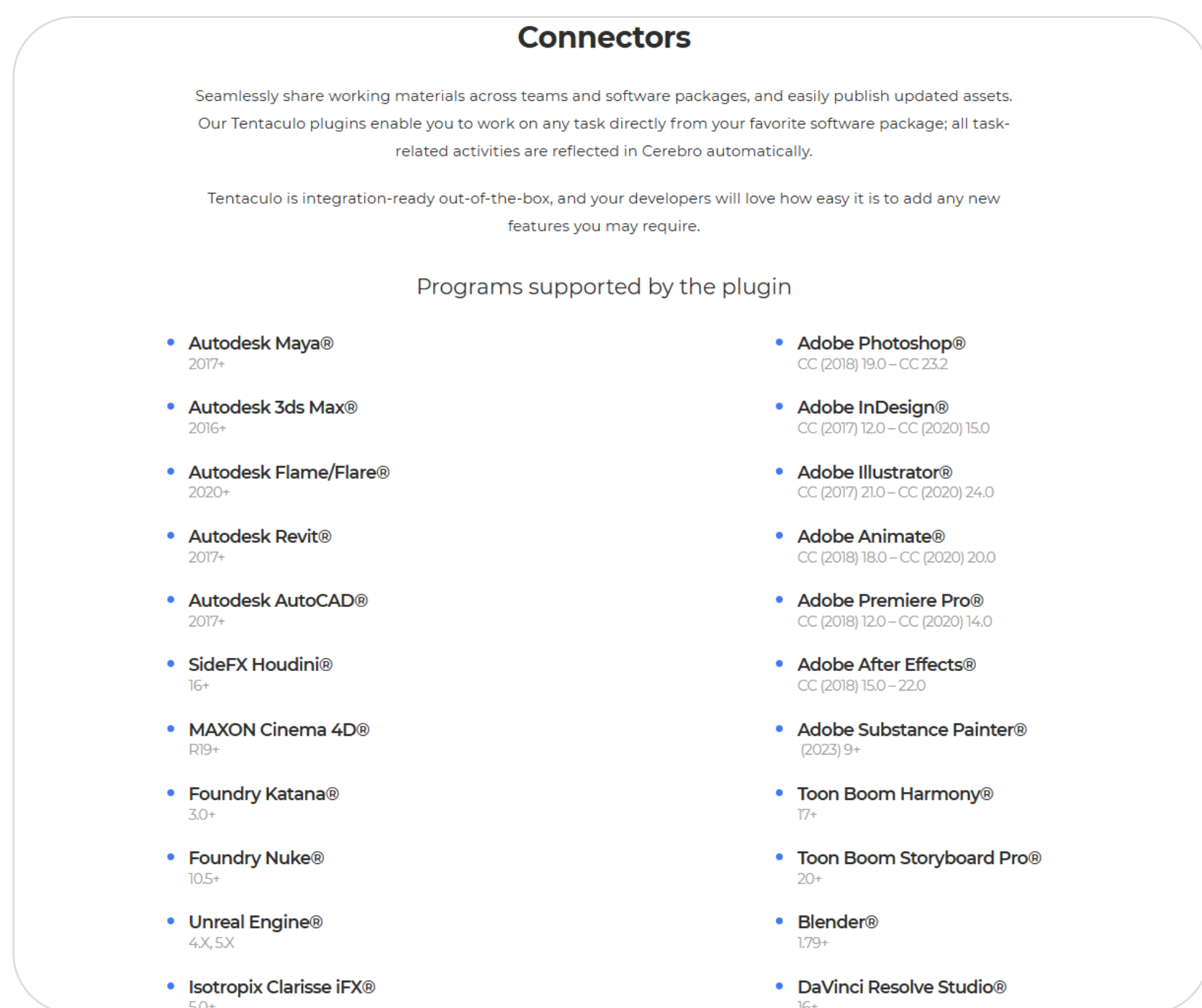


How to Connect and Configure Tentaculo

1 Purpose



Tentaculo is a Cerebro module for file management and application integration (Maya, Nuke, Photoshop, and other Digital Content Creation (DCC) applications).

With Tentaculo, you can:

- connect local and cloud storage (FTP, Amazon S3, Google Drive)
- configure naming and versioning rules
- publish results directly from your applications

2 How to connect



To start using Tentaculo, open:
Tools → Administrator → Tentaculo

You can enable Tentaculo for the entire team:

- > **Built-in Tentaculo**
- >> **Use built-in Tentaculo**

Or test it on your device:
> **Debug mode** (available only to users with Debug mode enabled)
>> **Use built-in Tentaculo for debugging**

3 How to Configure

To configure Tentaculo, create a **json** file and upload it through the Cerebro interface. The minimum required sections:

- protocol**
access type (network, local, or Cargador) defined globally for all DCC applications or individually per application
- project_path**
project root paths (network or local folders)
- file_path**
file structure template using variables.

