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Connection is an entity that links a Vendor's product to a hub with the purpose of deploying this product on the corresponding commerce system and enabling its provisioning and fulfillment functions.

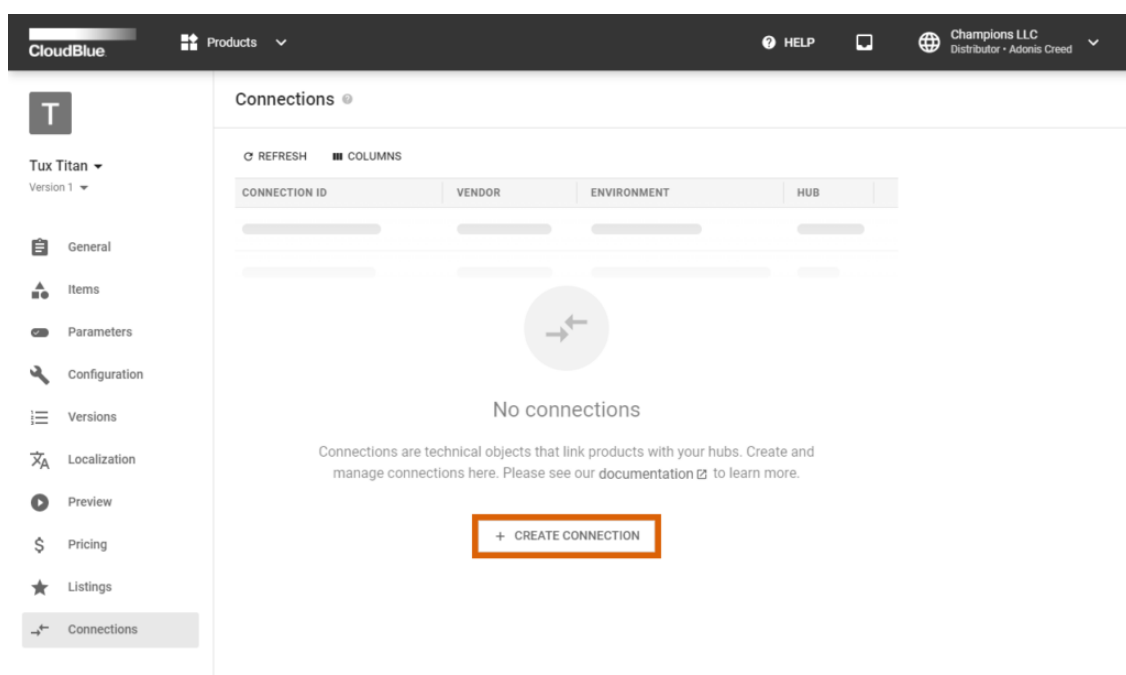
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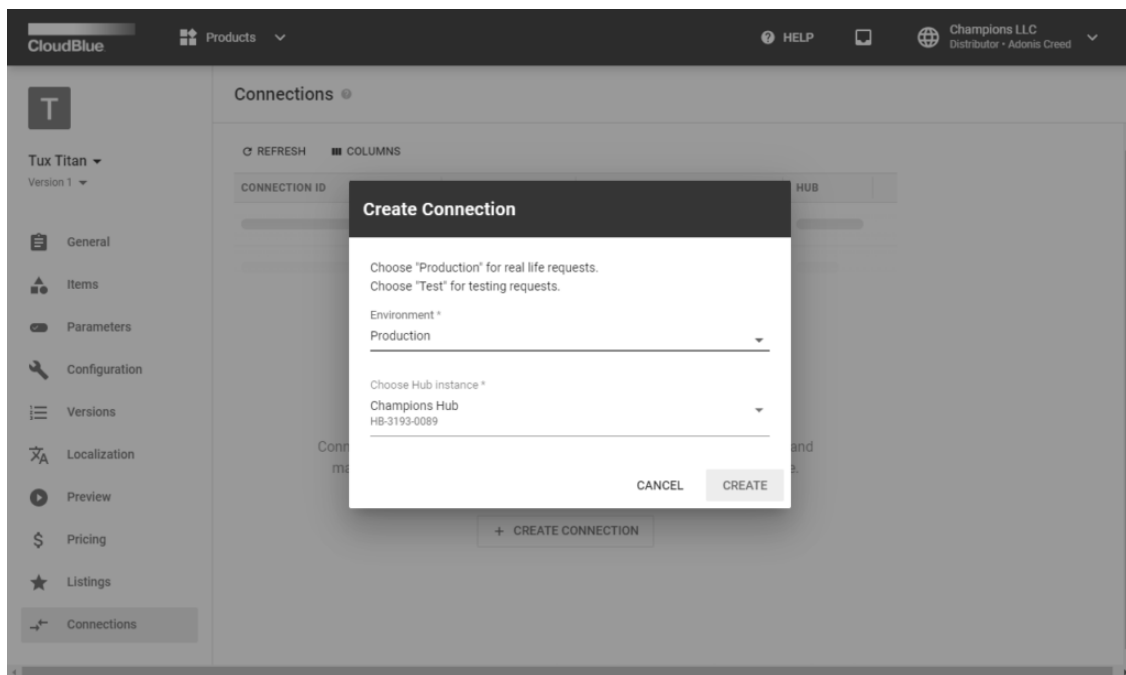
In order to be able to create a product connection, the following pre-conditions must be satisfied:

