

IBM Discontinues Support for OS i7.1

JD Edwards World users...is your software and IBM OS compatible?

IBM recently announced OS i7.1 end of life is scheduled for April 2018. While this important news for anyone running i7.1, it's an even bigger news for JD Edwards World customers.

Depending on which hardware platform your organization is running, an operating system upgrade may also trigger a hardware upgrade. Certain hardware platforms are capped at a certain operating system level and many hardware platforms are capped at i7.1. So, if you're running hardware that is capped at i7.1, you will also have to update your hardware or possibly consider a cloud infrastructure option.

Depending on what version of World your organization is running on i7.1, you might need to update your World software in order to stay in compliance on a certified OS. **Any JD Edwards World version below version A9.2.1 is not supported on any IBM OS version beyond i7.1**, so if you're updating i7.1 but running an older version of JDE World, you'll need to update your software.

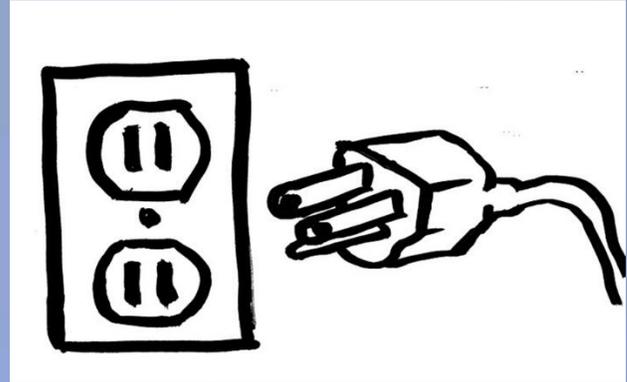
OS	JDE World Release							
	A7.3 C8	A8.1	A9.1	A9.2	A9.2.1	A9.3	A9.3.1	A9.4
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x = OS supported

If you move forward with your IBM OS upgrade without upgrading World, you could be in a situation where you will be running on an unsupported platform and Oracle support won't be able to answer your questions, fix bugs or supply patches.

Now is the Time

Be aware that it can take several weeks for an OS project to go from planning to execution. If a World software upgrade is involved, the entire project could take a few months depending on the complexity.



As with any OS upgrade, you have to think about more than just JD Edwards. Any third-party tools, integrations with eCommerce, EDI tools, or any other software will need to be evaluated. Anything that is running on your IBM iSeries will be affected, so, make sure that you verify whether or not those apps or tools will need to be upgraded as well.

As we approach i7.1 end of life, you need to get organized, build a case and create awareness in your organization. Depending on your specific circumstances the time needed to analyze and implement could be substantial.

Some questions to consider:

- How much will this cost?
- Will my business be disrupted?
- What improvements can I expect?
- What can my organization do to help?

Still not sure what to do next? Contact us at the Minardi Consulting Group to schedule an upgrade review session that will help you answer your questions and get you headed on a course towards compatibility!

Some helpful sites:

- [World Upgrade Resources](#)
- [IBM Announcement](#)

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