



HCL Connections

6.5: Key Features and Benefits

Thousands of companies around the world rely on HCL Connections to simplify work and create a more engaged organization — it's the only enterprise collaboration platform centered on the true driver of your business, your people. Now, Connections 6.5 has powerful new features to drive adoption and builds a foundation for future releases:

Here are a few of the specific features and benefits you can expect with this latest release:

Feature	Benefit	Business Value
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NEW FEATURES DRIVE ADOPTION AND ENGAGEMENT

Sidebar	Bring your community with you, with an “always-on” dashboard that connects your users to Connections from anywhere in your IT environment.	Employees spend 2.5 hours — every day — searching for the information and expertise needed to do their jobs. Connections Sidebar helps solve this.
Touchpoint	Grow your communities faster with Connections Touchpoint — an onboarding wizard that connects employees to the communities and content they need.	69% of employees are more likely to stay with a company for more than 3 years if they have a great onboarding experience — Touchpoint simplifies this process.
Kudos Activities Plus	Do more with enhanced Kudos Activities. Plus, rapid, agile project management for every employee.	Online file repositories are where projects and collaboration go to die. Give your teams lightweight project management capabilities to reach their goals faster.
Docker-enabled	Docker has unsurpassed standardization and flexibility.	Docker enables faster installs and makes upgrades easier as we deliver on our commitment to continuous upgrade cycles.
Elasticsearch	Now standardized with the industry best.	Reduces server and admin costs.
Customizer Lite	Get faster configuration and upgrades.	Greatly simplifies upgrades for customized environments and accelerates adoption for new features.
Cloud options	Deploy Connections on-premises or run it in the cloud; you will receive all of the latest features and updates as soon as they are available.	Work with our HCL Cloud Hosting Partners to align your deployment with your IT strategy. On-premises, private cloud or multi-tenant cloud.

LONG-STANDING CONNECTIONS VALUE

Orient Me	A personalized homepage pulls together the most relevant updates from your network and ensures that important contacts and communities are nearby.	Simplifies daily work — everything happening in your network and the work that needs input is prioritized and easy to find and filter.
Communities	Easily organize your teams and content around common goals or projects to get work done, faster.	Cross-team interactions are more natural, and it's easy to find, share, and organize work and projects.
Expertise Discovery	Connections knows who has expertise in which subjects, letting you quickly and easily find the experts and answers you need by searching co-worker profiles, content, and activities.	Act and react quickly by finding the answers you need; promote your own expertise to help others across the organization.

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