- A least one commerce system hub should be registered via the Hubs section of the Marketplace module;
- A signed distribution contract with a product vendor;
- Vendor should have a published Version of a product.
- There should be a Listing request for a vendor's product;
- The listing request should be sent to the Distributors for a review .

Connection Creation

It is important to note that your created connection objects **cannot** be removed and its properties **cannot** be modified. Follow the steps below to successfully create a connection object on the CloudBlue Connect platform:





1. Navigate to the **Products** module.
2. Click on the product name that you want to create a connection for.
3. Switch to the **Connections** section via the left menu panel.
4. Click the **Create Connection** button.
5. Input the required connection parameters as follows:
 - **Environment** – can be either **Test** or **Production**. This determines what kind of fulfillment requests will be created under this connection;
 - **Choose Hub instance** – provides a list of hubs owned by the Distributors. to deploy the product to.



Note

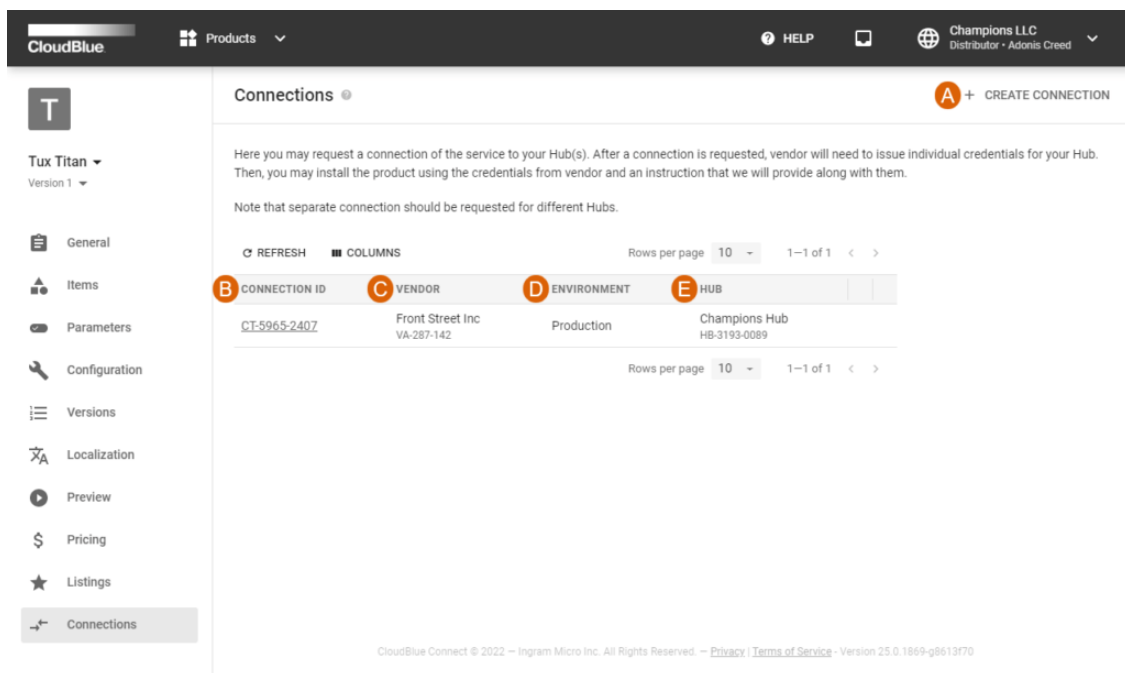
The system allows creating one connection for one hub, either *Test* or *Production*. Changing your selection at a later stage is **not possible**.