Additional parameters allow you to adapt the configuration to your pipeline. Full specifications are available in the [Cerebro documentation](#)

Example of a Tentaculo configuration **json** file used in Cerebro to define file storage and publishing paths.

In this example, project files are stored on a local network server, and the folder structure mirrors the task hierarchy in Cerebro.

```
{
  "file_path": {
    "folder_path": "",
    "task_activity": "",
    "name": "${task_parent_name}_${task_name}",
    "ver_padding": 3,
    "ver_prefix": "_v",
    "local": "${task_parent_path}",
    "publish": "${task_parent_path}",
    "version": "${task_parent_path}/versions"
  },
  "project_path": {
    "paths": [
      "//server/projects"
    ]
  },
  "protocol": {
    "all": [
      "network"
    ]
  }
}
```

Structure overview

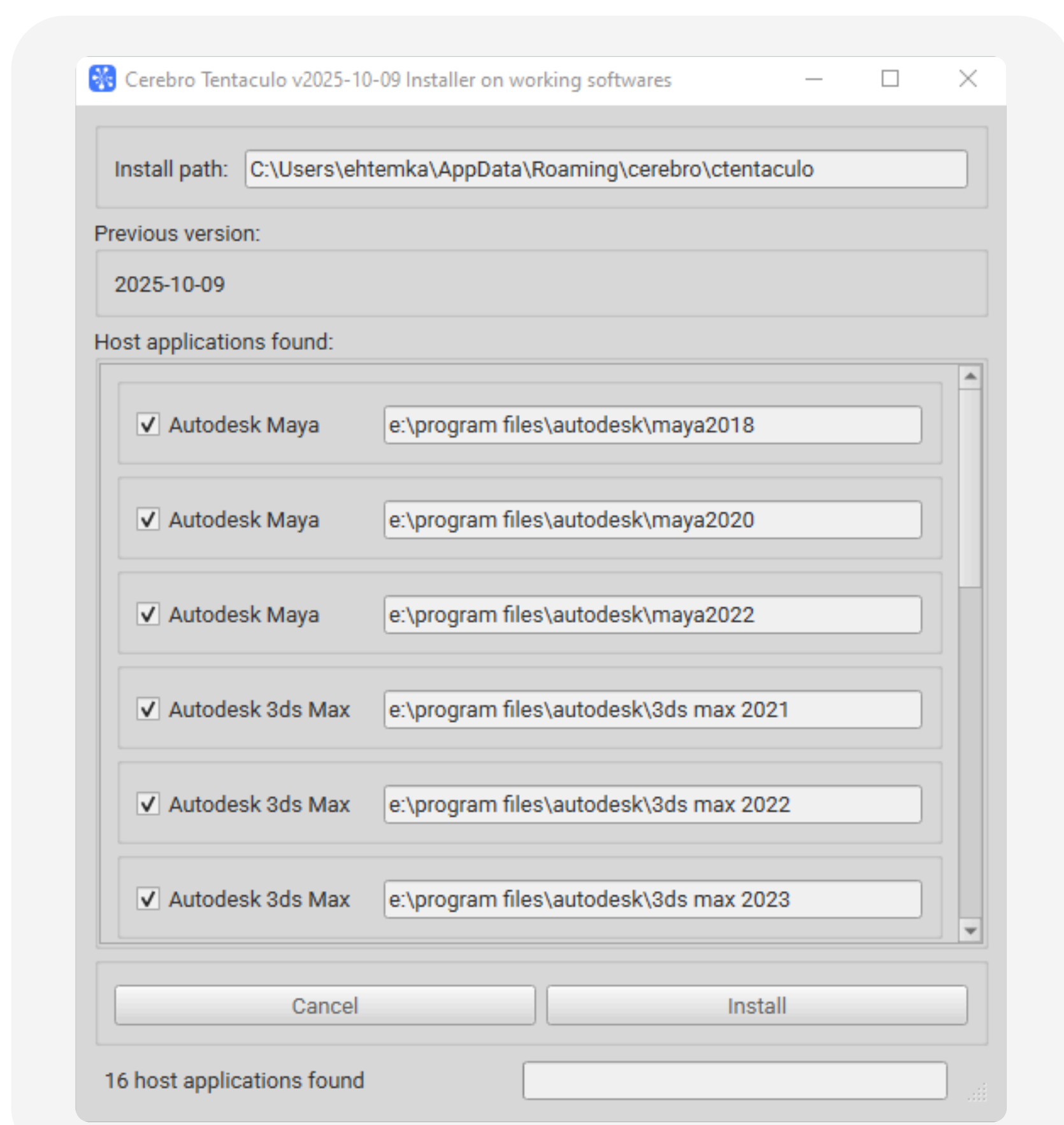
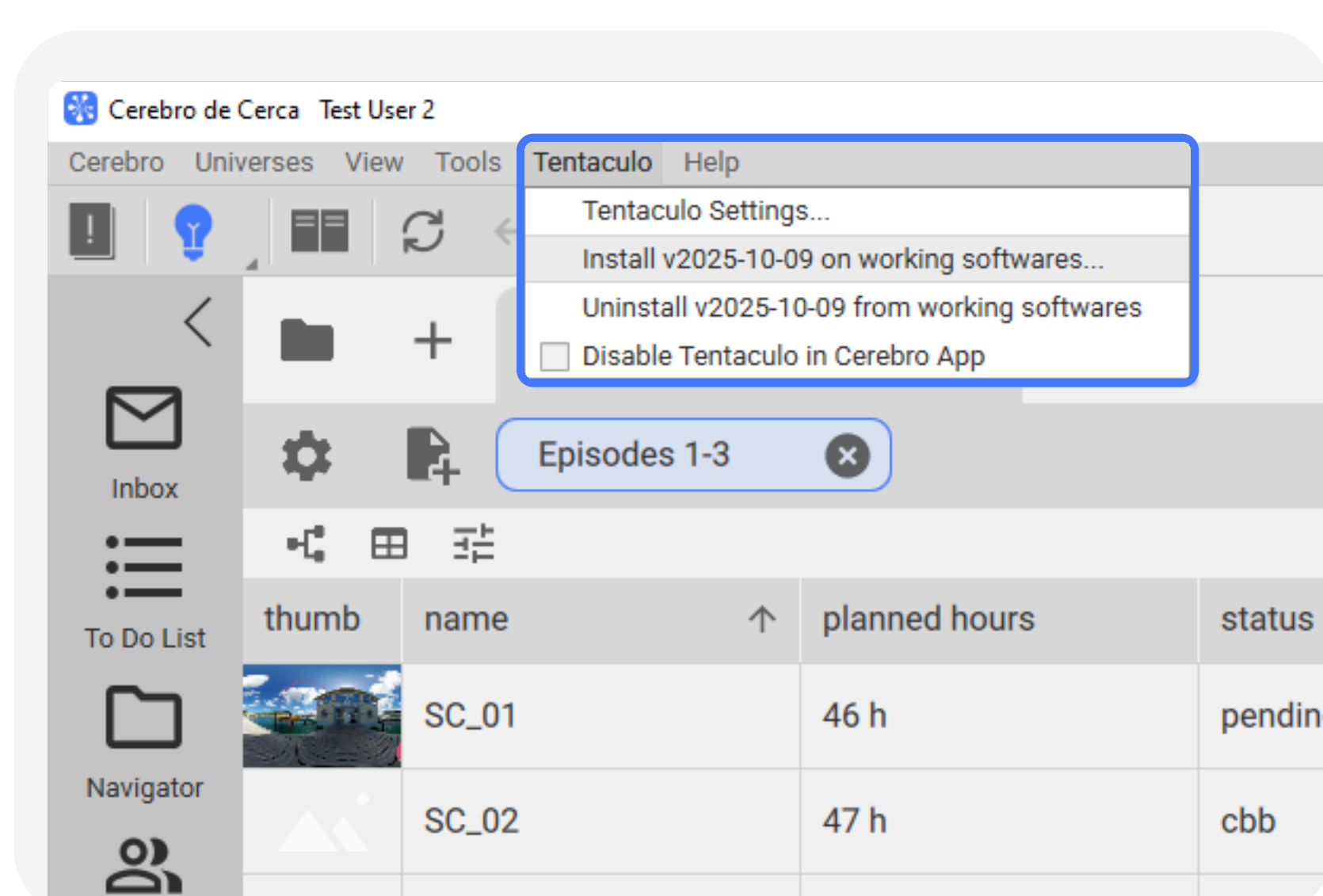
- protocol**
defines access protocols (in the example "all": ["network"])
- project_path**
specifies project locations
paths – list of server directories ("//server/projects")
- file_path**
defines file naming and placement rules for task files:
folder_path – path or list of paths in Cerebro up to the start of the project branch where the rules will be applied (usually the project name or a project section)
task_activity – task activity type
name – filename template (\${task_parent_name}_\${task_name})
ver_padding **ver_prefix** – versioning parameters (_v001)
local, publish, version – paths for working files, published files, and file versions

After uploading the configuration, Tentaculo automatically generates filenames and saves files to the correct directories.

