

How to obtain and extract software from the MMRS download site

Software and install instructions provided by MMRS for the use of state agencies are disseminated from the MMRS website at this link:

<http://www.mmrs.state.ms.us/Downloads/index.shtml>

This is the Software Downloads page of the MMRS website and is where you'll find the software with install and configuration instructions for the MELMS and MERLIN applications.



The screenshot shows the MMRS website's Software Downloads page. The browser address bar displays www.mmrs.state.ms.us/Downloads/index.shtml. The page header includes the Mississippi Management & Reporting System logo, the Department of Finance & Administration (DFA) logo, and navigation links such as ABOUT US, FAQs, CONTACT US, and RESOURCE LINKS. A search bar with a 'SEARCH' button and a 'Help' link is also present. The main content area features a 'Software Downloads' section with a table listing applications: MELMS, MELMS - SPB, and MERLIN - Cognos. To the right of the table, text explains that MELMS and MERLIN applications require proprietary software and that installation guides are provided upon request. A note at the bottom states that the VPN client (Cisco VPN) is available for MMRS use only.

Software Downloads
MELMS
MELMS - SPB
MERLIN - Cognos

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The MELMS and MERLIN applications require proprietary software to enable additional functionality. Software and Installation Guides are provided to state agencies upon request, once licensing requirements have been met. Downloads are available for the MELMS (Oracle, Cognos, Pathlore, MELMS Catalog) and MERLIN (Cognos, MERLIN Catalog) applications. Click an application on the left for more information.

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Select the link for the application you need. The downloads page for that application will open.

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For example, the downloads page for “MERLIN- Cognos” looks like this:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying www.mmrs.state.ms.us/Downloads/MERLIN_-_Cognos.shtml. The page header includes the Mississippi Management & Reporting System logo and navigation links such as HOME, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, MAGIC, INITIATIVES, TRAINING, CUSTOMER SUPPORT, SOFTWARE DOWNLOADS, QUICK LOGIN, ARCHIVES, and RSS Feeds. A sidebar on the left lists software downloads: MELMS, MELMS - SPB, and MERLIN - Cognos. The main content area is titled "Software Downloads" and "MERLIN - Cognos". It contains several paragraphs of text explaining the licensing process, including the requirement for agencies to purchase their own Cognos licenses and maintain them. It also provides links for detailed installation instructions, including CAE Release Documentation, Cognos Installation Instructions, and Cognos Scheduler Setup Documentation. A section titled "Click on a link to begin the software download:" lists various files for download, such as CAE Software, CAE Software (64 bit), Cognos Software, Cognos IMPROMPTU.INI File, MERLIN/Cognos Configuration File, MERLIN Reporting Folder, MERLIN Catalog, and MERLIN Catalog Update. At the bottom, there are instructions for downloading Adobe Reader and WinZip if they are not installed on the user's PC.

Software Downloads

MERLIN - Cognos

Agencies are responsible for purchasing their own [Cognos Impromptu User licenses](#) and keeping the annual maintenance for these licenses current. The supported version of the Cognos software, as well as the other software needed to create MERLIN reports is available on this page via secured links. Access to the links on this page is granted to an agency once the number of Cognos licenses is verified.

Cognos license information should be updated, as necessary, on the Agency Information form in the MERLIN signup database.

Before a new version of Cognos or a new MERLIN catalog is ready for implementation, the MERLIN technical contact specified on the Agency Information form will be notified by the MMRS Network staff. Once Cognos license information is verified, the technical contact will be granted access to the appropriate links to download instructions and software.

This page provides installation instructions and downloads for the following: COGNOS software, CAE Software and MERLIN Catalog. Contact the MMRS Call Center at 601-359-1343 for assistance.

Click on a link for detailed instructions in installing the software.

[CAE Release Documentation](#)
[Cognos Installation Instructions](#) (COGNOS software and MERLIN Catalog).
[Cognos Scheduler Setup Documentation](#)

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[CAE Software \(64 bit\)](#)
[Cognos Software](#)
[Cognos IMPROMPTU.INI File](#)
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[MERLIN Catalog Update](#)

If Adobe® Reader® is not loaded on your PC, you will see a window with "Save, Open, Cancel" options. Select "Cancel" to close the window and then click the following link: "[Get Acrobat Reader](#)" to download. The software is free.

If WinZip® is not loaded on your PC, you will see a window with "Save, Open, Cancel" options. Select "Cancel" to close the window and then click the following link: "[WinZip](#)" to download. The software is free.