6. Click the **Create** button to complete the connection creation process.

As a result, your configured connection object should be displayed within the **Connections** list.

Connections List

Once at least one connection is created, the Connection section displays a list of your created connection objects:



Connections ⓘ A + CREATE CONNECTION

Here you may request a connection of the service to your Hub(s). After a connection is requested, vendor will need to issue individual credentials for your Hub. Then, you may install the product using the credentials from vendor and an instruction that we will provide along with them.

Note that separate connection should be requested for different Hubs.

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B CONNECTION ID	C VENDOR	D ENVIRONMENT	E HUB
CT-5965-2407	Front Street Inc VA-287-142	Production	Champions Hub HB-3193-0089

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The numbered points functions as below:

- A: The **Create Connection** button allows creating additional connections for the same product.
- B: The **Connection ID** column shows the Connect IDs of created connections. Click on this ID to access the **Connection details** screen.
- C: The **Vendor** column shows the account name and ID of the vendor who created and listed the product.
- D: The **Environment** column shows the environment type (*Test* or *Production*) configured during connection creation.
- E: The **Hub** column shows the name and ID of the hub to which the product is to be deployed.

Connection Details Screen

The **Connection Details** screen can be accessed by clicking on a Connection ID from the Connection section. This screen provides multiple tabs that provides various information:

The screenshot shows the 'Connection details' page in the CloudBlue interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with options: General, Items, Parameters, Configuration, Versions, Localization, Preview, Pricing, Listings, and Connections (highlighted). The main content area displays the following details:

- Connection ID:** CT-5965-2407. The identifier of the connection.
- Vendor account ID:** VA-287-142. The account identifier of the vendor, who provides the product to the product.
- Vendor account name:** Front Street Inc. The account name of the vendor, who provides the product to the product.
- Provider account ID:** PA-469-206. The account identifier of the provider who issued the request.
- Provider account name:** Champions LLC. The account name of the provider who issued the request.
- Product ID:** PRD-465-527-069. The identifier of the product.
- Product name:** Tux Titan. The name of the product.

The screenshot shows the 'Connection details' page in the CloudBlue interface, specifically the 'Notes' section. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot. The main content area displays the following details:

- Product name:** Tux Titan. The name of the product.
- Product version:** Version 1 (Always latest). The version of the product that will be installed.
- Environment:** Production. Type of provider's environment where the product is installed. Describes the purpose of using.
- Hub instance:** Champions Hub - (HB-3193-0089). The Provider's Hub instance where the product is installed.
- Notes:** Connection notes. A text area with a character count: lines: 1 words: 5 36 symbols. A 'SAVE NOTES' button is visible at the bottom.

- **Vendor account** showcases the account ID and name of the Vendor associated with this connection.
- **Provider (Distributor) account** shows the account ID and name of the Distributor associated with this connection.
- The **Product** section shows the ID, name, and version of the product associated with this connection.
- The **Environment** section shows the environment type (*Test* or *Production*) configured during connection creation and the name and ID of the hub to which the product is to be deployed.
- The **Notes** section provides an ability to put down additional details about the connection, which could be seen by all

Connect users that are managing the connections for the current Distributor. The field provides basic formatting options and the **Save Notes** button needs to be pressed to propagate the changes to the system.