

## Oracle GlassFish Server: Frequently Asked Questions

### Overview

Oracle GlassFish Server is based on GlassFish Server Open Source Edition, an open source application server launched in 2005 and delivered by the GlassFish Community. Oracle GlassFish Server is a robust open source platform that offers exhaustive and accessible documentation, intuitive administration and configuration features, interoperability with Microsoft Windows, feature-rich integration with NetBeans and Eclipse, and alignment with Oracle Solaris, OpenSolaris, and MySQL.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Oracle GlassFish Server is the first application server to support Java Platform, Enterprise Edition 6 (Java EE 6). Get answers now to the questions most frequently asked about this solution.

#### **What is the relationship between Sun GlassFish Enterprise Server and Oracle GlassFish Server?**

Sun GlassFish Enterprise Server was renamed Oracle GlassFish Server in February 2010 when Oracle Corporation acquired Sun Microsystems.

#### **When should I deploy Oracle GlassFish Server 2 versus Oracle GlassFish Server 3?**

Oracle GlassFish Server 2 is best for deployments that require support for Java Platform, Enterprise Edition 5 (Java EE 5) standard, centralized administration, or clustering support for high availability. Oracle GlassFish Server 3 is ideal for organizations that want to leverage Java EE 6 standard, improve developer productivity, and enable lightweight deployments using the Java EE 6 Web Profile. It also offers service availability through the mod\_jk load balancing.

#### **How can I purchase Oracle GlassFish Server?**

Customers interested in purchasing Oracle GlassFish Server can get more information by calling +1.800.ORACLE1.

#### **What is the difference between Sun GlassFish Enterprise Manager and Oracle GlassFish Server Control?**

Sun GlassFish Enterprise Manager will be rebranded as Oracle GlassFish Server Control in the next release of the product.

#### **Where can I go to obtain Oracle GlassFish Server Control?**

Oracle GlassFish Server Control is currently available as Sun GlassFish Enterprise Manager to those who have purchased a license of Oracle GlassFish Server. Customers can contact sales at +1.800.ORACLE1 to learn more.

#### **Does Oracle GlassFish Server include all Oracle GlassFish Server Control features?**

All Oracle GlassFish Server Control features are available with an Oracle GlassFish Server license.

#### **Can I evaluate Oracle GlassFish Server or Oracle GlassFish Server Control before purchasing a subscription?**

Yes. Organizations interested in evaluating the technology can download it from e-delivery.

#### **I am on a maintenance contract for an older version of Oracle GlassFish Server. Can I upgrade to the latest version of Oracle GlassFish Server at no charge?**

Customers using the legacy Oracle GlassFish Server are able to download Oracle GlassFish Server Open Source Edition. However, if you are interested in support and obtaining the latest software and patches, you will need to purchase a new license for Oracle GlassFish Server. Customers with multiyear subscriptions should contact sales to evaluate migration of their subscriptions to a license. For further information, contact sales at +1.800.ORACLE1.

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**How does Oracle GlassFish Server relate to GlassFish Server Open Source Edition?**

GlassFish Server Open Source Edition is built as an open source project and refers to the open source bits, available at [glassfish.org](http://glassfish.org). Oracle GlassFish Server is Oracle's commercial offering of the open source version of GlassFish Open Source Edition. The commercial offering includes rights to support, patches, and Oracle GlassFish Server Control.

**What is Oracle GlassFish Server's stock-keeping unit (SKU) price, and is it available with the Oracle WebLogic product family?**

Refer to pricing and packaging details on the corporate pricing page at [oracle.com/corporate/pricing/pricelists.html](http://oracle.com/corporate/pricing/pricelists.html).

**How do I obtain a license for a particular version of Oracle GlassFish Server?**

By purchasing Oracle GlassFish Server for your application server infrastructure and by paying for support, you are entitled to run any version of Oracle GlassFish Server that is currently supported at Oracle.

**Will Oracle GlassFish Server remain the reference implementation of Java EE?**

Yes. Oracle takes its commitment to continue its stewardship of Java EE and the delivery of the reference implementation of Java EE very seriously. Oracle GlassFish Server is and will be the reference implementation of Java EE.

**Where can I find more information about support?**

Refer to [oracle.com/support](http://oracle.com/support) for more information or call +1.800.833.3536. You can access support at +1.800.872.4786.



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