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How to install and run GeneXus Next Desktop

Native application



Generalities

GeneXus Next Desktop is the main component of GeneXus Next.

It can be installed on **any platform, whether Mac, Windows, or Linux**, providing a local infrastructure that doesn't require an internet connection.

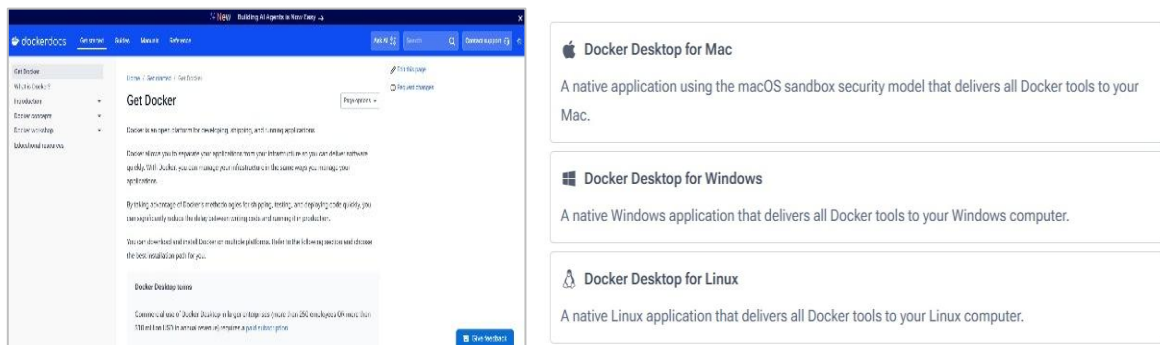
Software requirements

- Operative system: Windows, Mac, Linux
- **One of these components:** Docker Desktop or Rancher Desktop

How to choose between Docker Desktop or Rancher Desktop

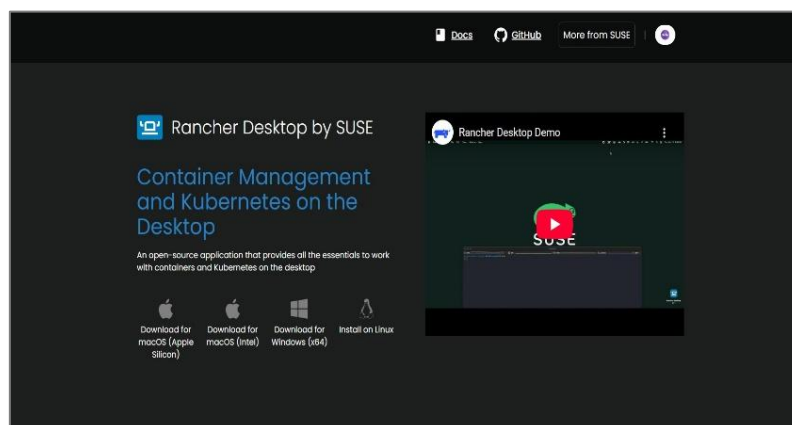
- **Docker Desktop:** It doesn't always allow free installation (more info [here](#)). If it does, it's the recommended option. Be sure to install the option that corresponds to the operating system you're using.

<https://docs.docker.com/get-started/get-docker/>



- **Rancher Desktop:** It's free. Be sure to install the option that corresponds to the operating system you're using.

