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Preface

Purpose

This guide explains the common handling of the Ifc8OperaConnector module.

Audience

This document is intended for system administrators, support, and users familiar with the Hotel Property Interface application IFC8.

Customer Support

To contact Oracle Customer Support, access Customer Support Portal at the following URL:

https://iccp.custhelp.com

When contacting Customer Support, please provide the following:

- Product version and program/module name
- Functional and technical description of the problem (include business impact)
- Detailed step-by-step instructions to re-create
- Exact error message received
- Screen shots of each step you take

Documentation

Oracle Hospitality product documentation is available on the Oracle Help Center at http://docs.oracle.com/en/industries/hospitality/

Table 1 Revision History

Date	Description
October 2024	Initial publication
July 2025	Update



General

The Ifc8OperaConnector is used to communicate between each IFC8 instance and the Opera PMS Web Service. It is used to receive actions from OPERA like check-in/checkout notification, Key requests, Credit card requests pass these to the individual vendor software's and relay the responses back to the PMS.

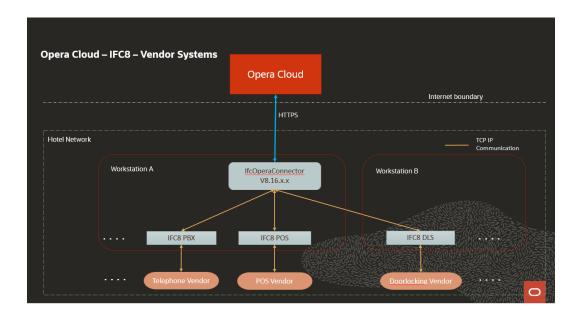
Installation of the Ifc8OperaConnector is done through the Ifc8OperaConnector Install wizard which is part of the Ifc8_Release_Installer.

It is required to install .NET Desktop Runtimes version 8.x on the PC where the Ifc8OperaConnector will be installed.

NOTE:

Software release can be downloaded @ https://edelivery.oracle.com Ifc8OperaConnector Install wizard is part of the Ifc8_Release_Installer

Patch Releases through your Oracle Support Portal.



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Installing Ifc8OperaConnector on a Workstation

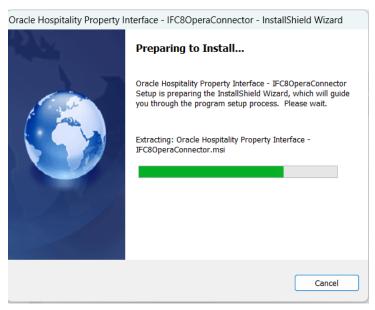
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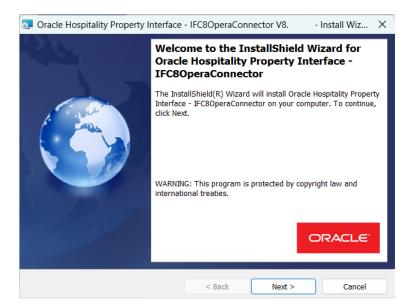
Please verify that .Net Desktop Version 8.0 (32 bit) or higher is Installed on your machine prior to preceding.

- Download the IFC8OperaConnectorSetup.exe and store it on the workstation where it is to be installed. This would typically be the same workstation where the Ifc8 Software is to be Installed.
- Right click and execute Ifc8ConnectorSet.exe as administrator (FULL Local Admin rights are required).

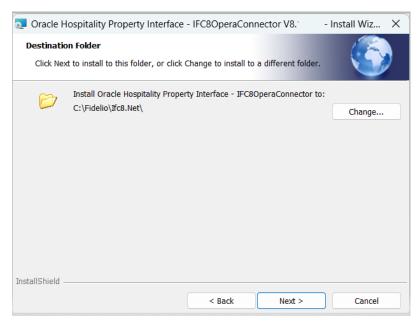


The Installer starts.

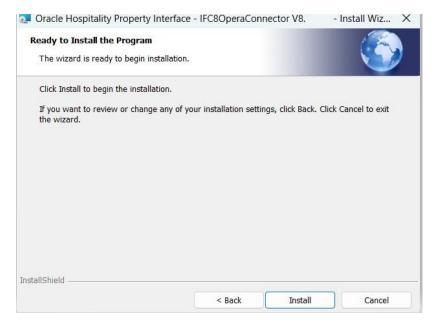




- 3. Select Next
- 4. Choose the path where to install the Ifc8OperaConnector (default & recommended is C:\Fidelio\ifc8.Net\).

