



MariaDB Corporation

Engineering Policies

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Maintenance, Operating Systems Support and Deprecation Policies

MariaDB Corporation intends to support all of the most used operating systems and Linux distributions among our customers. For new versions of an Operating System MariaDB aims for providing packages for the last three MariaDB GA versions, if technically possible. For new versions of a distribution where MariaDB Server is included, MariaDB will provide at least the same major and upcoming versions.

However, when a distribution or operating system stops receiving security and other updates, it becomes difficult for MariaDB Corporation to provide packages for that platform. In such cases, our policy is to deprecate that platform and stop providing binary packages for it. To get more information about the maintenance and depreciation policies for those operating system, please consult the following information pages:

- [Centos Release Information](#)
- [Red Hat Release Information](#)
- [Ubuntu Release Information](#)
- [Debian Release Information](#)
- [SUSE Enterprise Release Information](#)
- [Windows client lifecycle info](#)
- [Windows server lifecycle info](#)

Extended Support

Some customers require support for software after end-of-life dates are reached in the standard lifecycle. For additional fees, MariaDB Corporation can offer an extended period of support and SLA commitments.

MariaDB Corporation can also offer additional operating system support to their customers on a case by case basis, and for additional needs.

Please [contact us](#) for more details..

Technical Support for Deprecated Platforms

If you've chosen an operating system or Linux distribution that is deprecated, packages or support are not completely unavailable. [MariaDB Corporation](#) can provide support for older versions of MariaDB on special requests and separate contracts.

MariaDB Server

Version	Stable (GA) Date	End of Standard Support	End Of Life Date ¹
5.1	1 Feb 2010	1 Feb 2015	1 Feb 2015
5.2	10 Nov 2010	10 Nov 2015	10 Nov 2015
5.3	29 Feb 2012	1 Mar 2017	1 Mar 2017
10.0	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2019	31 Mar 2019
5.5	11 Apr 2012	11 Apr 2020	11 Apr 2020
10.1 ²	17 Oct 2015	17 Oct 2020	17 Oct 2020
10.2 ³	23 May 2017	23 May 2022	23 May 2022
10.3 ³	25 May 2018	25 May 2023	25 May 2023
10.4 ³	02 July 2019	02 July 2022	02 July 2024
10.5 ³	16 July 2020	16 July 2023	16 July 2025

1. Contact Sales for Extended Support.

2. Provided based on MariaDB Community Server.

3. Provided based on MariaDB Enterprise Server.

MariaDB Enterprise Server						
OS	Version	Arch.	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	6.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	
	7.x, 8.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
CentOS ¹	6.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	
	7.x, 8.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
Ubuntu (LTS)	16.04, 18.04	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
	20.04	x86_64		OK	OK	OK
Debian	9, 10	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
Windows ²		x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	12, 15	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK

Note, we may only provide binaries for the latest major MariaDB Enterprise Server GA version when a new operating system release goes GA, or a new service pack is available.

1. CentOS packages are built based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux

2. Until product reaches Mainstream Support End Date

MariaDB Enterprise Server components with limited OS coverage.

MariaDB Enterprise Cluster						
OS	Version	Arch.	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	6.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	
	7.x, 8.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
CentOS ¹	6.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	
	7.x, 8.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
Ubuntu (LTS)	16.04,18.04	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
	20.04	x86_64		OK	OK	OK
Debian	9, 10	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	12, 15	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	OK

1. CentOS packages are built based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

MariaDB Enterprise Server (ColumnStore)				
Operating System	Version	Arch.	1.4	1.5
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	7.x, 8.x	x86_64	OK	OK
CentOS	7.x, 8.x	x86_64	OK	OK
Ubuntu (LTS)	16.04,18.04 , 20.04	x86_64	OK	OK
Debian	8, 9, 10	x86_64	OK	OK
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	12,15	x86_64	OK	OK

* MariaDB Enterprise ColumnStore 1.4 is only available on MariaDB Enterprise Server 10.4.

MariaDB Community Server			
OS	Version	Arch.	10.1
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	6.x, 7.x	x86_64	OK
CentOS	6.x, 7.x, 8.x	x86_64	OK
Ubuntu	16.04	x86_64	OK
	18.04	x86_64	OK
Debian	9	x86_64	OK
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	11	x86_64	OK
	12	x86_64	OK
Windows ²		x86_64	OK
Generic Linux		x86_64	OK

Note, we may only provide binaries for the latest major MariaDB Community Server GA version when a new operating system release goes GA, or a new service pack is available.

