

JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation “Blue Stack” IBM OEM Agreement

Is Oracle/JD Edwards Ending IBM
WebSphere or IBM i Support in September
2016?

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JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation IBM OEM Agreement

- PeopleSoft acquired JD Edwards in 2003, and an OEM agreement was negotiated with IBM shortly after the acquisition closes
- Allowed JD Edwards and approved business partners to resell restricted use licenses of IBM:
 - WebSphere Application Server (WAS)
 - DB2 Linux Unix Windows (LUW)
 - Note, DB2 for IBM i was never a part of this agreement
 - WebSphere Portal Server (WPS)
- Restricted use means that these products could only be used with JD Edwards
- A customer could choose any JD Edwards supported version of these IBM software products (i.e., WAS Base or WAS ND), and they could be deployed where ever the software was supported (i.e., IBM POWER, x86) and on any amount of CPUs/cores
- JD Edwards provided Level 1 technical support (i.e., usage and defect)
 - Referred problems to IBM Level 2 as necessary
- JD Edwards provided updated versions of these IBM software products to customers as they became available
- Sold as a JD Edwards product with the name “JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation”

OEM Agreement End of Life

- In 2005 Oracle acquires PeopleSoft (and JD Edwards)
- At some point changed licensing of technology for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne to “buy Oracle from Oracle, and IBM from IBM”
- Note that many people referred to the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation as the “Blue Stack,” but “Blue Stack” could also refer to customers using all IBM software with JD Edwards
- Oracle introduced the “Red Stack” offering directly competing with the “Blue Stack”
 - Oracle Application Server then WebLogic Server
 - Oracle Database
 - Oracle WebCenter Portal
- In 2010 Oracle announces plans to end “Blue Stack” OEM agreement with IBM
 - End of sales to new customers 9/16/2010
 - End of sales of additional licenses to existing customers 12/31/2013
 - End of technical support from Oracle 9/30/16 (only for the OEM agreement; not certification support of the IBM software products available from the OEM agreement)
- “My Oracle Support” (MOS) document ID 1232453.1 “Oracle Announces End of IBM Tech Stack Reselling for Net New JD Edwards Customers” contains information on this topic

Does this mean that JD Edwards is dropping support for IBM DB2 or IBM WAS?

- No. It does not affect Oracle's certification roadmap for these products.
- The JD Edwards EnterpriseOne matrix of supported databases, web servers, and portals remains unchanged, including planned support for IBM DB2, IBM WebSphere Application Server, and IBM WebSphere Portal
- This can be verified by examining the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne "Certifications" on Oracle's "My Oracle Support" web site, and by referring to the "JD Edwards EnterpriseOne, Statement of Direction – Platforms (ID: 749393.1)" document also available on "My Oracle Support"
- Customers who are currently running their JD Edwards EnterpriseOne infrastructure using IBM software components can continue to do so regardless of whether they licensed IBM software products via the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation or directly from IBM



Does this mean that JD Edwards is dropping support for IBM i?

- Absolutely not. The JD Edwards EnterpriseOne matrix of supported operating systems remains unchanged, including planned support for IBM i and IBM AIX.
- This can be verified by examining the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne “Certifications” on Oracle’s “My Oracle Support” web site, and by referring to the “JD Edwards EnterpriseOne, Statement of Direction – Platforms (ID: 749393.1)” document also available on “My Oracle Support”
- Customers who are currently running their JD Edwards EnterpriseOne infrastructure on IBM i or IBM AIX using IBM software components can continue to do so regardless of whether they licensed IBM software products via the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation or directly from IBM



How Do I Know Whether This Change Affects Me?

- If your license for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne applications includes an item called “Technology Foundation” or “Technology Foundation Upgrade” (listed on an Oracle Ordering Document), then this change probably DOES affect you.
- If your license for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne applications includes an item called “Oracle Technology Foundation for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne” or “Oracle Technology Foundation for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Upgrade” which is the “Red Stack” offering, then this change probably DOES NOT affect you.
- If you are a JD Edwards World customer and you are not using JD Edwards EnterpriseOne, this change does not affect you.
- Being a “Blue Stack” customer or running IBM software products with a JD Edwards application does not necessarily mean that this change affects you. Customers could have bought IBM software products directly from IBM or an IBM business partner. However, many JD Edwards EnterpriseOne customers purchased the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation, and IBM WebSphere Application Server was a very popular component implemented from the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation.

This Change Affects Me, Now What?

- If a customer wants to continue using IBM software products from the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation/OEM agreement with full support (i.e., usage, defect, new versions, fixes) after September 30, 2016, they will need to purchase unrestricted or full use licenses from IBM or an IBM business partner
- Nothing in the current environment or infrastructure would be impacted with the new licenses. The only change after getting new licenses from IBM would be getting technical support and maintenance and software directly from IBM.
- Current IBM software product version (i.e., WAS ND v8.5.x) and type/count of CPU cores being used (i.e., two IBM POWER7 cores) needs to be determined for pricing
- IBM currently has a WebSphere Application Server promotion in place which offers a discount to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne customers who re-license with IBM. The current IBM promotion for WebSphere Application Server also has the option to include up to two additional years of discounted/prepaid Subscription and Support pricing.
- After getting new licenses from IBM, customers would then need to contact their Oracle sales representative and cancel “Technology Foundation” licensing. A customer’s ability to remove the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation or realize any potential Oracle licensing savings will depend on factors such as the customer contract with Oracle and contract renewal date.

Oracle Sustaining Support

- Some customers have heard that if they remain current on Oracle technical support fees, they will receive “Sustaining Support” for the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation once Premier Support expires on September 30th, 2016. This is true, however, this will really only give customers the ability to call Oracle support for limited usage or rediscovery support.
- Customers on sustaining support will NOT get any new IBM software product versions or fixes from Oracle. For example, IBM just GA'd WAS version 9.0 and JD Edwards is currently testing/certifying it, but this new support probably will not be available until after 9/30/16. WAS v9 will NOT be available to a customer on Oracle sustaining support after 9/30/16. If IBM discovered and patched a security problem with one of its software products, this would NOT be available to a customer on Oracle sustaining support after 9/30/16.
- Customers on Oracle sustaining support will NOT get fixes if they discover a new problem with an IBM software product after 9/30/16.
- IBM views running IBM software products without full support as a risk to the business, and recommends that a customer just license the IBM software product(s) from the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Technology Foundation that they want to continue using. Again, IBM currently has a WebSphere Application Server promotion in place which offers a discount to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne customers who re-license with IBM.

Getting Further Help

- Feel free to reach out to me with any further questions or to discuss your particular environment

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