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Autodesk Desktop Connector Start Up Guide

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OVERVIEW

The Autodesk Desktop Connector is a desktop service that integrates an Autodesk data management source (or data source) with your desktop folder and file structure for easy file management. It is a virtual drive, or bridge, between your local file system and Autodesk Forma.

COMPANION DOCUMENTATION

[What Is Desktop Connector? | Desktop Connector | Autodesk Knowledge Network]

https://help.autodesk.com/view/CONNECT/ENU/?guid=What_Is_Desktop-Connector

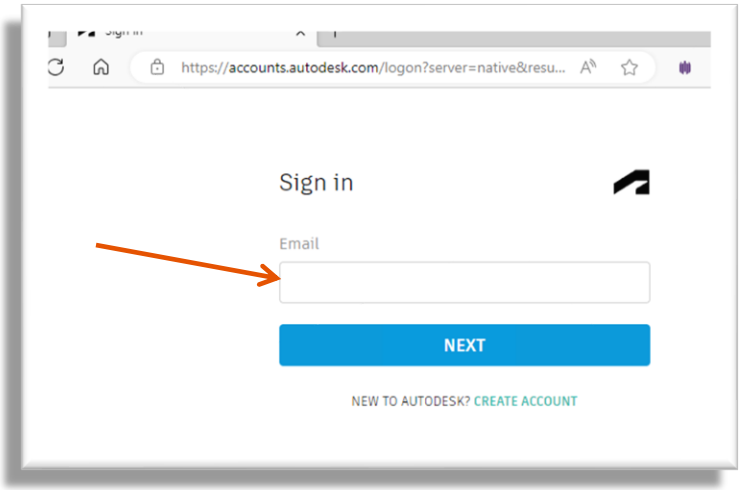
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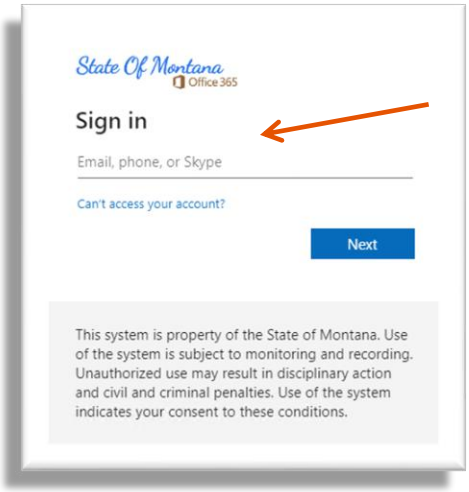
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AUTODESK DESKTOP CONNECTOR

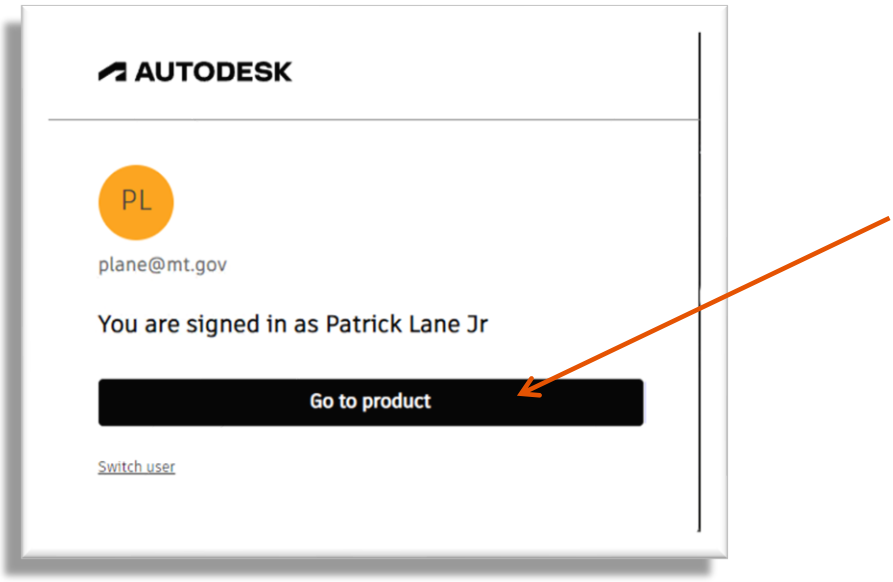
WELCOME TO AUTODESK DESKTOP CONNECTOR

When launching any of the Autodesk applications that have been installed, you will be presented with a splash screen requiring you to log in to the Desktop Connector. The agency has implemented single sign on technology and your mt.gov email address is required to license the product. You will get two splash screens as shown below.