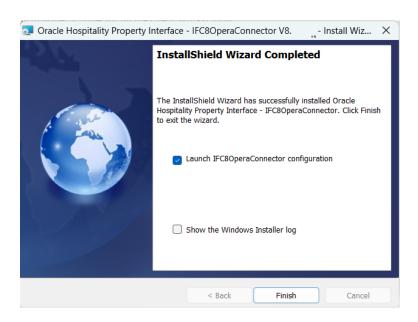


5. Select Next.



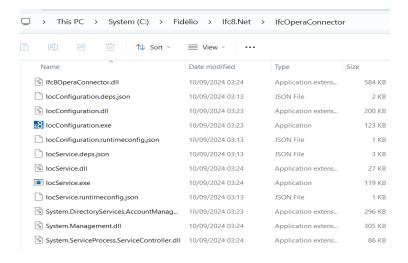
- 6. A final confirmation is requested before the Installation commences.
- 7. Select **Install** to continue else cancel to abort.

The installation routine will complete, and the option to launch the **Ifc8OperaConnector configuration** will be selected by default.



8. Select **Finish** and move on to the configuration.

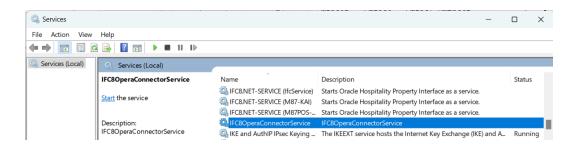
Files are installed to the defined path:



NOTE:

The Ifc8OperaConnector uses an own set of dll's which will be installed and located on the same path as denoted during the installation.

The Ifc8OperaConnectorService has been installed and can be found under the services tab of the **taskmgr** or through **services.msc**.

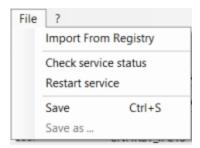


Next the IfcOperaConnector will launch the Configuration Form.

Overview Ifc8OperaConnector Menu



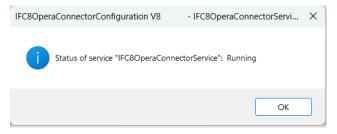
File Menu



Import from Registry: Import Existing settings from the Registry.

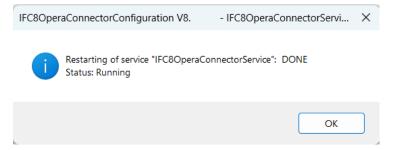
Check Service Status: Check and update the status of the Ifc8OperaConnectorService.

When executed a pop up will appear with the status.



Restart service: Restart the Ifc8OperaConnectorService. (admin. Rights required)

A pop up will confirm the action.

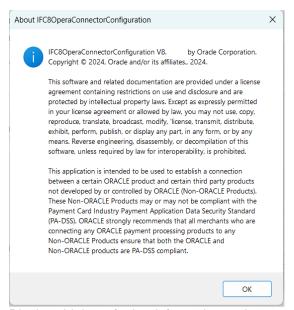


Save: Save the configuration currently entered in the the Ifc8OperaConnector Configuration form.

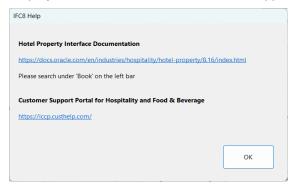
Help Menu (?)



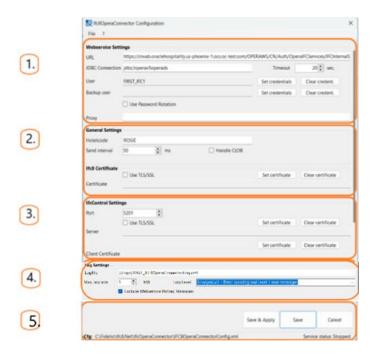
About: Displays Version and Copyright information



Displays Links to further information and support.

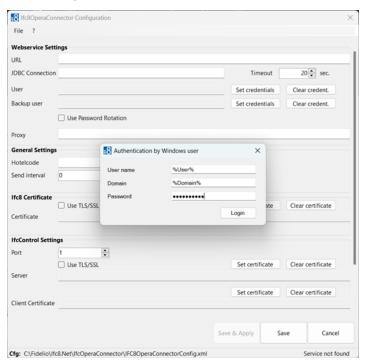


Overview Ifc8OperaConnector Configuration Form

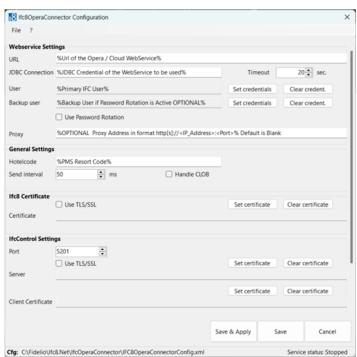


- 1. Webservice Settings
- 2. General Settings
- 3. IfcControl Settings
- 4. Log Settings
- 5. Control Sections

Detailed explanation below



Once successfully Authenticated the following Configuration Options are available.



