

Fusion Middleware Statement of Direction

Guidance on future product plans for the Fusion
Middleware product family.

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Oracle Fusion Middleware directions

Oracle Fusion Middleware is Oracle's digital business platform for the enterprise. It enables businesses to efficiently create and run agile, intelligent applications in client-server, web and cloud environments. Oracle's strategy for Fusion Middleware is to continue to modernize the platform while providing bridging technologies to cloud native application development and deployment.

Fusion Middleware customers can continue to enjoy superior application performance, reliability, and security today with a clear path to next-generation cloud technologies when ready to make that move. Oracle Fusion Middleware customers can migrate to the cloud at their own pace while continuing to receive support for their existing license software for many years to come. Oracle plans no forced upgrades or migrations.

Release details

WebLogic Server and Coherence 14.1.1, which began shipping in March 2020, are the first product releases in the Oracle Fusion Middleware 14.1 product line. They include Java EE 8 and Jakarta EE 8 compatibility, simplified integration with microservices, support for a new open source WebLogic Remote Console, enhancements to Kubernetes tooling and support, Oracle Java SE 8 and 11 certification, GraalVM EE certification, and improvements to Oracle Database integration.

The next planned release of Oracle Fusion Middleware is Oracle Fusion Middleware 14.1.2, which will be built on updated versions of WebLogic Server and Coherence 14.1.2, with features and enhancements in areas such as:

- the latest Java technologies -JDK 8 & 11 runtime, Jakarta EE 8 and GraalVM;
- cloud native application development and deployment, including alignment with Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF) recommended technologies;
- security and compliance enhancements to address modern security and regulatory requirements; and
- interoperability in hybrid cloud and multi-cloud environments.

Middleware products planned for inclusion in 14.1.2 are:

- WebLogic Server and Coherence;
- Oracle HTTP Server;

- JDeveloper and ADF;
- SOA Suite and BPM Suite;
- WebCenter Portal, WebCenter Content, and WebCenter Sites;
- Forms and Reports;
- Oracle Data Integrator and Enterprise Data Quality; and
- GoldenGate Foundation Suite.

Oracle's Identity Management Suite will ship in a subsequent release. Oracle Analytics Server (OAS) plans to uptake 14.1.2 in an annual OAS release after 14.1.2 Release to Manufacturing (RTM).

Oracle is committed to deliver support for Kubernetes for its Fusion Middleware family of products. Currently the following products are supported on Kubernetes:

- Oracle WebLogic Server;
- Oracle Coherence;
- Oracle Access Management;
- Oracle Identity Governance;
- Oracle SOA Suite;
- Oracle Unified Directory;
- Oracle Unified Directory Services Manager;
- Oracle WebCenter Sites;
- Oracle WebCenter Content (ETA 1HCY21)
- Oracle WebCenter Portal (ETA 1HCY21)

Looking ahead, Oracle intends to continue to support the above products on Kubernetes in the Fusion Middleware 14.1.2 release.

Next steps

Oracle has designed its Fusion Middleware product releases to provide an upgrade path for its existing customers to the latest releases. We also offer tools, training and expertise to make those upgrades as smooth as possible. Fusion Middleware customers on older releases should take the following guidance into consideration.

- Oracle Fusion Middleware 11g releases are in Extended Support. Customers are encouraged to upgrade to Oracle Fusion Middleware 12.2.1.4 as soon as possible for on-premises applications or to move to similar Oracle Cloud Services.
- As Fusion Middleware 14.1.2 is a major release for the suite, Oracle intends that customers will be able to upgrade to 14.1.2 when it is released and have the standard five (5) years of Premier Support and three (3) years of Extended Support.

Conclusion

Oracle continues to be a leader in middleware software. We are committed to guide our customers through multiple major industry technology shifts while preserving their investments. With Oracle Fusion Middleware 14c we intend to continue to provide a path to a modern digital business platform on-premises and in the cloud.

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