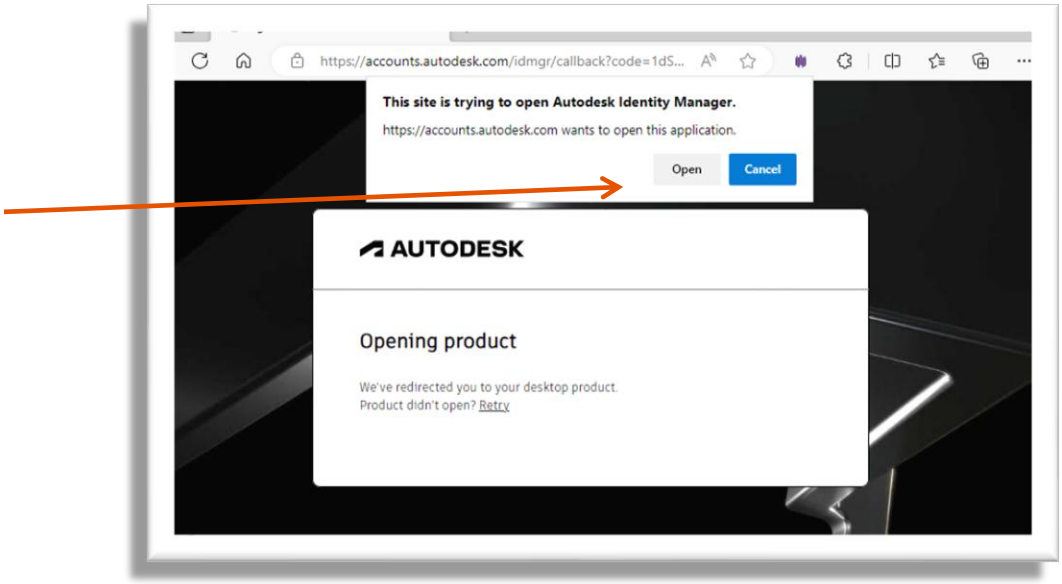




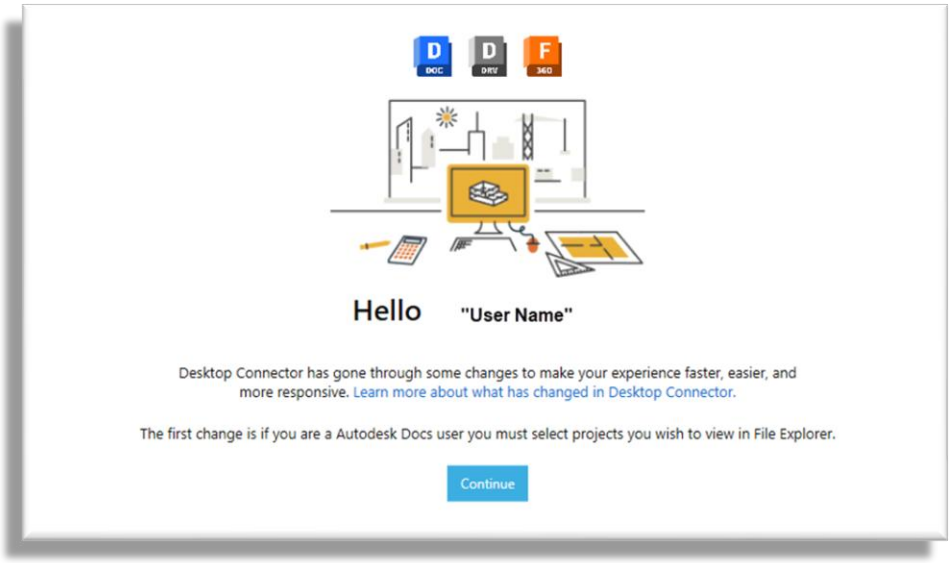
After entering your email address in both you will be presented with an Autodesk dialog identifying your account. Select the “Go to product” box.



A web browser will open, and a splash screen will appear. Select “Open”.

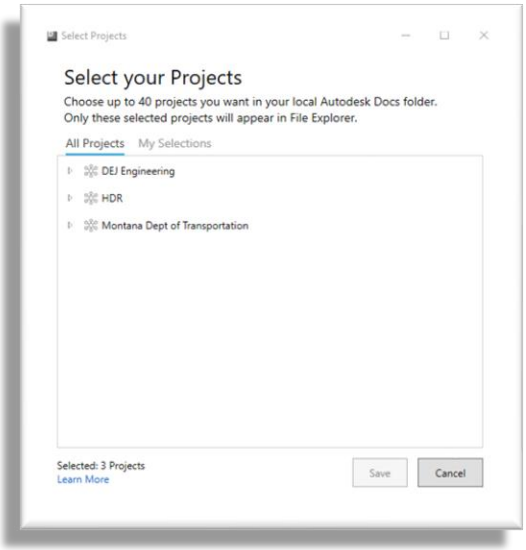


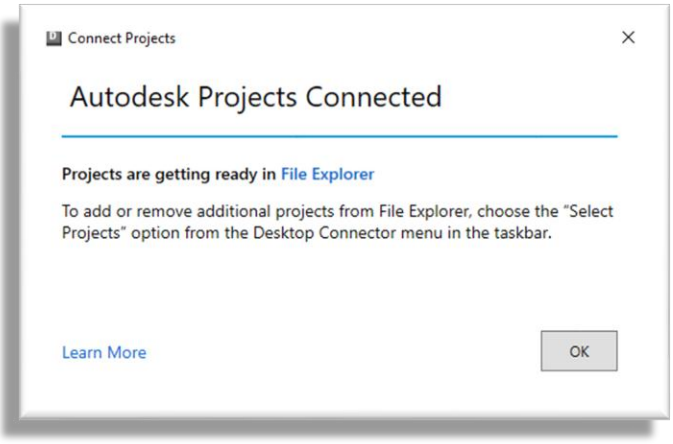
Once you are successfully signed in, the following screen will appear. You can select “Continue”.