2. Until the product reaches Mainstream Support End Date.

MariaDB ColumnStore

Major Version	Stable (GA) Date	Based on MariaDB Server X EOL	End Of Life Date
1.0	14 Dec 2016	10.1	17 Oct 2020
1.1	21 Nov 2017	10.2	23 May 2022
1.2	3 Dec 2018	10.3	25 May 2023

Operating System	Version	Arch.	1.0	1.1	1.2
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	6.x, 7.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
CentOS	6.x, 7.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
Ubuntu (LTS)	16.04,18.04	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
Debian	8, 9	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	12	x86_64	OK	OK	OK

1. From ColumnStore 1.1.5 onwards.

2. From ColumnStore 1.0.11 onwards.

MariaDB MaxScale

Major Version	Stable (GA) Date	End Of Life Date
1.4	Mar 2016	January 01, 2019
2.0	Oct 2016	January 01, 2019
2.1	May 2017	July 01, 2019
2.2	Feb 2018	January 01, 2020
2.3	Dec 2018	January 01, 2022
2.4	Aug 2019	January 01, 2023
2.5	July 2020	January 01, 2024

Operating System	Version	Arch.	2.3	2.4	2.5
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	6.x	x86_64	OK	OK	
	7.x,8.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
CentOS	6.x	x86_64	OK	OK	
	7.x,8.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
Ubuntu (LTS)	16.04,18.04, 20.04	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
Debian	9,10	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	12,15	x86_64	OK	OK	OK
Generic Linux		x86_64	OK	OK	OK

MariaDB Connector/J

Major Version	Stable (GA) Date	End Of Life Date
2.2	Nov 2017	EOL since 2.3 is 100% compatible
2.3	Sep 2018	EOL since 2.4 is 100% compatible
2.4	Jan 2019	EOL since 2.5 is 100% compatible
2.5	Nov 2019	EOL since 2.6 is 100% compatible
1.8	Feb 2019	February 2024, or EOL Java 7, or when a newer, 100% compatible major version exists.
2.6	Mar 2020	March 2025, or EOL Java 8, or when a newer 100% compatible major version exists.

Distribution	Java Version	Java EOL ¹	1.6 (>1.6.1)	2.x
Java	6	December 2018	EOL	
	7	July 2022	OK	
	8	March 2025		OK
	11	September 2026		OK

1. EOL date based on the Oracle Java SE Support Roadmap - "extended Support".

MariaDB Connector/ODBC

Major Version	Stable (GA) Date	End Of Life Date
1.0	Jan 2015	EOL since 2.0 is 100% compatible
2.0	April 2016	January 2020
3.0	Oct 2017	EOL since 3.1 is 100% compatible
3.1	May 2019	May 2024, or when a newer, 100% compatible major version exists

Operating System	Arch.	2.0	3.1
Generic Linux	x86_64	OK	OK
Windows ¹	x86_64	OK	OK
macOS			OK

1. Until product reaches Mainstream Support End Date.

MariaDB Connector/C

Major Version	Stable (GA) Date	End Of Life Date
1.0	Nov 2012	November 2017
2.0 2.1 2.2	Apr 2014 Jan 2015 Sep 2015	EOL since 2.3 is 100% compatible
3.0	Jul 2017	EOL since 3.1 is 100% compatible
2.3	Jul 2016	July 2021, or when a newer, 100% compatible major version exists
3.1	Jun 2019	June 2024, or when a newer, 100% compatible major version exists

Operating System	Version	Arch.	2.3	3.1
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	6.x, 7,x, 8.x	x86_64		OK
CentOS ²	6.x, 7,x, 8.x	x86_64		OK
Ubuntu (LTS)	16.04, 18.04, 20.04	x86_64		OK
Debian	8,9,10	x86_64		OK
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	12, 15	x86_64		OK
Generic Linux		x86_64	OK	OK
Windows ¹		x86_64	OK	OK

1. Until product reaches Mainstream Support End Date.

2. CentOS packages are built based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux

MariaDB Connector/Node.js

Major Version	Stable (GA) Date	End Of Life Date
2.0	Jan 2019	EOL since 2.1 is 100% compatible
2.1	Jul 2019	EOL since 2.2 is 100% compatible
2.2	Feb 2020	EOL since 2.3 is 100% compatible
2.3	Mar 2020	EOL since 2.4 is 100% compatible
2.4	May 2020	May 2025, or EOL Node.js 10.x, or when a newer, 100% compatible major version exists