4 Continue Setup

Click **Upload (debug)** configuration from file.

5 Download and Install



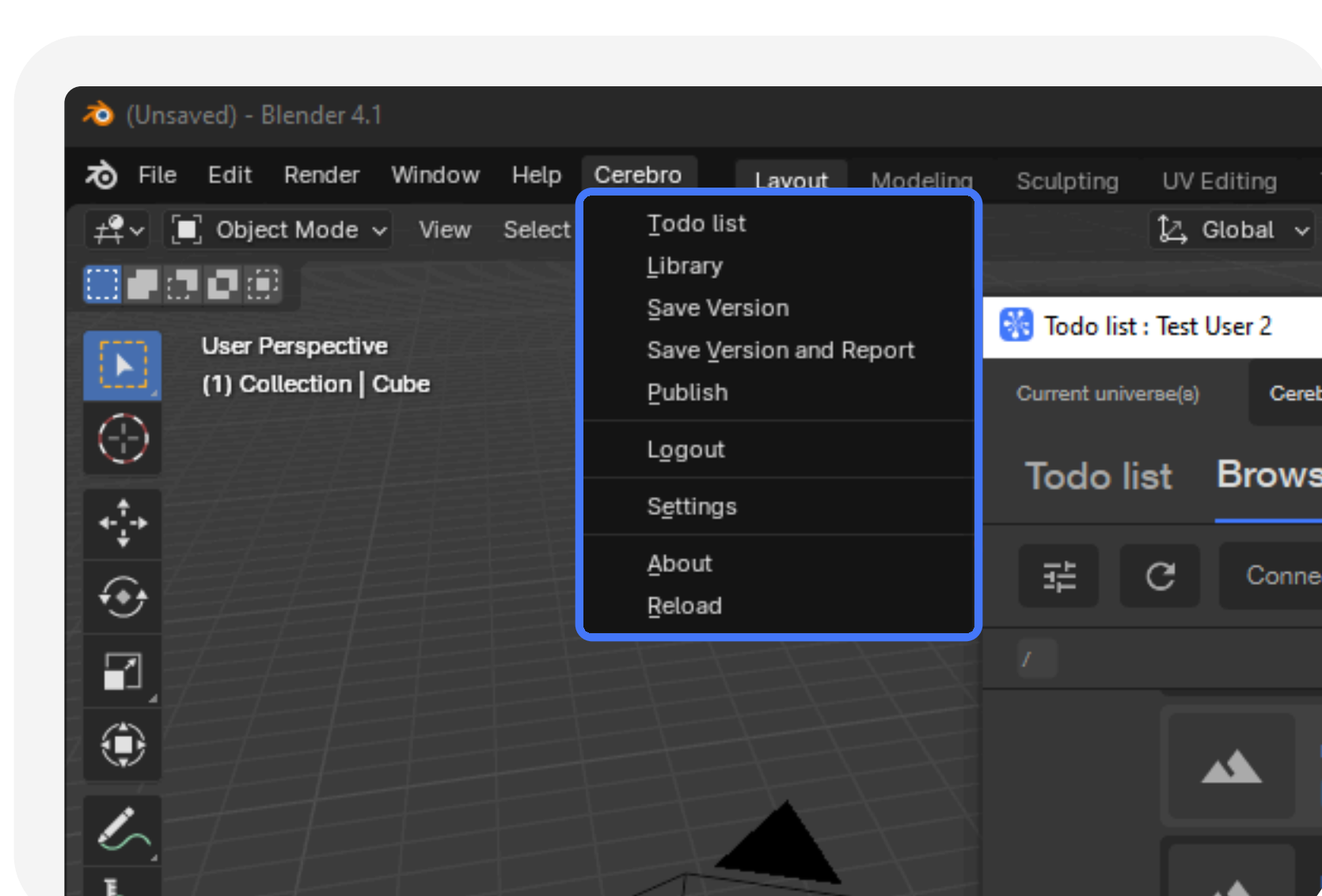
After Tentaculo is enabled, the main plugin is downloaded and installed.

A Tentaculo item appears in the application's main menu. If Tentaculo is enabled for the entire team (not only in Debug mode), the plugin is automatically installed for all Cerebro users.

Click **Install**. Tentaculo will detect installed DCC applications and offer to install the required plugins.

To remove the integration, click **Uninstall**.

6 Launch



After installation, the Cerebro menu appears in your applications.

In some cases, you may need to restart the operating system and the application for environment variable changes to take effect.

From this menu, you can:

- start working on tasks
- publish file versions
- manage version history and links directly in your working environment.