

# Need To Upgrade? Choose How You Update Your OpenEdge Applications

DATA SHEET

[Progress OpenEdge](#) allows businesses worldwide to build dynamic applications with secure deployment across a variety of platforms, device types and cloud. OpenEdge stands apart from the rest because how you upgrade your OpenEdge application is your choice. Your business can operate exactly how you want it to with flexibility in how you choose to upgrade your OpenEdge application.



## How We Deliver

Customers want choices when it comes to upgrading their OpenEdge applications. But how do they know which release model works best for them and their business needs?

Progress OpenEdge offers two models for releases; a long-term supported release (LTS) and an innovation release.



## LTS vs. Innovation Release Model

**A long-term supported (LTS) release is great for customers who firmly focus on long-term stability.**

When you choose an LTS release, you will be on an OpenEdge version with an increased focus on platform stability for an extended period. An LTS release adheres to the life cycle policy of five Active years and three Sunset years before moving to retirement. During the Active and Sunset periods, carefully reviewed Updates supply bug fixes, with no new features introduced, to ensure they will not cause any instability. If your business requires that you operate in as stable an environment as possible and you don't need more frequent feature enhancements, an LTS release is the best model for you.

**Innovation releases are great for customers who have the agility to utilize the latest and greatest features in OpenEdge.**

OpenEdge innovation releases deliver new functionality in addition to bug fixes and have a much shorter life cycle. When the next release takes place, the current innovation release

retires. An innovation release is best when a customer can swiftly adopt new OpenEdge releases and utilize fresh capabilities to enhance their business environment. The emphasis is on innovation and adaptability.

## What is the Difference?

Some of the main differentiators between the two release models are the lifespans of the releases.

Innovation releases deliver new capabilities and features, along with bug fixes, but are short-lived as compared to an LTS release. This means that you will move to the Retired\* life cycle phase as soon as the next Release is available.

## Which Works Best for You?

Long-Term Supported Release	Innovation Release
Production Environment	Production Environment, or Development-only when planning to move to a later LTS Release
Stability is Paramount	Faster access to new features
Long-Established Applications	Agility to upgrade more frequently

\*A Retired version does not mean “stops working,” but it does mean that plans should be put in place to continue moving to the most-current Innovation Release.

Which release works best for your organization? Check out the [product lifecycle guide](#) and [reach out to our team](#) to get started.



Explore the OpenEdge Product Lifecycle

### About Progress

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