

Oracle Java SE Subscriptions

Oracle stopped free public updates for commercial use of Java 8 as of April 2019. This also applies to Java 11 and later. Enterprise customers now need to pay to access patches for security and vulnerabilities.

OpenJDK and Oracle are now more closely aligned and released on a 6-month cadence. Oracle products (such as E-Business Suite) with a dependency on Java are not charged for. You should not assume that your other applications, which have a pre-requisite of Oracle Java, include free 'embedded' usage rights.





If you want to remain secure on your estate, you patch your estate regularly or you use any extra cost options (such as MSI Installer), you will need a subscription



Migrating to OpenJDK is not trivial



Check the legacy T&Cs ('BCL') to ensure you are currently covered for old deployments (all older releases)



Development /
Test usage may be
provided at zero
charge – read the
license agreement
carefully



Be very careful with 'embedded' Java licenses; check your agreements

Subscriptions

Measuring subscription requirements is hard. You will need a large amount of declarative data such as classification of machines.

Java subscriptions are available in either Named User Plus (per person) or Processor (per physical core: beware the VMware rule).



Subscriptions are available in 1-3 year terms and include license and support. The subscription quantity can be varied (up or down) at the point of renewal.

What you should do:

- Scan your estate regularly: follow the process on the next page
- Check contracts with 'embedded Java' applications
- Remember Dev/Test may be zero charge
- Make sure you are aware of the VMware policy
- Monitor downloads of affected Java
- Seek independent review / QA

What you should not do:

- Assume you are covered via your applications
- Assume the legacy BCL terms cover your legacy estate
- Assume that you have segregated VMware in such a way as to control license exposure
- Use Java usage tracker
- Use MSI installer without a license
- Respond to Oracle with inventory

Oracle Java Discovery Approach

High-level steps for your approach to assessing Oracle Java requirements