WebService Settings

URL	The Opera URL that services connect to	
JDBC Connection	The JNDI Connection for the database.	
Timeout	Timeout in secs before Get Call will be terminated and a new call started.	
User	The User for SSD (Shared Security Domain) or OCIM (Oracle Cloud Identity Manager). If Applicable.	
Set Credentials	Ability to set User and Password for SSD or OCIM.	
Clear Credent.	The Ability to clear the credentials entered	
Backup User	The Backup User for SSD (Shared Security Domain) or OCIM (Oracle Cloud Identity Manager). If Password Rotation is Active.	
Set Credentials	Ability to set Backup User and Password for SSD or OCIM.	
Clear Credent	The Ability to clear the Backup credentials entered.	
Use Password Rotation	Activate Password Rotation. See Notes Below	
Proxy:	OPTIONAL Proxy Address in format:http[s]:// <ip_address>:<port>% Default is Blank.</port></ip_address>	

General Settings

Hotel Code: The Resort Code from Opera PMS

Send Interval: Defaults to 50ms.

Handle Clob: Select to Activate CLOB (Character Large Object) Handling. N

Needed for Bill View and Large Guest Check Handling as an

example.

Ifc8 Certificate

 Use TSL/SSL Select to add a TLS (Transport Layer Security) or SSL (Secure Socket Layer) Certificate.

Set Certificate Ability to select certificate to use for TLS / SSL communication.

Clear Certificate Ability to clear out existing TLS/SSL Certificate.

Certificate: Shows the Certificate in use if configured.

If you wish to create a certificate this will be covered in a later section.

Ifc Control Settings

Port Denotes the Port to be used for IfcControl communication.

Use TLS/SSL Use TLS or SSL to secure communication.

Set Certificate Select Server certificate to use for TLS / SSL communication.

Clear Certificate Ability to clear out existing TLS/SSL Server Certificate.

Server Shows Server Certificate currently configured.

Set Certificate Select Client certificate to use for TLS / SSL communication.

Clear Certificate Ability to clear out existing TLS/SSL Client Certificate.

Client Shows Client Certificate currently configured.

Log Settings

Logfile Location of Ifc8OperaConnector Log File.

Max. Log Size Maximum Size of Log File before new file is written.

Exclude Webservice Polling Messages:

Used to NOT log sanity check record in the Ifc8OperaConnectorLog.

Default is True.

This is done "unclutter" the log file with hundreds of records that generally does not assist in troubleshooting.

Control Section

Save & Apply Save current Configuration and restart Service.

Save Save current Configuration.

Cancel Cancel current operation and leave program.

Cfg Displays the location of the configuration file.

Service Status Displays the current status of the Ifc8OperaConnector

Service. (Stopped, Starting, Stopping or Running)

Once you have completed the necessary configuration please select **Save & Apply** to complete.

IFC8OperaConnector Configuration After Initial Install

If you need to access the Ifc8OperaConnector after the initial, it can be accessed by executing the locConfiguration.exe located in the directory selected at the time of installation.



When executed you must Authenticate with a Windows user with **Full** Local **Admin Rights**

Password Rotation Explained

Password Rotation with IFC8OperaConnector

About the feature

When selected, this feature allows the Ifc8OperaConnector Controller to automatically create and manage the required Property Interface IFC User Credentials for connecting with OPERA Cloud through automatic password rotation. Automatic password rotation is as the names suggest an automated process where system-generated passwords are periodically changed without manual intervention. This practice enhances security by ensuring that passwords are regularly updated, reducing the risk of unauthorized access. With this feature enabled, you do not need to manually reset the password for any IFC users in future.

Key Considerations

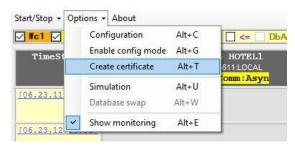
Valid user credentials must be entered during the initial one-time setup.

If the checkbox is not selected, the feature will remain disabled. This means the Ifc8OperaConnector will NOT automatically manage the user credentials for you. Therefore, you will need to manually reset the user passwords in OPERA Cloud Role Manager when they expire.

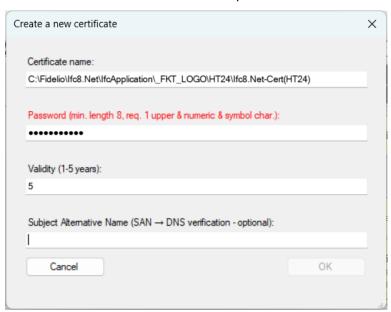
Creating a Certificate for IFC8OperaConnector

Creating Certificate Through IFC Application

In the IfcApplication slect the **Options** menu and choose **Create certificate**.



A new form "Create a new certificate" opens.



- **Certificate name:** Define path and name of the certificates.
- Certifcate password: Define the certificate password.
- Validity: Length of validity in years
- SAN: If a subject alternative name is referred please enter it here (optional)

NOTE:

Password must have min, length of 8 character, must contain 1 upper letter, 1 numeric char. And 1 symbol char.

