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ESRI PRODUCT LIFECYCLE SUPPORT POLICY OVERVIEW

The Esri Product Lifecycle Support Policy provides customers with information regarding the level of technical and software support Esri will provide customers during the lifespan of a software product. The ArcGIS Product Lifecycle is a progression of life cycle phases starting with the initial release of a new software product (or a new version of a software product) and ending with the retirement of that version of the product. Each phase of the life cycle includes specific, but different, technical and software support.

Product life cycles also vary by the type of product. For example, most on-premise software products go through a four-phase life cycle, whereas online services and content products typically have a two-phase life cycle.

The Product Lifecycle Phases are described below as well as the technical and software support that is provided for products during each phase of the product life cycle.

ESRI PRODUCT LIFECYCLE POLICY

Product Lifecycle Phases
There are up to four phases to the product lifecycle.

- General Availability (all)
- Extended (four-phase life cycles only)
- Mature (three- and four-phase life cycles)
- Retired (all)

Not all products will use all four phases. For example,

- Software Products
  - Typically have four life cycle phases
  - Life cycle phases are calendar-based, in other words, each phase is normally two years in duration

- Online Services Products
  - Typically have three life cycle phases
  - Life cycle phases are version-based, in other words, the product moves from one phase to the next when a new version of the product is released

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- Data Products
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To review the life cycle for a specific product, please refer to the Product Life Cycle pages and select the product of interest. The Product Life Cycle Pages can be found at: [http://support.esri.com/other-resources/product-life-cycle](http://support.esri.com/other-resources/product-life-cycle)

The chart below shows the four phases of the product life cycle.

### Calendar-based product life cycle
ArcGIS Software Products follow the calendar-based product life cycle. Most calendar-based life cycle phases are two years in duration.

This means that every major release (version x.0) would start in the General Availability phase and would be in the General Availability phase for two years from the release date unless noted otherwise. At the end of two years, it would move into the Extended phase of the product life cycle.
Likewise, secondary version number releases (version x.x) would also start in the General Availability phase upon release and would stay in the General availability phase for two years before moving to the Extended phase.

However, tertiary version number releases (version x.x.x) would follow the life cycle of the major (or secondary) version number release that it follows. For example, a version 5.0.1 release (a tertiary version number release) would be in the same life cycle phase as the 5.0 release (a major version number release), and thus the 5.0.1 release would move to the next life cycle phase synchronous with the 5.0 release.

The following is a hypothetical example of how the calendar-based approach to the product life cycle support process works:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Version</th>
<th>Release Date</th>
<th>General Support</th>
<th>Extended Support</th>
<th>Mature Support</th>
<th>Retired</th>
</tr>
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For details about the life cycle for a particular product, please select the product on: http://support.esri.com/other-resources/product-life-cycle

SOFTWARE PRODUCTS

Software Products generally go through all four lifecycle phases unless noted. Software and technical support for each phase is described below.

General Availability Phase

For products in the General Availability phase, users can expect the following:

Software Support

- Software patches and hot fixes
Provided to customers to resolve significant issues discovered in the product release.

- New environment certification
  - When a major new version of an operating system, database, or web server is released during the General Availability phase of an Esri product, Esri will test this new environment with the Esri software product in the General Availability release phase and provide test result information on the online resource center.

**Technical Support**

- Phone, email, and chat support
  - Available to Esri customers with current maintenance or paid support subscriptions
    - In the USA: between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (PST) Monday through Friday to U.S. customers only.
    - Outside the USA: through an Esri International Distributor. Customers should contact their local distributors for support hours and options.
  - Esri Online Support Center
    - Users can use the Support website to find answers to questions and solutions to technical issues. The website provides access to support-related information through a number of content repositories such as the knowledge base, product documentation, web help, software updates and patches, blog posts, product announcements, user forums, and more.
    - Users can reach out directly to Esri Support at any time by submitting a case through the Request Case web-form.
    - Users can manage their cases online through the Support tab in My Esri.

