Announcement: Support Statement for Oracle Database running on IBM systems

IBM and Oracle have over 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 identifies Oracle Database 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 from the latest Innovation Release, Oracle Database 21c, as well as planned additions to the next Long Term Release, Oracle Database 23c, to our joint customers on IBM Z and Power Systems via Oracle Database 23c.

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.

ACTIONS

Oracle recommends IBM Systems customers upgrade to the latest Long Term Release, Oracle Database 19c, as well as put plans in place for their deployment of the next Long Term Release, Oracle Database 23c, currently targeted for release in 2024. 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

For further information about this Flash, please e-mail the IBM Oracle International Competency Center at *ibmoracle@us.ibm.com* with any questions you may have on this topic.