Distribution	Version	2.4
Node.js	6	EOL
	8	EOL
	10	OK
	12	OK
	14	OK

MariaDB Connector/Python

Major Version	Stable (GA) Date	End Of Life Date
1.0	Jun 2020	June 2025, or EOL Python 3.8, or when a newer, 100% compatible major version exists

Distribution	Version	1.0
python.org	3.6	OK
	3.7	OK
	3.8	OK

ClustrixDB

Major Version	Stable (GA) Date	End Of Life Date
5.0	Jan 2013	January 2015
5.2	Apr 2014	April 2016
6.0	Jan 2015	January 2017
7.0	Aug 2015	August 2017
7.5	Jun 2016	June 2018
7.6	Dec 2016	December 2018
8.0	Mar 2017	March 2019 or until two major releases exist
9.0	Dec 2017	December 2019 or until two major releases exist
9.1	Mar 2018	March 2020 or until two major releases exist
9.2	Oct 2019	October 2021 or until two major releases exist

OS	Version	Arch.	8.0	9.0	9.1	9.2
CentOS	6.x	x86_64	OK	OK	OK	
	7.x	x86_64		OK	OK	OK

Appendix

Release Policy

Versioning Scheme

MariaDB Products follow three different version numbering schemes. Each component reflects a category of changes (e.g., major.minor.maintenance).

Product	Versioning scheme
MariaDB Enterprise Server (1)	Primary: New Versions Secondary: Major releases Tertiary: Minor & Maintenance releases Quaternary: Sequence number
MariaDB Community Server (1)	Primary: New Versions Secondary: Major releases Tertiary: Minor & Maintenance releases
MariaDB ColumnStore	
MariaDB MaxScale	
MariaDB Connector/J	Primary: Major releases Secondary: Minor releases Tertiary: Maintenance releases
MariaDB Connector/Node.js	
MariaDB Connector/C	
MariaDB Connector/ODBC	
ClustrixDB (2)	

(1): MariaDB Server plugins & engines can follow different version numbering schemes. Each component reflects a category of changes (e.g., major.minor.maintenance).

(2): ClustrixDB uses its own installation script to handle upgrades. See [Clustrix Support policies](#) for information on support for older releases. In rare circumstances, upgrades to ClustrixDB may not be compatible with previous releases. These will be described in the Upgrade Alerts section of the Release notes for that release.

- New versions and major releases are primarily for new features, but may also contain both bug and security fixes.
- Minor and maintenance releases typically provide only bug fixes and security issues.

The numbering does not indicate the maturity of a release (i.e. Alpha, Beta, Release Candidate or General Availability). Instead, it's indicated in the release notes next to the version number (e.g., *MariaDB Server 10.2.5 Release Candidate*).

Plugin & storage Engine Maturity

This Maturity Policy is designed to help recognize what the maturity levels of the plugins and engines mean and what is required for each maturity level. In addition, it describes how this affects version numbering and the process and conditions for changing the maturity level.

Experimental

The new plugin or storage engine is under development and getting features added regularly at a fast pace and little maintenance. New major versions for an existing plugin will always enter in maturity Experimental unless the MariaDB Corporation Server Steering Committee would decide otherwise, based on a well established QA effort on the plugin.

Beta

The plugin or storage engine is entering a cycle where no new major features are added even if some more minor features and changes are created. It may have open known critical bugs but no blocker bugs. There also does not need to be a complete user experience with documentation yet.

Gamma

The plugin or storage engine is entering a maintenance cycle where no new features are actively added. It can still have a limited number of open bugs if they have a documented workaround. There also does not need to be a complete user experience with documentation yet.

Stable

The plugin or storage engine is now ready for production usage. It also has well-defined user experience and documentation. It can be loaded by default in MariaDB Enterprise.

Between each minor release of the server (e.g. 10.4.9 to 10.4.10), a plugin or storage engine can move up only one level in maturity.

Also a plugin or an engine have their own maturity and can:

- only be of GA maturity in MariaDB Enterprise Server,
- only be of the same or one less maturity in a GA version of MariaDB Community,
- be of any maturity for a MariaDB Server development release.

To see more details on all the MariaDB Server plugin maturity [here](#).

For every released version, the release notes and changelogs will be updated accordingly.

