

Introduction

Enterprises across the globe are operating on business-critical applications developed years ago—many of which are built on Progress® OpenEdge®. Considering the reliability and stability of the OpenEdge platform, these business owners may be hesitant to invest in the modernization of those applications.



"By 2023, 90% of current applications will still be in use, but most will have received insufficient modernization investment."

2018 Strategic Roadmap for Application Strategy, Gartner, June 15, 2018

Modernizing Your Application

OpenEdge offers a choice when it comes to modernizing your application and continues to address the need to evolve your business by delivering applications that are highly-available and agile. Supporting your business continuity with applications that support the needs of global organizations and their customers to modernize for today's requirements to support tomorrow's demands.

Evolving your application can be complex. You need to continuously provide value to your business and your customers, leveraging your investment in the core logic and pave the way for future innovation. Yet this evolution is also a necessary undertaking to continue to thrive in today's everevolving business environment.

Application users are becoming savvier and expect improved functionality, while the methods of accessing various enterprise systems are changing and the number of target platforms as well as connections to the data continue to increase. As a result, developers are struggling to continuously deliver application functionality that will help their organizations keep pace.



It is imperative that your mission-critical application provide the following in order to address today's business demands.



Extensibility and Integration

The app's ability to extend information and capabilities across many connections, devices, and data sources



Scalability

The app's ability to grow and scale as the number of users and connections increases without affecting performance



Performance

The app's measurement of response time to act on a user's input or finish an amount of work, under normal and peak loads



High Availability

The app's measurement against a goal of continuous uptime and avoidance of data loads to a disaster or breach



Security

The organization's ability to protect the system from unauthorized users while staying in compliance with regulatory mandates



UI/UX

The presentation layer's ability to provide intuitive and exciting experiences



DevOp:

The organization's agile culture and ability to develop and deploy new application functionality quickly and productively

By embarking on a journey of continuous application evolution, enterprises can position themselves to be more agile while continuing to drive value to the business. As you look to be more proactive in your application evolution strategy, the first step you should take is evolving to the OpenEdge 12 series.

With the launch of OpenEdge 12.2 as a Long-Term Supported (LTS) version customers can expect to have stability for many years, which in turn allows them to feel secure in their modernization investment for their business and their customers.

With the launch of OpenEdge 12.4 as a non-Long Term Supported version, customers can expect the latest features through a faster release cadence supporting an acclerated path to continuous application evolution.

Review the full details in the Progress OpenEdge Life Cycle Policy Guide.



What's New in OpenEdge 12.4

Customers and partners seeking to accelerate delivery in a competitive market will find that OpenEdge 12.4 provides continuous operations, improved development experience, increased performance and scale, and security improvements.

Our latest release, OpenEdge 12.4 allows your development team to be highly productive as they build and deploy applications. With a focus on business continuity you have the ability to address service level requirements and minimize downtime through improved monitoring performance with new DevOps tooling. Plus, you'll gain new levels of DevOps and deployment agility and minimize risk with new security capabilities. Here is just a snapshot of the benefits you'll receive when you migrate to OpenEdge 12.4.



OpenEdge Command Center (OECC)

OpenEdge Command Center is a cloud-ready management console, optimized for managing multiple, large-scale, hybrid cloud OpenEdge deployments across the enterprise.

- Highly available, scalable and reliable OpenEdge Command Center Server
- Lowers cost of ownership, with lightweight OpenEdge Command Center agents
- Modern web console supporting all web browsers on desktops, tablets, or iPad devices
- Rest APIs with OpenAPI standards and Swagger UI documentation
- Built-in user management for administrators
- Support for Progress Application Server (PAS) for OpenEdge Management



Added Security

OpenEdge 12.4 helps deliver the value of the platform, by additional hardening of its internal security against vulnerabilities

- Supports TLS Client Authentication when communicating with non-OE services
- The Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) Database Master Key (DMK) can now be modified while the database is online. This removes the need to disable TDE on the database to change either the key or the cipher components of the DMK
- OpenEdge Replication now has the protection of TLS for network traffic between the Replication server and agent, and during the transition process