Users are encouraged to begin all new projects with Software Products in the General Availability lifecycle phase and move/upgrade existing applications to these products as soon as possible.

**Extended Phase**

Once a product enters the Extended lifecycle phase, users can expect the following:

**Software Support**

- Software patches and hot fixes
- Provided to customers to resolve significant issues discovered in a product release.

- New environment certification
  - Esri will not certify major new versions of an operating system, database, or web server released during the Extended lifecycle phase of an Esri product. Customers may use Esri software products in the Extended lifecycle phase with new environments, but Esri does not guarantee that the product will work with these environments.

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Existing customers contemplating moving/upgrading their environment should also consider upgrading their Esri product to a version that is currently in the General Availability Phase. Customers with products in the Extended phase are encouraged to start planning their move/upgrade to a General Availability product as soon as possible.

Mature Phase

Once a product enters the Mature phase, users can expect the following:

Software Support

- Software patches and hot fixes
  - Esri will provide no further patches and hot fixes for products (including Service Packs) that have reached the Mature phase.
• New environment certification
  o Esri will not certify major new versions of an operating system, database, or web server released during the Mature lifecycle phase of an Esri product. Customers may use Esri software products in the Mature lifecycle phase with new environments, but Esri does not guarantee that the product will work with these environments.

Technical Support

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Customers with products in the Mature phase should be actively upgrading their applications to General Availability products.

Retired Phase

Once a product enters the Retired phase, the product will no longer be available for purchase and users can expect the following:

Software Support

• Software patches or hot fixes
  o Not available
• New environment certification
  o Not available
Technical Support

- Phone and chat support
  - Not available
- Esri Online Support Center
  - Users can use the Support website to find answers to questions and solutions to technical issues. The website provides access to support-related information through a number of content repositories such as the knowledge base, product documentation, web help, software updates and patches, blog posts, product announcements, user forums, and more.
  - Although the online information will remain available to users, this information will not be updated for retired products. However, users will be able to browse existing documents.

Customers with products in the Retired phase should be actively upgrading their applications to General Availability products.
ArcGIS Online lifecycle generally has two phases, some hosted content, such as the Configurable Application Templates have four phases. Software and technical support for each phase is described below.

**General Availability Phase**

For Online Services products in the General Availability phase, users can expect the following:

**Online Service Support**

- Online Services
  - Actively maintained and updated
- New environment certification
  - When a new version of ArcGIS is released during the General Availability phase, Esri will test this new release with the General Availability Online Services and provide test result information on the online resource center.
- When appropriate, customers will be notified at least six months in advance before any Online Services are retired.

**Technical Support**

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Extended Phase

Once a Configurable Application Template enters the Extended lifecycle phase, users can expect the following:

Software Support

- Software patches and hot fixes
  - Provided to customers to resolve significant issues discovered in a product release.

- New environment certification
  - Esri will not certify major new versions of an operating system, database, or web server released during the Extended lifecycle phase of an Esri product. Customers may use Esri software products in the Extended lifecycle phase with new environments, but Esri does not guarantee that the product will work with these environments.

Technical Support

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Existing customers contemplating moving/upgrading their environment should also consider upgrading their Esri product to a version that is currently in the
General Availability Phase. Customers with products in the Extended phase are encouraged to start planning their move/upgrade to a General Availability product as soon as possible.

**Mature Phase**

Once a Configurable Application Template hosted in ArcGIS Online enters the Mature Phase, users can expect the following:

**Software Support**

- Software patches and hot fixes
  - Esri will provide no further patches and hot fixes for products (including Service Packs) that have reached the Mature phase.
- New environment certification
  - Esri will not certify major new versions of an operating system, database, or web server released during the Mature lifecycle phase of an Esri product. Customers may use Esri software products in the Mature lifecycle phase with new environments, but Esri does not guarantee that the product will work with these environments.