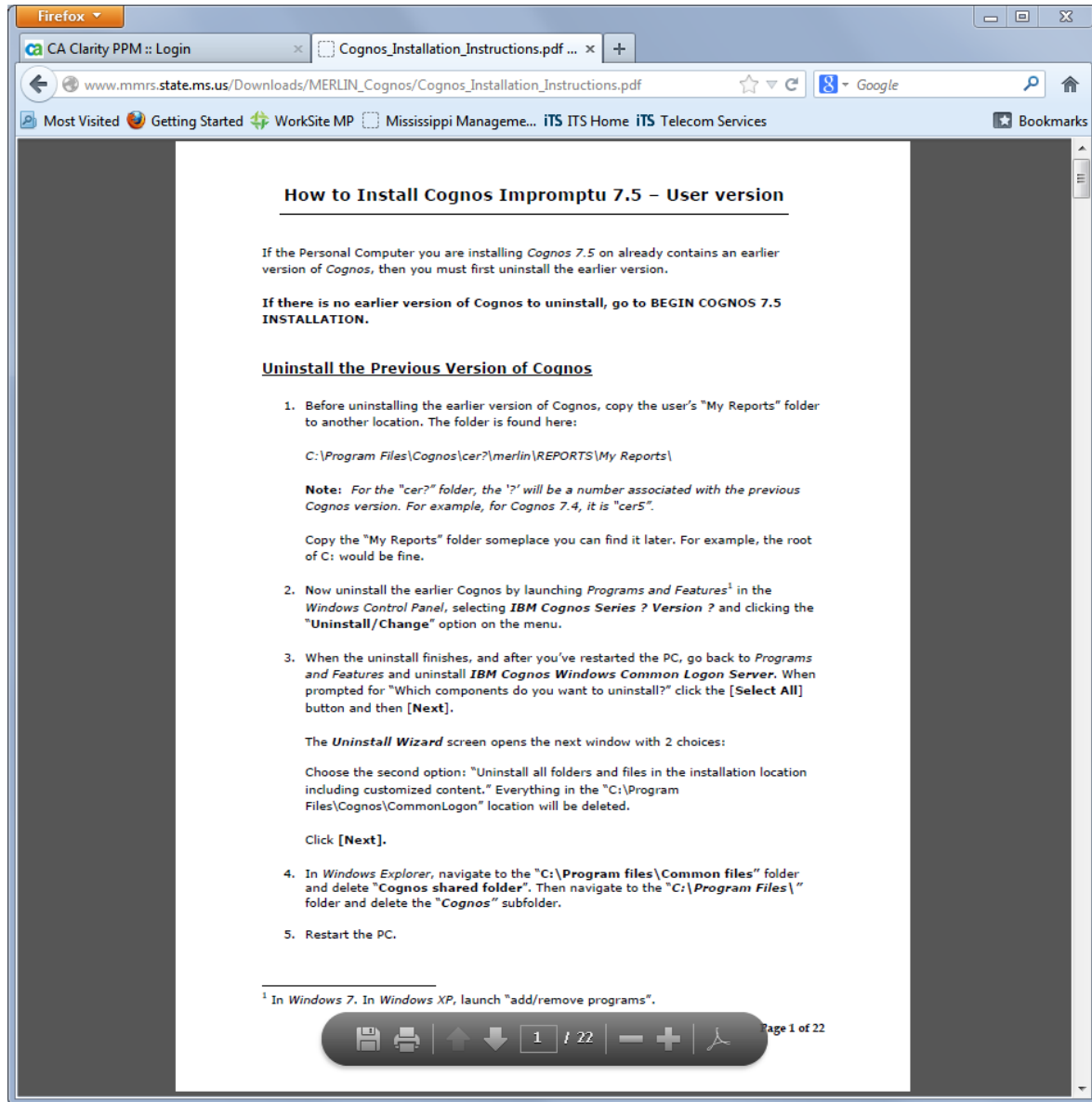
When you click on a link to open a document of install instructions or to download software, you'll be prompted for a username and password. Like this:

The image shows a dialog box titled "Authentication Required" with a question mark icon. The text inside says "Enter username and password for http://www.mmrs.state.ms.us". There are two input fields: "User Name:" and "Password:". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

Enter the **User Name** and **Password** that were provided by e-mail to your agency's Technical contact.

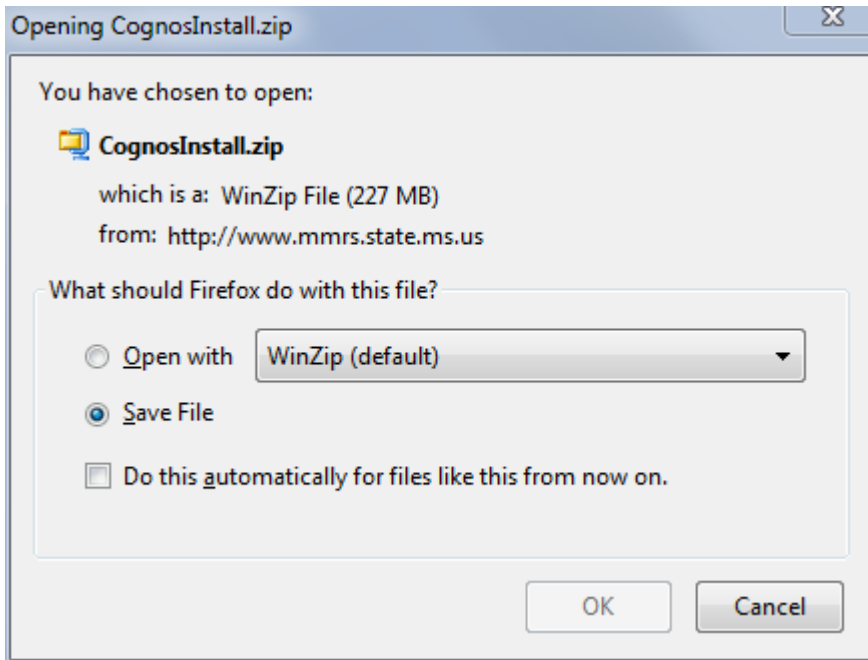
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Documentation is in PDF (Adobe Acrobat) format and will display in your browser (requires a PDF viewer plugin) where you save or print it:



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Software downloads will open a window prompting you to specify a location to save the file (or open it):



Most of the software is downloaded as a single zip (compressed) file that can be extracted with the WinZip software, but Windows also has the capability to view and extract zipped files.

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