

What's New In Rumpus 4.1

A summary of the changes in recent updates to Rumpus.

Version 4.1

Version 4.1 is a major upgrade from past releases, including several significant feature additions and many minor improvements and corrections.

Web File Manager Extensions

The WFM has been heavily revised in both appearance and functionality. New customization options, available without modifying any HTML, include premade color scheme selection and style sheets for controlling text fonts and sizes. Functional enhancements include cookie-based user authentication, directory list sorting, download links, enhanced multi-file upload and download control pages. The default WFM appearance has also been improved with the addition of an integrated help page, simplified anonymous login, and a cleaner look.

Activity Graphs

New activity graphs provide an overview of recent server activity at a glance. The graphs present information on both "hits" and data throughput for both FTP and WFM access over the past minute, hour, or several days.

User Tracking And Reporting

The new "Active Users" window lists both WFM and FTP users that have recently accessed the server, with a session summary that includes a full session transcript. Transcripts can be viewed in the Rumpus control application or saved to a file unique to each user account. The Active Users window also includes a "disconnect" button for terminating troublesome user sessions.

Enhanced Upload Notices

In addition to e-mail messages, Rumpus can now execute AppleScripts or Unix shell commands when files are uploaded to the server. The Upload Notice window now includes a "Test Now" button, simplifying notice creation and debugging. In addition, Upload Notices can now be triggered for file downloads, as well as uploads.

Additional Features And Fixes

The Web File Manager has been optimized for use with SSL tunneling software to simplify and expand secure transfers over https. Local FTP access can now be optimized for direct connection over private LANs. The WFM progress indicator has been updated for better client compatibility. The Setup Assistant can now analyze the network and make specific suggestions about configuration. The Rumpus control application will now stay up to date with changes made to the user database through the Web administration interface or other processes that manage Rumpus user accounts. Rumpus file folders such as the configuration and logs folders can now be opened simply by clicking a button in the Rumpus control application. Numerous other problems have been corrected or resolved as well.

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A small GUI glitch that caused the Folder Sets list to not enable the scroll bar as needed when the Folder Sets window is first opened has been corrected. In the server daemon, a bug handling certain unexpected lines in HTTP headers has been fixed, and the extra “@” sign in WFM-generated login URLs has been removed. The user’s password is no longer included in user session transcripts. A problem checking user accounts for too many concurrent logins has been corrected. A warning dialog has been added to the control application when attempting to create an Upload Notice with form variable processing on “Send Only One Notice For Entire User Session” notices.

Version 4.1.2

A bug in which all user logins were included in the anonymous password log, including secure names and passwords, has been corrected. Because this problem caused secure account names and passwords to be saved in a plain text file on the server, upgrading to the Rumpus server daemon 4.1.2 is strongly recommended. Please also delete existing anonymous password log files. The only other change in this release is that several “Helpful Info” articles have been updated with additional help information.

Version 4.1.3

A bug which caused truncation of large files stored in the WFM template folder has been corrected. The Progress Indicator pop-up window is no longer closed when the browser delays sending the file being uploaded. WFM uploads where no file is selected no longer trigger upload notices by default. Added some error checking and efficiency improvements to WFM URL parsing. Added support for “crypt” password encoding in user accounts database.

Version 4.0

Rumpus 4.0 represented essentially a ground-up rewrite for Mac OS X. This major update includes separation of the Rumpus server (now a Unix daemon process) and the control application, reorganization of the entire user interface, now presented in a full Aqua appearance, simplified installation and management, optimization for Unix networking and CPU usage, and much more. For users of Mac OS X, an update to Rumpus 4.0 is highly recommended.