

# Updated Visual Studio plugin for Rally

(version 3.0)

## What is it?



The Visual Studio Plugin v3.0 is an update to the Rally Visual Studio plugin: a component that can be installed into Visual Studio 2012 or 2013. It allows developers to view and update Rally ALM work items without ever leaving the VS IDE, where they spend the majority of their time.

This update is especially valuable to organizations that are using Single Sign On (SSO) to authenticate with Rally.

Previous versions of the plugin required SSO-enabled customers to maintain user whitelists in order to use the plugin, which is manually intensive and can violate organization security policies. Version 3.0 resolves this with support for SSO authentication within the plugin itself.

## Why an updated Visual Studio Plugin?

The updated Visual Studio Plugin now supports SSO using SAML, allowing customers to authenticate using their identity provider (e.g. Okta, Ping, etc) from within the plugin.

This means that customers no longer need to maintain user whitelists within Rally in order to use the plugin. In many cases, customers who have declined to use the plugin because of the inability to authenticate with SSO/SAML will now be able to do so.

There are several other features that have been included in this release as well, including the ability to run multiple instances of Visual Studio on a single machine concurrently with the plugin

running in all instances at once. Previously, only one instance of Visual Studio could utilize the plugin at once.

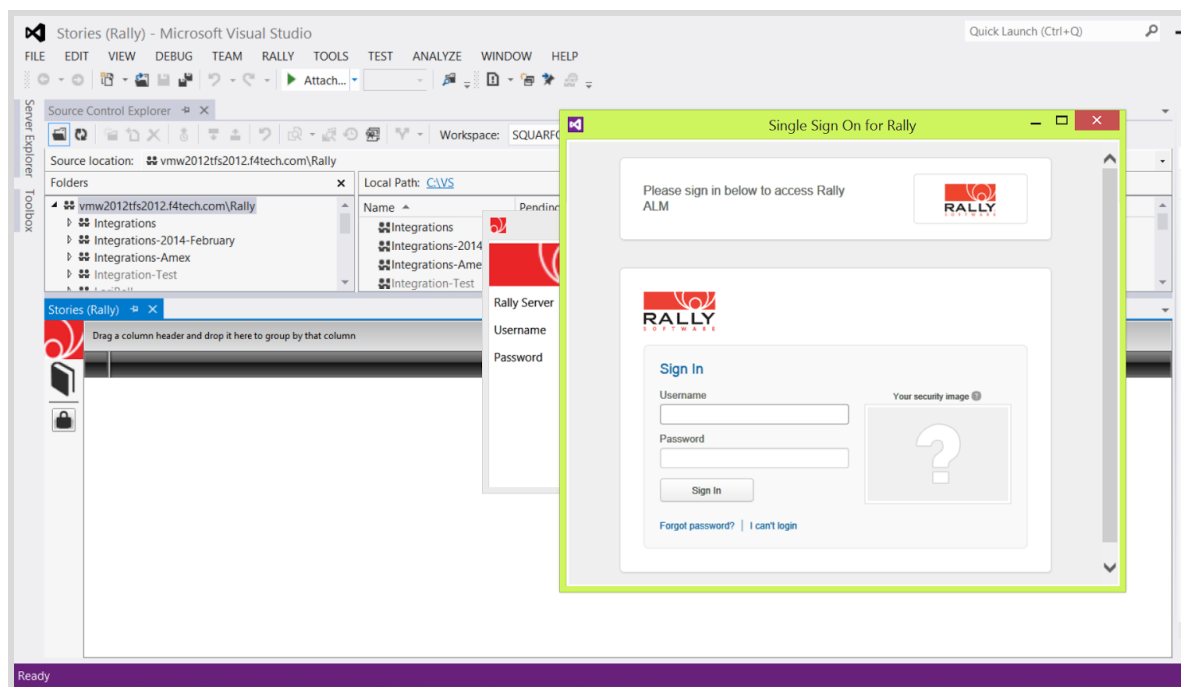
## Who gets it?

Any customer who does software development using Visual Studio can use the Rally plugin for Visual Studio. The new plugin supports Visual Studio 2012 and Visual Studio 2013.

## Where is it?

The Visual Studio plugin can be downloaded from the [Rally Integrations page](#), as well as from the [Microsoft Visual Studio Gallery](#).

## What's different?



- Support for Single Sign on using SAML for SSO-enabled Rally Customers
- Support for multiple concurrent instances of Visual Studio
- Inline update of Owner Field
- Schedule state field UX enhancements

## Where can I learn more?

- Read the [User Guide](#)