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Announcement: Support Statement for Oracle Database running on IBM Systems

IBM® and Oracle have 30 years history of collaboration in certifying IBM Systems technology, virtualization, and operating systems with the Oracle Database. Both companies continue their investments to develop, test and deliver Oracle Database on IBM servers including current and future releases of those products.

In order to bring more clarity to Oracle's support windows, and to give customers better predictability on upgrade timing, Oracle now identifies releases as Innovation Releases, or Long Term Releases. In response, IBM and Oracle now plan to focus our joint Oracle Database development activities on the next Long Term Release. Oracle will deliver the new features and enhancements in the Innovation Releases (such as the soon to be released 21c) to our joint customers on IBM Z® and Power® Systems via the next Long Term Releases.

Oracle recommends IBM Systems customers upgrade to the latest Long Term Release, 19c, as well as put plans in place for their deployment of the next Long Term Release, currently targeted for release in 2023. Early adoption testing access will be considered on a per customer basis. Oracle will provide comprehensive maintenance and software upgrades for your Oracle Database consistent with the Oracle Lifetime Support Policy.

IBM and Oracle continue to invest in our development relationship to deliver production worthy hardened products through continuous testing to meet the stringent requirements of our 80,000 joint customers.

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