor has been improved with many new features. Some of the new capabilities include a theme system, auto-complete, contextual coloring, a code critic and support for custom domain-specific languages (DSLs).

Full Source Code^{1,2}

The product includes all of the source code for the development environment as well as application support. This means you can customize your tools to support your work processes, and you are never stuck if you need a modified solution for your needs.

¹NOTE: These features are only available to Cincom Smalltalk customers and partners.

²ObjectStudio OE source by request.

Cincom ObjectStudio

For developers of scalable internet, intranet, and client/server applications, ObjectStudio programming tools provide increased productivity to help you meet the rapid time-to-market requirements of today's market.

For customers and partners that need to build applications that cleanly fold into a Microsoft-centric infrastructure, ObjectStudio is an excellent choice. It's known as the "business person's thinking tool." Based on the powerful Smalltalk language, ObjectStudio provides a robust development environment, which is necessary to create innovative applications that capture complex business models and processes.

Key ObjectStudio Features

Next Gen UI Designer Introduction Next Generation User Interface

- Latest features of Windows native widgets
- No primitives
- All Smalltalk using FFI (DLLCC) -> Windows API
- Support for jpg, png, gif and tif
- Access to GDI+ features including gradient brushes and alpha blending

Next Generation Launcher

- Uses Next Generation User Interface
- Central, convenient access to frequently used items like favorite packages and bundles, loaded controllers, open windows and breakpoints

Powerful Object Modeling

The ObjectStudio modeling tool integrates the design of complex business objects generation, presenting a high-level, business-like interface that delivers user-friendly tools for working with objects. The object modeling tool supports case analysis, event diagramming, and CRC cards and notations, including industry-standard UML.

Automated Code Generation

Using ObjectStudio, an application moves from the design stage to completion much faster than with traditional tools. The ObjectStudio modeling tool can modify and maintain applications more quickly and easily because class hierarchies and object relationships can be arranged graphically, without coding. Simply make changes to the model and then let the modeling tool generate the code automatically.

Round-Trip Engineering

Even after an application is rolled out, your job is not done. Ever-changing requirements mean ever-changing code. With ObjectStudio, any changes to the business object model are automatically reflected in the code and vice versa. This means that you always have access to a current business model of the application. Using a current visual and easy-to-understand model, your business analysts, training and support team and IT staff can better understand your complex enterprise applications and be productive in less time.

Robust Object Mapping

The ObjectStudio mapping tool provides visual, drag-and-drop tools for linking objects to databases. The Object Relational Mapper uses the resulting object mapping definitions to make application connections to your database, without requiring any SQL code to be written into the application. This allows the developer to concentrate on objects without worrying about the details of the database implementation. This is done automatically.

Environments:

- Microsoft Windows® 10 22H2, 11
- Windows Server® 2022

Supported Standards:

- ActiveX and OCX
- TCP/IP
- APPC
- OLE
- DLL
- COM/DCOM
- EHLLAPI
- DDE

Supported Databases:

- ODBC
- Oracle
- Sybase
- SQL Server
- PostgreSQL
- MySQL
- DB/2
- SQLite

New:

- NG UI Designer released
- NG UI Windows National Language support (NLS)
- Time-stamped image file
- CSV data explorer tool
- Heat map graph type with examples
- Box plot graph type with examples
- Choropleth (map) graph type with examples

Highlights:

- Windows-native user interface
- Next generation user interface
- Next generation launcher
- Powerful object modeling
- Automated code generation
- Round-trip engineering
- Robust object mapping
- Strong database and legacy applications integration
- Spy tool

Cincom VisualWorks

VisualWorks is an enterprise-class, multilingual, cross-platform, application development and delivery platform that's used by world-class companies in areas such as semiconductor manufacturing, shipping, financial risk management, insurance, banking, government, education, and healthcare. The VisualWorks environment is a live and interactive development environment that is highly effective and productive.

VisualWorks includes components for any type of work that your team might contemplate—Client, Server, Client-Server, Distributed, Grid or Web—and allows you to build them with superior development tools.

VisualWorks can work or integrate with most standard technologies such as internet protocols (HTTP, HTTP/2, FTP, POP3, etc.), secure protocols (TLS, HTTPS), most relational databases (RDBs), sockets, COM, Web services (WS*), Web standards (HTML5, JavaScript, Ajax, JSON, WebSockets), MQSeries, and more. This allows VisualWorks to seamlessly plug into an enterprise infrastructure—an important feature for IS shops that need to integrate multiple applications from multiple sources.

Key VisualWorks Features

High-Fidelity Skins (UI Skinning)

- Native rendering combined with customizable widgets
- Native rendering on Windows and macOS
- Allows custom looks to be created.

Cross-Platform

- Windows, Mac, Linux, Unix
- See the available platforms listed below.

Enhanced Text

A few areas of new capability in text handling include:

- Annotations
- Sparklines
- Adornments
- Lists

64-Bit

VisualWorks provides 64-bit VMs on most of our platforms including Windows 64-bit. The 64-bit solutions have more addressable memory, allowing a much bigger object space, larger collections and other optimizations for 64-bit.

Internationalization

VisualWorks includes an extensive locale system based upon CLDR (Unicode Consortium's Common Locale Data Repository) locales and supports bi-directional content for sophisticated internationalization solutions.

VisualWorks Project Manager

The Project Manager allows easy location and launching of projects as well as new project creation.

GUI Tools

UI skins allow flexibility in widget display, with native rendering skins for Windows and macOS, and emulated and customizable skins to create your own custom look. The windows emulated skin allows a familiar look on any platform.

VisualWorks Is Instantly Portable across a Wide Range of Platforms (32 Bit and 64 Bit) including:

- Windows (11, 10 22H2)
- Windows Server® 2022
- macOS (14.x, 13.x, 12.x)
- Linux (x86) (RHEL 8 equivalent or newer)

Highlights:

- Easy cross-platform applications
- Updated AppEx ECMAScript support version
- UI skinning on Windows/macOS
- New text
- Internationalization
- Seaside Web framework
- Web service

You simply can't go wrong by choosing Cincom Smalltalk. To try it for yourself, visit try.cincomsmalltalk.com.



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