**Technical Support**

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Customers with products in the Mature phase should be actively upgrading their applications to General Availability products.
Retired Phase

Services have been removed from ArcGIS Online, and the services are no longer available or supported.

Online Service Support

- Online Service
  - Will no longer be available
- If reasonable under the circumstances, customers will be notified at least three months in advance before any Online Services are moved to the Retired phase.

Technical Support

- Phone and chat support
  - Not available
- Esri Online Support Center
  - Users can use the Support website to find answers to questions and solutions to technical issues. The website provides access to support-related information through a number of content repositories such as the knowledge base, product documentation, web help, software updates and patches, blog posts, product announcements, user forums, and more.
  - Although the online information will remain available to users, this information will not be updated for retired products. However, users will be able to browse existing documents.
Apps generally have only three lifecycle phases. Support for each phase is described below.

**General Availability Phase**

For products in the General Availability phase, users can expect the following:

**Technical Support**

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**Mature Phase**

Once a product enters the Mature phase, users can expect the following:

**Software Support**

- Software patches and hot fixes
  - Esri will provide no further patches and hot fixes for products that have reached the Mature phase.
- New environment certification
  - Esri will not certify major new versions of an operating system, database, or web server released during the Mature lifecycle phase.
of an Esri product. Customers may use Esri software products in the Mature lifecycle phase with new environments, but Esri does not guarantee that the product will work with these environments.

Technical Support

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Customers with products in the Mature phase should be actively upgrading their applications to General Availability products.

Retired Phase

An App is in the Retired phase immediately after the general availability of a new version unless otherwise stated.

Once a product enters the Retired phase, the product will no longer be available for purchase and users can expect the following:

Technical Support

- Phone, email, and chat support
  - Not available
- Esri Online Support Center
  - Users can use the Support website to find answers to questions and solutions to technical issues. The website provides access to support-
related information through a number of content repositories such as the knowledge base, product documentation, web help, software updates and patches, blog posts, product announcements, user forums, and more.

- Although the online information will remain available to users, this information will not be updated for retired products. However, users will be able to browse existing documents.

Customers with products in the Retired phase should be actively upgrading their applications to General Availability products.
DATA PRODUCTS

Data Products generally have only two lifecycle phases. Software and technical support for each phase is described below.

General Availability Phase

For products in the General Availability phase, users can expect the following:

Data Support

- Data updates
  - Availability of updates is determined by the update program offered for each data product. Check the data product information page for details.

Technical Support

- Phone, email, and chat support
  - Available to Esri customers with current maintenance or paid support subscriptions
    - In the USA: between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (PST) Monday through Friday to U.S. customers only.
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  - Users can manage their cases online through the Support tab in My Esri.

Retired Phase

A data product is in the Retired phase immediately after the general availability of a new version unless otherwise stated.
Once a product enters the Retired phase, the product will no longer be available for purchase and users can expect the following:

**Data Support**

Data updates

- Customers can upgrade to the General Availability product.

**Technical Support**

- Phone, email, and chat support
  - Not available
- Esri Online Support Center
  - Users can use the [Support website](http://support.esri.com/en/content/productlifecycles) to find answers to questions and solutions to technical issues. The website provides access to support-related information through a number of content repositories such as the knowledge base, product documentation, web help, software updates and patches, blog posts, product announcements, user forums, and more.
  - Although the online information will remain available to users, this information will not be updated for retired products. However, users will be able to browse existing documents.

Customers with products in the Retired phase should be actively upgrading their data products to General Availability products.

**TRANSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Esri will announce product life cycle support transitions on its [Product Life Cycle](http://support.esri.com/en/content/productlifecycles) pages. Esri may also announce transitions outside of a specific release event.

**LIFE CYCLE SUPPORT STATUS FOR ESRI PRODUCTS**

The life cycle support status for all Esri software products can be found at [http://support.esri.com/en/content/productlifecycles](http://support.esri.com/en/content/productlifecycles).