

## Modern Servicing Model (Service Pack and Cumulative Updates) for SQL Server 2017 and onwards

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With SQL Server 2017 GA announcement for October-2 2017, Microsoft is introducing changes to the servicing model through GDRs, CUs and SPs.

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### **The Modern Servicing Model**

Starting with SQL Server 2017, we are adopting a simplified, predictable mainstream servicing lifecycle:

- SPs will no longer be made available. Only CUs, and GDRs when needed.
- CUs will now accommodate localized content, allowing new feature completeness and supportability enhancements to be delivered faster.
- CUs will be delivered more often at first and then less frequently. Every month for the first 12 months, and every quarter for the remainder 4 years of the full 5-year [mainstream lifecycle](#).
- CUs are delivered on the same week of the month: week of 3rd Tuesday.

Note: the Modern Servicing Model (MSM) only applies to SQL Server 2017 and future versions.

### **Servicing lifecycle**

The [servicing lifecycle](#) is unchanged for SQL Server 2016:

- *Years 0-5 (Mainstream Support): Security and Functional issue resolution through CUs. Security issues through GDRs.*
  - *Years 6-10 (Extended Support): Security or critical functional issues.*
  - *Years 11-16 (Premium Assurance): Optional paid extension to Extended Support (no scope change).*
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You can read all about these changes in our blog post [here](#), which includes an extensive FAQ section.

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