

# JD Edwards Premier Support and Continuous Delivery FAQ

Premier Support for Oracle JD Edwards is extended through **at least 2030**, reinforcing our commitment to customers and product innovation. A stable and predictable long-term support policy enables customers to maximize and expand their existing investments with ample time for future planning. They can gain access to new features and capabilities as updates to their existing release without having to upgrade, and run the same application on premises or in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (IaaS).

## What are the support dates for JD Edwards products?

For JD Edwards EnterpriseOne 9.2: Premier Support is effective through at least December 2030.

For JD Edwards World A9.4: Premier Support is effective through at least April 2022 and Extended Support through at least April 2025.

JD Edwards EnterpriseOne 9.2 and JD Edwards World A9.4 are referred to as the Continuous Innovation releases for JD Edwards products.

For more information, visit [Oracle's Lifetime Support Policy for Oracle Applications](#).

## I have seen these dates change over the past couple years. Why are changes being made to the support dates for JD Edwards products?

The dates have been pushed out further into the future based upon the move to a Continuous Innovation delivery model for new product releases as well as input from customers.

With the Continuous Innovation delivery model, we plan to deliver all new functionality to JD Edwards products as updates to the existing release; upgrades are not required to gain access to new features and capabilities. All fixes and updates are cumulative and available to all customers in the most current release.

Also, there were situations where our customers were delaying the decision to upgrade to EnterpriseOne 9.2 or World A9.4 releases because it would have resulted in a relatively short Premier Support window. Customers are interested in a JD Edwards solution that provides a solid upgrade ROI and a release with a significantly longer Premier Support horizon.

Oracle wants to reassure JD Edwards customers that they can continue to run the current release of JD Edwards applications with ongoing support and enhancements for the foreseeable future.

### **Will there be further changes to the support dates for JD Edwards products?**

Oracle has no intention to end Oracle Premier Support on the JD Edwards continuous innovation releases. Oracle will provide support through at least 2030 and we are committed to review and update annually—beginning in 2019—to extend support by one year. This provides customers with a rolling window of at least a decade for Oracle Premier Support.

### **What if I'm a customer who has already upgraded to Release 9.2?**

EnterpriseOne 9.2 customers now have increased confidence because they have an expanded support window for 9.2 and will be able to adopt new capabilities when made available by JD Edwards.

### **Do you still plan to deliver the next major release of JD Edwards EnterpriseOne (example, 9.3) approximately 3 years (2018) after the GA of 9.2?**

No. Because we have significantly enhanced our software packaging and delivery processes using our Continuous Delivery model, we are no longer bound to delivering enhancements in major releases. This approach allows our customers to take enhancements when they meet specific business needs without the cost and disruption of a major upgrade. We will continue to follow this new model of delivering enhancement releases on the 9.2 code line.

### **Will you deliver another major EnterpriseOne release?**

We have solid product plans to deliver ongoing releases to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne. As stated above, we plan to do so as a set of easier-to-consume updates on top of the 9.2 release, rather than as a major release. If needed, a future major release is in our roadmap. For example, if a large functional or technology change cannot be delivered effectively as an update enhancement release, this would lead us to consider a new code line split and a major release. We will focus on delivering future new enhancements releases on the 9.2 code line.

### **Does this mean Oracle will no longer deliver enhancements for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne?**

Absolutely not. We will continue delivering enhancements regularly, along with maintenance, regulatory updates, and technology improvements. Our history of delivering enhancements should be nothing new to JD Edwards customers who are on the EnterpriseOne 9.2 release. We have delivered many new releases for the 9.2 code line since the general availability of EnterpriseOne 9.2 in October 2015. For more information, visit the [JD Edwards Product Roadmap](#) or visit the announcements page on [LearnJDE](#).

### **How about JD Edwards World?**

JD Edwards World Release A9.4 will follow a similar model. Future enhancements, regulatory updates, and technology improvements will be delivered on the A9.4 code line.

### **What is Continuous Delivery?**

Continuous Delivery is a software engineering approach in which our teams produce software in short cycles, ensuring that the software can be released at any time. It aims at building, testing, and delivering software faster and more frequently. The approach helps reduce the cost, time, and risk of installing changes as major releases by allowing for more incremental updates from JD Edwards to the applications you have in production.

### **Why is Continuous Delivery the right approach for JD Edwards customers?**

Customer expectations have changed in terms of how they consume new versions of software. These expectations are based on their experience with cloud-based applications and consumer devices such as smartphones. With Continuous Delivery, customers get timely JD Edwards product innovations that support their business needs, without the cost and potential disruption of a major upgrade. Customers no longer want to wait several years to get a new set of features. These incremental enhancements are easier to consume, enabling customers to shorten time-to-value cycles.

### **How have customers responded to Continuous Delivery?**

Very positively! This change has given them even more choice and control. They like the added flexibility this model gives them in terms of when to adopt new releases, the expanded support window, and a simpler approach to maintaining their JD Edwards environments. Customers also like not having to budget or plan for a major upgrade. They can choose and control when to add new functionality, and it is easier, less disruptive, and faster to implement.

### **What are the key advantages for customers?**

Continuous Delivery gives our customers a tool to better align IT and the line of business organizations they support by scheduling the adoption of enhancements based on how they best serve the business rather than on an end-of-support date.

### **Will Oracle end support for EnterpriseOne in 2030 and for World in 2025?**

No. We will evaluate the support dates annually and determine when it makes sense to extend the Premier and Extended Support time horizons. Other Oracle Application lines follow a similar model.

### **How often do you plan to deliver new enhancement releases to the JD Edwards code line?**

We plan to deliver new updates two to three times per year for EnterpriseOne 9.2 and as needed for World A9.4.

### **Why is the support timeline for World A9.4 shorter than EnterpriseOne 9.2?**

This decision was driven by the needs of our customers. Based on discussions with our World customers, most are considering migration to the EnterpriseOne. We will continue to monitor this migration adoption and will make revisions based upon the needs of our customers.

### **Can customers simply upgrade to EnterpriseOne 9.2 and forget about it for the next 5 - 8 years because it will be covered by Premier Support until at least 2025?**

As a best practice, we recommend that customers maintain their environment and stay current on the 9.2 code line by taking regular enhancement releases. Using this methodology will make software updates routine and predictable, if or when customers need a new enhancement to support their line of business or need a technology uplift, for example to support a new browser or database version.

However, customers still have the choice and control over how frequently and when they get to current releases of JD Edwards based on their business needs and cycles. The Continuous Delivery model will require a shift in how customers maintain their JD Edwards environments, and we have a variety of purpose-fit tools that allow customers to evaluate and adopt these enhancement releases.

For more information, visit the *Analyze Your Installation Before Upgrading* section on the [EnterpriseOne Upgrade Resources](#) page on [LearnJDE](#).

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