Developer Enhancements

- VAR statement enhancements that supports expressions in a single, concise, statement
- Use of OOABL methods as the callback handler for SAX-READER events
- Support for .NET Core for Open Client in addition to .NET framework. Lets users migrate their
 existing .NET Framework based application using .NET Open Client to run on .NET Core,
 including new proxy generation



Operational Enhancements

- Server-Side Single Table Aggregation supports a faster way of gathering COUNT, AVERAGE, and TOTAL on a Field
- Online Schema Field Drop with ABL allows users to drop a table's field without application downtime
- PAS for OpenEdge trace file with deferred logging allows for quicker problem solving of difficult issues
- PAS for OpenEdge deployment packaging supports Continuous Improvement/ Continuous
 Deployment (CI/CD) allowing for PAS for OpenEdge ABL services to be deployed on an existing

 PAS for OpenEdge instance
- Database Tables can now be quickly truncated using a proutil command, while the database is online, to recycle the table's data storage space for reuse by other objects

Progress is dedicated to providing the latest security to ensure your OpenEdge applications are safeguarded. Review our OpenEdge Security Guidelines: www.progress.com/support/openedge-security-guidelines



Choose your Journey to Application Modernization

The OpenEdge 12 series provides the technical foundation to facilitate your application evolution effort.

With OpenEdge 12.4 customers have the opportunity to drive their OpenEdge application to modernization. This release provides the latest in application development supporting continuous operations, delightful DevOps experience along with performance, scalability and security.

Learn more about OpenEdge 12.4.

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With OpenEdge 12.2 came the introduction to a new product lifecycle for a Long-Term Supported (LTS) release that enables customers to realize the benefits of OpenEdge while continuing to receive technical support for several years. This gives customers greater operational stability and longevity on a release while allowing informed, confident decisions to modernize at your own pace.

Customers also have the option of using non-long-term supported releases as the foundation for highly competitive application development and delivery strategies enabling accelerated access to new features and functionality. Customers can migrate from one non-long-term supported release to another non-long-term supported release more frequently than they would from a long-term supported release to another.

To learn more about the OpenEdge product life cycle and Long-Term Supported and non-Long Term Supported versions please review the OpenEdge <u>Product Life Cycle</u> and review the milestone dates for <u>Sunset/Retire</u> dates for various OpenEdge versions.



Drive Product Direction

Your feedback and collaboration is key to our delivering essential iterative improvements and delivering technology that drives your success. Here are two new ways for you to influence OpenEdge product direction:

Submitting New Ideas

Sharing your enhancement requests through our new portal is easy and collaborative! You can enter, comment and vote on ideas as in the past, now with much-improved searching and filtering capabilities. In addition, as ideas are actioned by the OpenEdge team, idea creators and subscribers receive automatic emails on significant status changes and comments. You can access the new portal at www.openedge.ideas.aha.io, and we look forward to your continued idea collaboration!

Customer Validation Program (CVP)

When you become a member of the CVP you will have the opportunity to influence the OpenEdge roadmap so we can produce capabilities that meet your most pressing business needs. It is designed to provide you with direct insight into features that are currently under development. You will also have access to demos and test builds, allowing you to preview pre-release software and provide feedback before the release becomes commercially available, along with product webinars, sprint reviews, roadmap surveys, and more. It's easy to join, and you will have direct communication with the OpenEdge product team while gaining insight into what your peers are requesting as well.

Delivering Software that Meets your Expectations is our Number One Priority

JOIN CVP





The Application Evolution Approach

With Progress as your partner, there is no need to delay the Application Evolution process any longer. You are in an ideal position to seize the new opportunities that will present themselves with a move to a lighter and more fluid cloud architecture that increases collaboration and communication within the organization as well as with business partners and suppliers.

Get started today with the Application Evolution eBook.



About Progress

Progress (NASDAQ: PRGS) provides the best products to develop, deploy and manage highimpact business applications. Our comprehensive product stack is designed to make technology teams more productive and we have a deep commitment to the developer community, both open source and commercial alike. With Progress, organizations can accelerate the creation and delivery of strategic business applications, automate the process by which apps are configured, deployed and scaled, and make critical data and content more accessible and secure—leading to competitive differentiation and business success. Over 1,700 independent software vendors, 100,000+ enterprise customers, and a three-million-strong developer community rely on Progress to power their applications. Learn about Progress at www.progress.com or +1-800-477-6473.

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