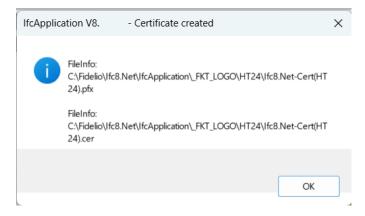
NOTE:

Validity: define the validity of the certificate (in years). must **NOT** be more than **5 years**!!

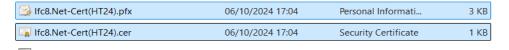
Do not forget to properly note down the password and insure it is passed on to the person(s) responsible on site.

- Click Cancel to revert.
- 2. Click **OK** to confirm certificate definition.

A confirmation window opens with the certificate path and name.



Find the certificates in the defined directory.



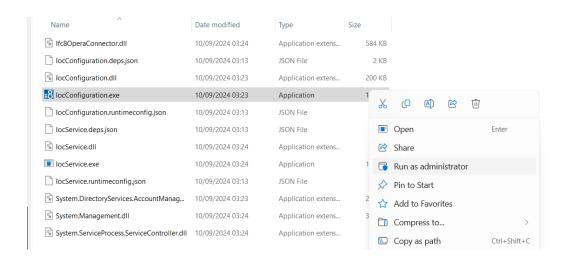
Importing Certificate into Ifc8OperaConnector

To assign a certificate to the Ifc8OperaConnector.

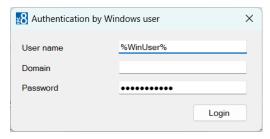
Go to the Directory where the Ifc8OperaConnector is Installed.

The default is C:\Fidelio\lfc8.Net\lfcOperaConnector.

2. Launch the locConfiguration.exe as Administrator.



Windows Authentication is required now.



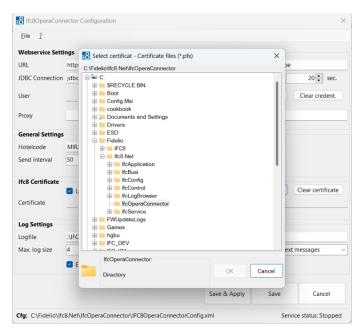
Once the the Ifc8OperaConnector form opens go to Ifc8 Certificate section and select the Use TLS/SSL box.

Then select **Set Certificate**.



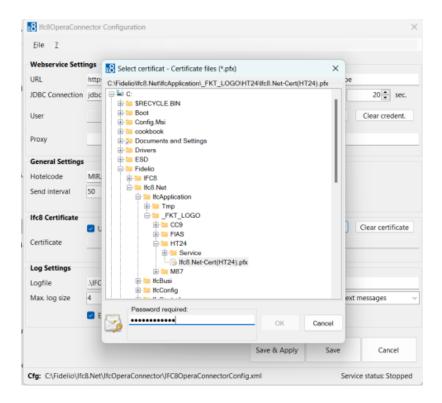
Adding a Certificate





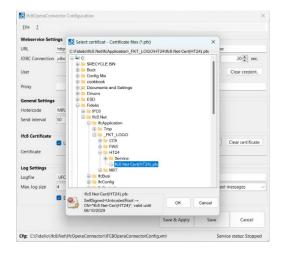
Navigate to the directory where your .pfx file is located and choose the certificate (pfx file) to assign.

As the pfx certificate requires a password enter the corresponding password.



3. Select **OK** to confirm certificate choice.

The form displays the certificate information.



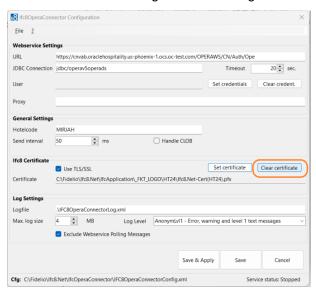
NOTE:

Repeat the process if you wish to add multiple certificates. Each certificate must have a unique name.

Re-assigning Certificates

In case existing certificates will be replaced with new ones, the re-assignment will work in a similar way.

First clear out the existing certificate using the clear certificate button.



Then proceed to install then new certificate using the Set Certificate Button.

As described above.

IFC8OperaConnector Log files

The Log files can be retrieved and viewed from the directory defined in the Ifc8OperaConnector Configuration.



In this example the directory is the same as the Installation of the **Ifc8OperaConnector.exe** (*C:\Fidelio\Ifc8.Net\IfcOperaConnector*) is the default.

Here you will find the log files in the .evt format.



These can then be opened and reviewed using the Ifc8 Log Browser.

A full User Guide to *Ifc8 Monitoring / Log Browser* can be found in the books section of the IFC8 Property Interface release. This can be accessed via the help section "?" of the Ifc8OperaConnector menu alternatively by pressing **Alt+H**.