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Edge Filer User Guide

This document describes how to use HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer.

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Preface

About this document

Hitachi Content Platform Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer enables local access to a global; file system. End users can access and manage their files from either Windows Explorer or macOS Finder.

Document conventions

This document uses the following typographic convention:

Convention	Description
Bold	• Indicates text in a window, including window titles, menus, menu options, buttons, fields, and labels. Example: Click **OK**. • Indicates emphasized words in list items.
Italic	Indicates a document title or emphasized words in text.
`Monospace`	Indicates text that is displayed on screen or entered by the user. Example: `pairdisplay -g oradb`

Intended audience

This document is intended for Hitachi Content Platform Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer end users to access and manage their files from either Windows Explorer or macOS Finder.

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Chapter 1. Displaying Hitachi Content Platform Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer Content in a File Manager

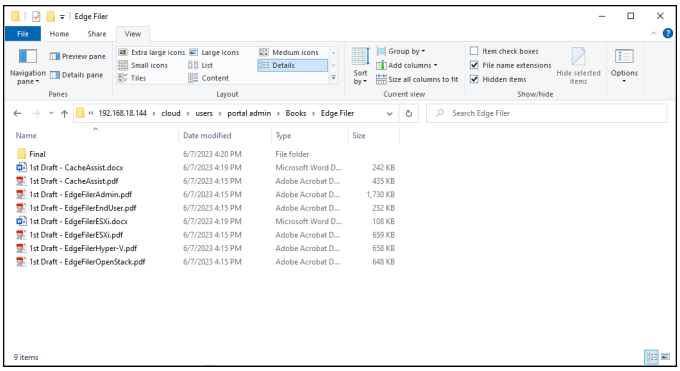
You can map the HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer content in a file manager, Windows Explorer or macOS Finder, and end users can the access their data in a familiar way.

To view the edge filer content from a file manager:

- Use the following address to access the folders and files from a file manager, for example, Windows File Explorer or macOS Finder: `\\edge_filer_ip\cloud` where *edge_filer_ip* is the IP address of the HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer.

When accessing the Edge Filer from a macOS machine, you need to follow the procedure in *Accessing an HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer From macOS* in the *HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer Administration Guide*.

The following screenshot shows an edge filer accessed from Windows File Explorer.



Both Windows File Explorer and macOS Finder report that the total space and available free space for the mapped drive is a very high number to simulate the caching ability of infinite storage.

Note: The HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer user interface is case sensitive, so file and folder names with the same characters, but different cases, such as *MYFOLDER*, *MyFolder* and *myfolder* are different folders. When connecting to the HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer using Windows File Sharing, SMB protocol, which is not case-sensitive, these folders or files are treated as having the same name.

Chapter 2. Overlay Icons Used in the File Manager

When viewing the cloud drive content, folders and files are marked with icons indicating the current status:

macOS: – Folders or files that are not stubs as they are saved locally.

– Files that are currently synchronizing between the HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer and HCP Anywhere Enterprise Portal.

– Files that are stubs. The main storage is on the HCP Anywhere Enterprise Portal in the cloud with stubs saved on the HCP Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer. A stub is a file with a tiny footprint that contains the metadata about the file, such as the file name, size, and modification date. Only the folder and file metadata and not the actual file content is saved locally. This results in the cost of storage being significantly lower. Also, systems with many file changes, where only some of the files are required locally, don't over use bandwidth between the cloud and Hitachi Content Platform Anywhere Enterprise Edge Filer. Only the required files are passed across the wire.

When a user accesses a file stub, the file is downloaded and opened without delay, and where possible, large files are streamed from the cloud so they can be accessed faster. After the download has completed, the file is *unstubbed*. Any changes to the file are synced back to the HCP Anywhere Enterprise Portal.

Chapter 3. Versions

A new version of a file is saved every time the file is edited, and not just daily. You can access a previous version using the file manager previous versions.

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