

Spotfire Desktop - Getting Started

Software Release 14.0 and later



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Getting started with Spotfire Desktop

Introduction

Spotfire Desktop is a version of Spotfire that does not need a Spotfire Server. Historically, Spotfire Desktop had its own installer, but since Spotfire 14.0, Spotfire Desktop is technically the same deliverable as Spotfire Analyst. This means that the installers and most documentation for Spotfire Desktop are the same as for Spotfire Analyst.

This document collects important information for users that have purchased Spotfire Desktop and outlines the steps to download, install, and start to use Spotfire.

Downloading Spotfire

1. To find the installers, go to the [Spotfire Analyst page on TIBCO eDelivery](#).
2. Download the following files:
 - a. SPOT_sfire-analyst_[VERSION]_single_user_win.zip
 - b. SPOT_geocoding_single_user_no_server_[version].zip
 - c. **Optional:** If you want to use Spotfire in a different language than English, then also download the corresponding language file:
SPOT_langpack_single_user_no_server_[VERSION]_win-[LANGUAGE].zip

Installing Spotfire

1. Install Spotfire

Inside the file SPOT_sfire-analyst_[VERSION]_single_user_win.zip, you can find the file setup-single-user-[VERSION].exe. Run this file and step through the installation dialogs.

2. Install the geocoding tables

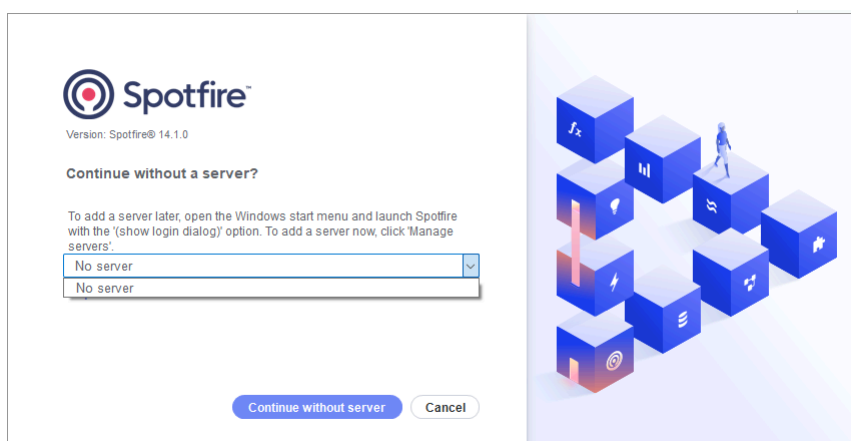
Inside the file SPOT_geocoding_no_server_[VERSION]_win.zip, you can find the file setup-geodata-single-user-[VERSION].exe. Run this file and step through the installation dialogs.

3. Optionally install a language pack

To use Spotfire in a language other than English, inside the file SPOT_langpack_single_user_no_server_[VERSION]_win-[LANGUAGE].zip, you can find the file setup-langpack-[VERSION]-[LANGUAGE].exe. Run this file and step through the installation dialogs.

Starting Spotfire

You are now ready to start Spotfire. You can start the application by clicking the icon installed on your Windows desktop.



When the application is starting, you are prompted to select a server. Most likely you do not want to connect to a server if you bought Spotfire Desktop, so click the drop-down menu and select **No server**. Then click **Continue without server**.

Geocoding in Spotfire Desktop

This is important if you want to display data that does not contain longitude and latitude on a map.

To display data on a map, the data must either be geocoded or directly contain coordinates such as longitude and latitude. Geocoding in Spotfire means that some identifiers in a data table are used to match against similar identifiers in another set of data tables (a geocoding hierarchy) which contains latitude/longitude coordinates or geographic features. These coordinates or features are then used for correctly positioning the data in a map context. You can read the full documentation about geocoding in the [product documentation](#).

Setting up geocoding data tables

Geocoding normally relies on the Spotfire Server, but when you don't have access to a server there is a manual procedure to set up the geocoding data tables.

1. Make sure you have installed the geocoding tables.
2. Then follow the procedure '[Locally Stored Geocoding Tables](#)' in the [product documentation](#).

Help getting started with Spotfire

- **Video tutorials**

On the '[Get started](#)' page, you can find video tutorials that explain how you get going with Spotfire and take you through more advanced usage as well.

- **The Spotfire Analyst documentation**

The [Spotfire Analyst documentation](#) covers how Spotfire works and how you use it to analyze your data.

- **The Spotfire community**

The Spotfire community features both general, industry, and use-case specific content related to using Spotfire to analyze your data. If you register for an account you can also communicate with other users around your analytical use cases, problems and solutions:

- <https://community.spotfire.com/>
- <https://community.spotfire.com/forums/forum/18-spotfire/>

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