<https://docs.rancherdesktop.io/getting-started/installation>

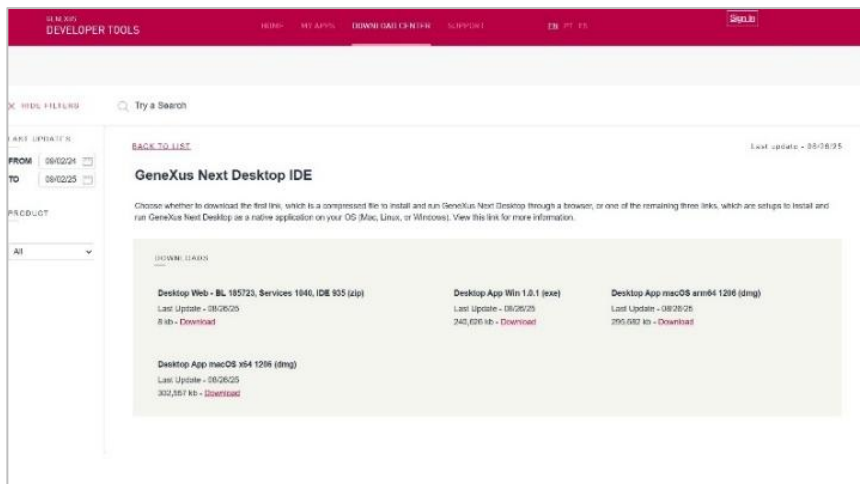


Installing and running the GeneXus Next Desktop native application

1. Download and install GeneXus

- Access the **Download Center** and download the option that corresponds to the operating system you use.

<https://www.genexus.com/en/developers/downloadcenter?data=6274;>



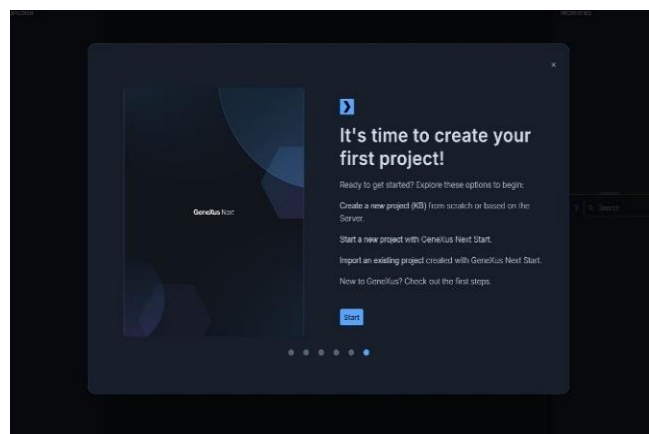
- Run the downloaded file and complete the installation process.

2. Running GeneXus

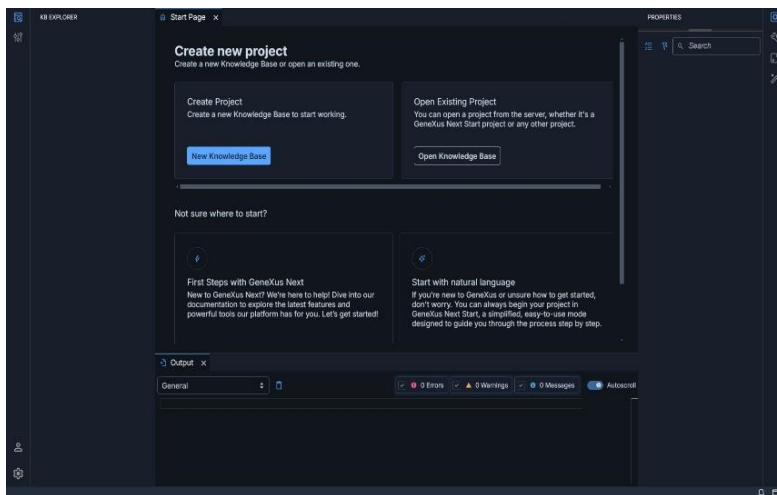
- Open the application by double-clicking the icon on the desktop. **Run it with Administrator permissions.**



It is important to remember that Docker (or Rancher, as appropriate) must be running **every time you run GeneXus** (always open it first).



- Press **Start** and register with the corresponding credentials.



For more information we recommend accessing the technical documentation.

<https://docs.genexus.com/en/wiki?48854,HowTo%3A+Install+and+run+GeneXus+Next+Desktop>