Extended and enhanced update support add-ons for Red Hat Enterprise Linux

▸ Extend the security, stability, and viability of minor Red Hat Enterprise Linux releases for 2 years beyond their general availability.

▸ Accommodate critical production environments safely without forced upgrades.

▸ Strategically plan operating system (OS) life cycle transitions on your terms with predictable schedules and clear Red Hat guidance.

▸ Help ensure stable and security-focused deployments with Red Hat Enterprise Linux subscriptions.

Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® Extended Update Support Add-On and Enhanced Extended Update Support Add-On for Red Hat Enterprise Linux are optional add-ons for select Red Hat Enterprise Linux subscriptions.[1] Extended Update Support and Enhanced Extended Update Support add to the value of Red Hat subscriptions by supporting those who want to stay with a particular minor release of Red Hat Enterprise Linux rather than upgrade to new versions with new packages and features on production systems.

Extended Update Support for most minor OS releases

To obtain maximum benefits in terms of innovation, functionality, and security from a Red Hat Enterprise Linux subscription, Red Hat recommends that customers upgrade to each minor release as they occur (e.g., upgrading from Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9.0 to 9.1 to 9.2). However, some organizations may wish to stay at a particular minor release for an extended period of time for a variety of reasons.

▸ Sensitive production workloads may dictate minimal infrastructure changes.

▸ Policy may require complete application stack recertification to support new minor releases.

▸ Certain independent software vendors (ISVs) may only certify on specific Red Hat Enterprise Linux minor releases.

To address this need and help ensure the best possible security posture, Red Hat Enterprise Linux Extended Update Support streams are available for a period of 24 months or 48 months from the availability of select minor releases (Enhanced Extended Update Support works with Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 only). For example, Figure 1 illustrates planned releases for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9, indicating which minor releases are planned to include the Extended Update Support and Enhanced Extended Update Support Add-Ons.

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1   Note: EUS is included with Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server (Intel/AMD64) Premium subscriptions.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8: EUS may be purchased as an add-on to Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server (Intel/AMD64) Standard subscriptions, and Red Hat Enterprise Linux for IBM Power LE subscriptions.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9: EUS may be purchased as an add-on to Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server (Intel/AMD64) Standard subscriptions, Red Hat Enterprise Linux for Workstations, and Red Hat Enterprise Linux for IBM Power LE subscriptions. Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server (x86) Self-Support is not eligible for the EUS Add-On. Enhanced EUS (only available for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9) may be purchased as an add-on to Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server (Intel/AMD64) Premium or Standard subscriptions, Red Hat Enterprise Linux for IBM Power LE subscriptions, and Enterprise Linux for IBM Z subscriptions. Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server (x86) Self-Support and Red Hat Enterprise Linux Workstation subscriptions are not eligible for the Enhanced EUS Add-On.
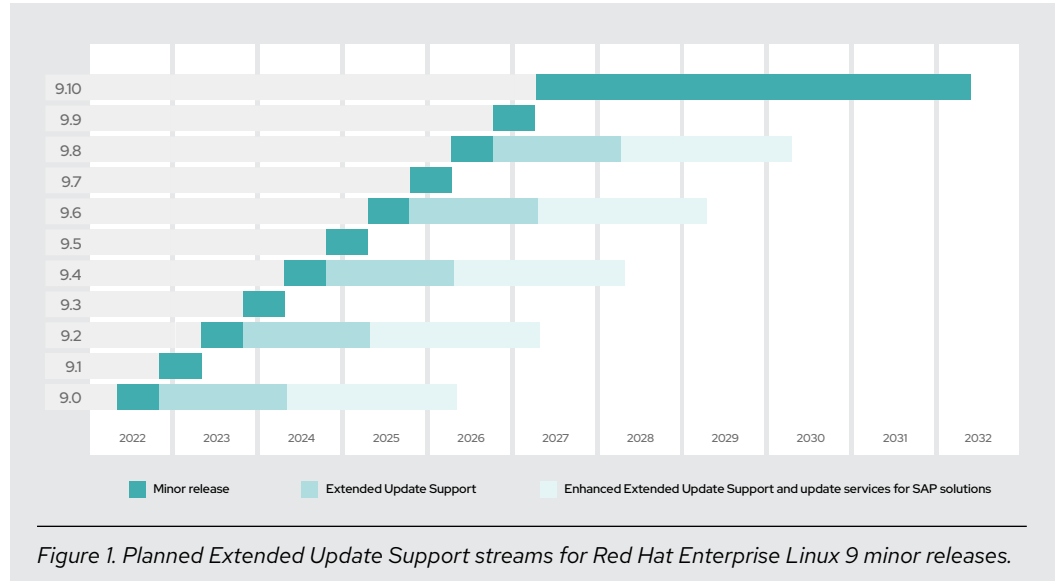
Figure 1. Planned Extended Update Support streams for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 minor releases.

Extended Update Support Add-Ons

The Extended Update Support and Enhanced Extended Update Support Add-Ons[2] provide consider-able stability and value to Red Hat Enterprise Linux subscriptions, allowing for stable production envi-ronments for mission-critical applications. Extended Update Support and Enhanced Extended Update Support provide backports of Critical and Important impact[3] Red Hat Security Advisories (RHSAs) as well as Urgent Priority Red Hat Bug Fix Advisories (RHBAs) that are available after a specific minor release and parallel to subsequent minor releases. Extended Update Support and Enhanced Extended Update Support are delivered via Red Hat Subscription Manager, where it is implemented as a mirror repository hierarchy. On-premise access is provided through Red Hat Satellite.

Expanded coverage for Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures during the EUS and Enhanced EUS period

To help reduce the risk profile for our customers, Red Hat has recently expanded the scope of coverage for Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) remediation. As of October 1, 2019, CVEs are covered on all actively supported versions of Red Hat Enterprise Linux, with future Extended Update Support (2-year) releases inheriting this enhanced CVE policy. With this step, organizations can maintain greater stability for enterprise deployments and lessen the time to resolution of internal security audits.

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2   For more details visit "What is the Extended Update Support subscription? For more information about Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 Extended Update Support, read the overview on Red Hat Customer Portal.

3   To learn more about Red Hat security ratings, visit Red Hat's security classification rating system.

Note that CVE remediations are limited to the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and 9 maintenance policy.

For more information, visit Red Hat Enterprise Linux Extended Update Support and Enhanced Extended Update Support.

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