



LTS vs. Innovation Release Model

DATA SHEET



The Progress® Semaphore™ platform allows leading companies all over the world to extract intelligence from data to drive innovation and change. As we continue to enhance Semaphore, we focus on platform security, performance and usability, aiming to help our customers yield the desired results and stay competitive. Semaphore stands apart from the rest because of its continuously evolving product strategy, allowing customers to choose for themselves which Semaphore version and release model works best for their business needs.

How We Deliver

The Semaphore platform offers two release models: a long-term supported release (LTS) and an innovation release. Customers have the freedom to either migrate to the latest version or stay with their current one. With the introduction of innovation releases, customers can now be early adopters of new Semaphore capabilities.

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A long-term supported (LTS) release is designed for customers who prioritize stability and steadfastness.

With an LTS release, you will remain on a dependable Semaphore version, prioritizing platform stability and reliability with support tailored to your business needs for an extended period. An LTS release adheres to the life cycle policy of four Active years and two Sunset years before moving to retirement. Active and Sunset periods are fully supported and covered by active maintenance and support services, with no new features introduced, aiming for minimal chances of instability. If your business looks for stability and minimal feature enhancements and change of your implementation over many years, an LTS release could be the best model for you.



Innovation releases are designed for customers who seek to foster innovation and have the agility to harness the latest and greatest features in Semaphore.

The Semaphore innovation release model emphasizes agility and innovation by delivering new functionality that will appear in future LTS releases in addition to bug fixes. This release model has a much shorter life cycle. When the next release takes place, the current innovation release retires. While fostering innovation, this model demands a willingness to embrace change and manage potential risks. An innovation release can be suitable for customers who want to adopt new Semaphore capabilities and functionalities to enhance their current business environment.

What is the Difference?

The main differentiator between the two release models is their lifespan. While innovation releases deliver new capabilities and platform enhancements, along with bug fixes, they are short-lived as compared to an LTS release. As soon as the next release is available, you will move to the Retired life cycle phase. With a Retired version, features will continue to function, but it is recommended to transition to the most current release.

Long-Term Supported Release	Innovation Release
Production environment	Production environment, or development only when planning to move to the latest LTS release
Focus on long-term stability	Focus on early access to new features
Long-established applications	Agility to upgrade more frequently

Which Semaphore Version are You Using?

Upgrading to the latest version isn't just about accessing new features; it's about securing a competitive edge, unlocking enhanced performance and leveraging the full potential of your data. Which release works best for your organization?

Version	Active		Sunset	Retired
	LTS Release	Innovation Release		
Semaphore 5.0*	—	—	—	●
Semaphore 5.2	—	—	●	—
Semaphore 5.4	—	—	●	—
Semaphore 5.6	—	—	●	—
Semaphore 5.8	●	—	—	—
Semaphore 5.10	—	●	—	—

*All versions older than Semaphore 5.0 are considered retired.



Contact us to migrate to the latest Semaphore version

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