Release Schedule

In general there is no fixed release schedule for new releases, neither for new major versions nor for maintenance releases. The exception to this is MariaDB Enterprise Server that has a fixed release schedule for maintenance releases that is documented on the mariadb.com website. In general MariaDB Enterprise Server will have a new maintenance release once per quarter. However, all products have a specified lifespan for each major version. MariaDB Engineering maintains major versions of MariaDB products for a certain number of years from the date of the **first GA release** until the major version's **End Of Life (EOL) date**.

- Between those two dates, bugs and security issues that have been reported are fixed and released in regular point releases.
- After the End of Life date, those major version won't get any bug or security fixes anymore.

Below is a list of the maintenance duration for each current product:

Product	Maintenance Duration for Major Releases
MariaDB Enterprise Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 10.2 and 10.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Maintained up to the current EOL date for MariaDB Community Server • From 10.4+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Maintained for 3 years
MariaDB ColumnStore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained for 5 years.
MariaDB MaxScale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained until the major release specific EOL date.
MariaDB Connector/J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two latest major versions are maintained, if not explicitly deemed EOL because of low demand. EOL for a connector also depends on the EOL date of the “extended Support” of the Java version supported by it.
MariaDB Connector/Node.js	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest major version is maintained. EOL for a connector also depends on the EOL date of the Node.js version supported by it.
MariaDB Connector/C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two latest major versions are maintained, if not explicitly deemed EOL because of low demand, or the next version is completely backwards compatible.
MariaDB Connector/ODBC	
ClustrixDB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A release is maintained until it is superseded by two major releases, up to two years.

Backward Compatibility

All changes done on major releases ([“minor” in case of the connectors](#) and ClustrixDB) will be backwards compatible with concerning the maintenance window. MariaDB Corporation retains the option to break backwards compatibility on major releases when it is deemed necessary to improve the product, or if it is required to address a security bug. This will be announced well in advance to the community and our customers and partners.

Release Criteria

The MariaDB Engineering teams can only promise to cover bugs in MariaDB Corporation products. The MariaDB development release policy has the following project commitments for the maturity stages:

Commitment for All Releases

- All MariaDB releases should be free from known critical bugs.
- If we make a release with a known critical bug --for example, there may be a serious bug we want to fix at once and distribute the fix while we are fixing other less critical bugs -- they will be documented in the release notes.
- In the rare case in which there is a fatal bug that can't be fixed in a specific release -- either because it's a design bug or the bug fix is likely to cause other, possibly worse bugs -- we will document it in the `KNOWN_BUGS.txt` file that is included in the MariaDB product distribution. However, we will try to keep these kinds of open bugs to a minimum.

Commitment for Gamma/RC Releases

- No known serious bugs.
- We believe the code is ready for general use based on bug inflow, but we want to do more testing before declaring it stable.

Commitment for Stable/GA Releases

- No known serious bugs.
- No bugs fixed since the last release that caused any notable code changes.
- We believe the code is ready for general use based on bug inflow.
- For MariaDB Enterprise Server we reserve the right to backport new features to older major versions of the server once the new features reach GA maturity level. This will be done on a case by case basis and only features that have limited impact on the code as a whole.

Security Bug Fixing Policy

MariaDB Engineering classifies all security bugs according to their threat level. The threat level can be one of two possibilities:

- **Critical** bugs contain an exploitable vulnerability that causes arbitrary code execution or allows an unauthenticated user to crash the server or gain access to data. These are typically referred to as a CVE; and
- **Medium** bugs are all bugs that are not classified at the red level.

We will strive to fix:

- Any **Critical security** bug, immediately in a new maintenance release. We will work on it until it's fixed, and release fixed (i.e., not vulnerable) MariaDB binaries, as soon as possible -- usually the next day.
- **Medium security** bugs, as soon as possible. However, we will not change our planned release schedule to distribute the fix earlier.

Version changelog

Version	Changes
4.01	<p>Policy updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plugin & storage Engine Maturity added• Semantic section removed <p>New product:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Connector/Python 1.0 is now GA <p>Existing product version updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MariaDB Community Server & Enterprise Server 10.5 are GA including MariaDB ColumnStore 1.5• MariaDB MaxScale 2.5 <p>Operating System Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MariaDB Community Server doesn't support Debian 8 anymore• MariaDB MaxScale 2.3 & 2.4 don't support Debian 8 anymore• MariaDB MaxScale 2.5 don't support RHEL & CentOS 6 anymore• MariaDB Community Server & Enterprise Server 10.5 don't support RHEL & CentOS 6 anymore