SELECTING YOUR DESKTOP CONNECTOR PROJECTS

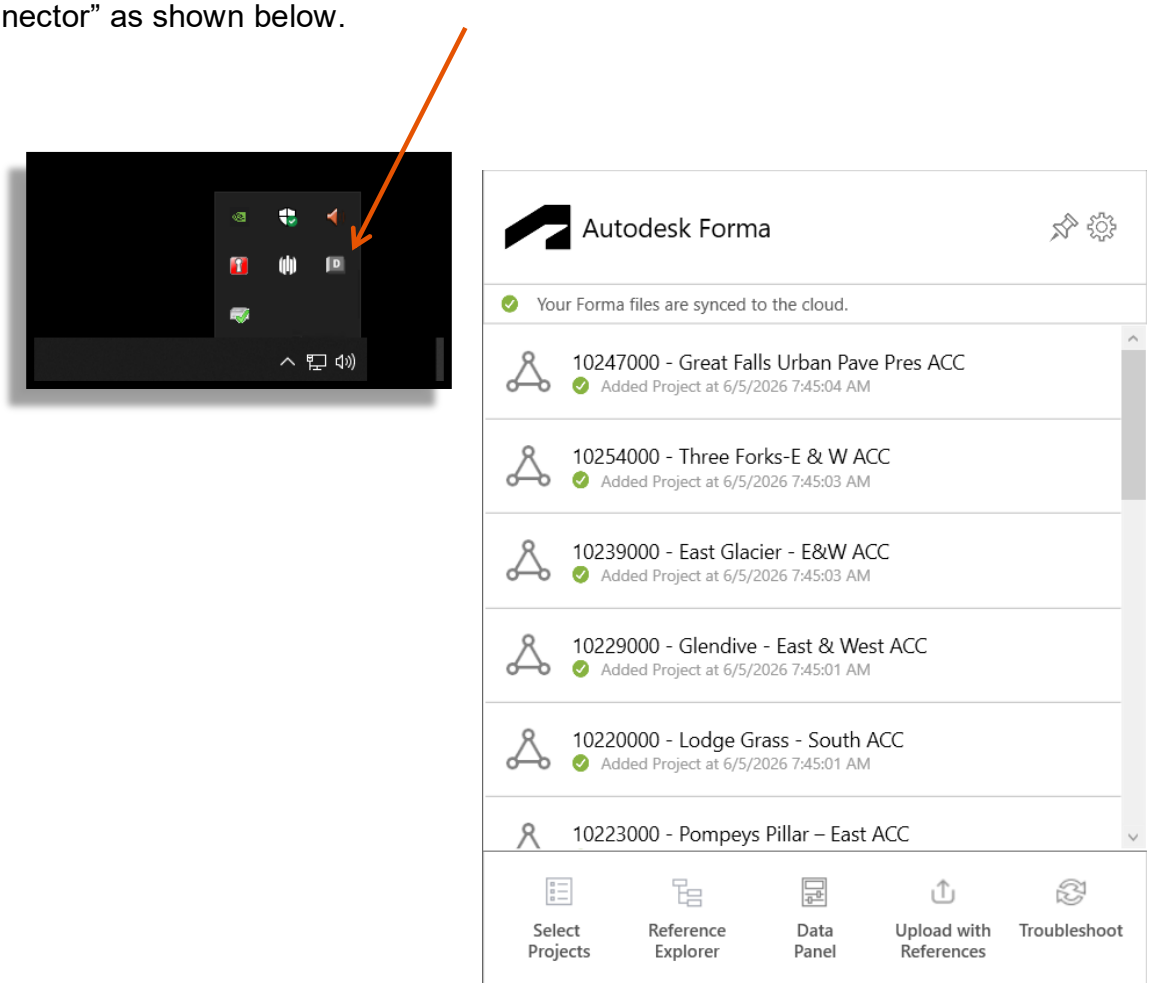
1. When you first Sign into the Desktop Connector, you will be asked to make your initial project selections.
   a. All the projects you have access to are listed in All projects.
   b. Select a hub to view the relevant projects.
   c. Select your projects. <u>You can select up to 40 projects.</u>
   d. After you select your projects, select Save and then OK from the Connect Projects box as shown below.





AUTODESK DESKTOP CONNECTOR STATUS

To see the status of your Autodesk Desktop Connector, simply click in the Task Bar on “Show hidden Icons” to open the system tray and right-click the “Autodesk Desktop Connector” as shown below.



AUTODESK DESKTOP CONNECTOR GUIDE

A complete guide to the Desktop Connector is provided by Autodesk at the link below. This guide will provide you with information regarding what's new in the latest release, the Autodesk Forma cloud data source, information on the Reference Explorer, and other great features of the toolset.

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