

z/OS fallback, coexistence, and migration options

When planning your next release migration, you need to consider which releases you can migrate to in a single step and what the fallback options are. In addition, if you have more than one z/OS image, you may need to consider the coexistence options for different releases.

The table below explains these options for the currently supported releases of z/OS.

Using the table below, find the release that you are currently executing in Column A. Column C, labeled **Looking forward** lists the releases that can be migrated to in one step. Column B, labeled **Looking backward**, lists the releases that you can fallback to. As for sharing resources between releases:

- If the release in Column A is the highest executing release: Column B, labeled **Looking backward**, lists the releases that can coexist with the release in Column A.
- If the release in Column A is the lowest executing release: Column C, labeled **Looking forward**, lists the releases that can coexist with the release in Column A.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>	<u>Column C</u>
Release	Looking Backward	Looking Forward
z/OS v2.4 (EOS – TBD)	z/OS v2.2 z/OS v2.3 z/OS v2.4	z/OS v2.4 TBD
z/OS v2.3 (EOS – TBD)	z/OS v2.1 z/OS v2.2 z/OS v2.3	z/OS v2.3 z/OS v2.4 TBD
z/OS v2.2 (EOS – 09/2020)	z/OS v1.13 z/OS v2.1 z/OS v2.2	z/OS v2.2 z/OS v2.3 z/OS v2.4
z/OS 2.1 (EOS – 09/2018)	z/OS v1.12 z/OS v1.13 z/OS v2.1	z/OS v2.1 z/OS v2.2 z/OS v2.3
z/OS 1.13 (EOS – 09/2016)	z/OS v1.11 z/OS v1.12 z/OS v1.13	z/OS v1.13 z/OS v2.1 z/OS v2.2
z/OS 1.12 (EOS – 09/2014)	z/OS v1.10 z/OS v1.11 z/OS v1.12	z/OS v1.12 z/OS v1.13 z/OS v2.1
z/OS 1.11 (EOS – 09/2012)	z/OS v1.9 z/OS v1.10 z/OS v1.11	z/OS v1.11 z/OS v1.12 z/OS v1.13
z/OS 1.10 (EOS – 09/2011)	z/OS v1.8 z/OS v1.9 z/OS v1.10	z/OS v1.10 z/OS v1.11 z/OS v1.12
z/OS 1.9	z/OS v1.7 z/OS v1.8	z/OS v1.9 z/OS v1.10

(EOS – 09/2010)	z/OS v1.9	z/OS v1.11
z/OS 1.8 (EOS – 09/2009)	z/OS v1.5 z/OS v1.6 z/OS v1.7 z/OS v1.8	z/OS v1.8 z/OS v1.9 z/OS v1.10
z/OS 1.7 (EOS – 09/2008)	z/OS v1.4 z/OS v1.5 z/OS v1.6 z/OS v1.7	z/OS v1.7 z/OS v1.8 z/OS v1.9
z/OS 1.6 (EOS – 09/2007)	z/OS v1.3 z/OS v1.4 z/OS v1.5 z/OS v1.6	z/OS v1.6 z/OS v1.7 z/OS v1.8
z/OS 1.5 (EOS – 03/2007)	z/OS v1.2 z/OS v1.3 z/OS v1.4 z/OS v1.5	z/OS v1.5 z/OS v1.6 z/OS v1.7 z/OS v1.8
z/OS 1.4 (EOS – 03/2007)	OS/390 2.10 z/OS v1.1 z/OS v1.2 z/OS v1.3 z/OS v1.4	z/OS v1.4 z/OS v1.5 z/OS v1.6 z/OS v1.7
z/OS 1.3 (EOS – 03/2005)	OS/390 2.9 OS/390 2.10 z/OS v1.1 z/OS v1.2 z/OS v1.3	z/OS v1.3 z/OS v1.4 z/OS v1.5 z/OS v1.6
z/OS 1.2 (EOS – 10/2004)	OS/390 2.9 OS/390 2.10 z/OS v1.1 z/OS v1.2	z/OS v1.2 z/OS v1.3 z/OS v1.4 z/OS v1.5
z/OS 1.1 (EOS –03/2004)	OS/390 2.9 OS/390 2.10 z/OS v1.1	z/OS v1.1 z/OS v1.2 z/OS v1.3 z/OS v1.4