# Support Policies and Compatibility Information

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## *IBM i Operating System Support Policy*

*The Frontier application software on the IBM i will be supported on operating systems that are supported by IBM. When IBM withdraws support for a given release of i, we will no longer support the compilation and execution of the Frontier software on that release of the operating system.*

### What releases of i does IBM support?

IBM support for various releases of the i operating system is as follows:

| Release | IBM support | End of IBM support |
|---------|-------------|--------------------|
| i 6.1 | **Not supported** | 30 September 2015 |
| i 7.1 | **Not supported** | 30 April 2018 |
| i 7.2 | **Not supported** | 30 April 2021 |
| i 7.3 | Supported | 30 September 2026 |
| i 7.4 | Supported | To be announced† |
| i 7.5 | Supported | To be announced |

†*Note that IBM announces the end of support for a release at least 12 months in advance. For more information, visit:*

https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/release-life-cycle

### What releases of Websphere does IBM support?

IBM support for various releases of Websphere is as follows:

| Release | IBM support | End of IBM support |
|---------|-------------|--------------------|
| WAS 7.0.X | Not supported | 30 April 2018 |
| WAS 8.0.X | Not supported | 30 April 2018 |
| WAS 8.5.X | Supported | To be announced |
| WAS 9.0.X | Supported | To be announced |

*For more information, visit:*

https://www-01.ibm.com/software/support/lifecycleapp/PLCSearch.wss?q=Websphere+Application+Server&ibm-search=Search&sortby=name#ibm-plc-results-sortby

## *Frontier Version Planning*

The following tables depict the various IBM i operating system levels, Websphere operating system levels, Web Browser versions, and Microsoft Office versions supported by Frontier. In all cases, we recommend contacting us before upgrading any of the software listed below to receive current information regarding compatibility and required Frontier updates.

### IBM i

| *Frontier Release* | *IBM i 7.1* | *IBM i 7.2* | *IBM i 7.3* | *IBM i 7.4* | *IBM i 7.5* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRONTIER 3.0 | **With EC 44194** | With EC 48804 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| FRONTIER 3.1 | Supported | With EC 48804 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| FRONTIER 3.2 | Supported | With EC 48804 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| FRONTIER 3.3 | Supported | Supported | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| FRONTIER 4.0 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported | n/a |
| FRONTIER 4.1 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.2 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |

### Websphere

| *Frontier Release* | *Websphere 7.0.x* | *Websphere 8.0.x* | *Websphere 8.5.x* | *Websphere 9/0.x* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRONTIER 3.0 | **Recommended** | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| FRONTIER 3.1 | **Required** | Frontier 3.1.2 | Supported | n/a |
| FRONTIER 3.2 | Supported | Supported | Supported | n/a |
| FRONTIER 3.3 | **Not supported** | **Not supported** | Supported† | n/a |
| FRONTIER 4.0 | **Not supported** | **Not supported** | Supported† | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.1 | **Not supported** | **Not supported** | Supported† | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.2 | **Not supported** | **Not supported** | Supported† | Supported |

† *Webshere 8.5.0 or 8.5.5 64 bit JVM recommended with Frontier 3.2 cume 01 or higher.*

## Web Browsers

| Frontier Release | IE 9.0 | IE 10.0 | IE 11.0 | Chrome | Edge | Firefox |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRONTIER3.0 | Frontier 3.1.3 | Not supported | Not supported | Not supported | Not supported | Not supported |
| FRONTIER3.1 | Supported | Frontier 3.1.3 EC47251 | Not supported | Not supported | Not supported | Not supported |
| FRONTIER3.2 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Not supported | Not supported | Not supported |
| FRONTIER3.3 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Not supported | Not supported | Not supported |
| FRONTIER4.0 | Not Supported† | Not Supported† | Supported | Supported | Supported | Not supported |
| FRONTIER4.1 | Not Supported† | Not Supported† | Supported* | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.2 | Not supported | Not supported | Not supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |

*† Not supported by Microsoft as of January, 2016*
*\* Not supported by Microsoft as of August, 2021*

## Microsoft Office

| Frontier Release | Office 2010 | Office 2013 | Office 2019 | Office 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRONTIER 3.1 | Frontier 3.1.3 | **Not supported** | Not supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 3.2 | Supported | Supported* | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 3.3 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.0 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.1 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.2 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |

*\* PCM Workbench requires EC 47863*

## *Frontier Application Planning*

The following tables depict the compatibility of Frontier applications and their dependent products.

### CADFlow

| Frontier Release | Autodesk Inventor 2018 | Autodesk Inventor 2020 | Autodesk Inventor 2021 | Autodesk Inventor 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRONTIER 3.1 | **Not supported** | **Not supported** | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 3.2 | **Not supported** | **Not supported** | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 3.3 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.0 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.1 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.2 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |

### Frontier Interface with Vertex

| Frontier Release | Vertex V3.5 | Vertex V3.6 | Vertex V4.2.02 | Vertex L Series V5.1 | Vertex L Series V6.0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRONTIER 2.1 | Supported | Supported (EC35525) | **Not supported** | **Not supported** | **Not supported** |
| FRONTIER 2.2 | Supported | Supported | Supported (EC41740) | Supported (EC41740) | Supported (EC41740) |
| FRONTIER 3.0 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 3.1 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.0 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.1 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |
| FRONTIER 4.2 | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported | Supported |