3354958 - SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition and SAP S/4HANA on-premise - General Information on Support Packages Schedules

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Symptom

General information on SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition and SAP S/4HANA on-premise Support Packages Schedules is needed.

Other Terms

S/4HANA, Support Package Stacks, Feature Package Stacks

Reason and Prerequisites

n/a

Solution

In 2022 SAP announced the updated release strategy for SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition and SAP S/4HANA on-premise.

Starting with SAP S/4HANA 2023 the changes are as follows:

- Major releases will be delivered in 2-years cycles (before: yearly)

- For each release 3 Feature Pack Stacks are planned (before: 2)

- Mainstream maintenance is prolongated to 7 years (before: 5 years)

For more details refer to the news post New SAP S/4HANA Release and Maintenance Strategy to Deliver Greater Innovation and Flexibility and to the related strategy update presentation.

The planned release and Feature Pack Stack delivery pattern is as follows:

- Major release (aka Initial Release Shipment, Feature Pack Stack 0): RTC in Q4, October every 2nd year

- Feature Package Stack 1: RTC in Q1, February every 2nd year

- Feature Package Stack 2: RTC in Q4, October every 2nd year

- Feature Package Stack 3: RTC in Q1, February every 2nd year

(Exceptions to this planned schedule pattern may apply in case required)

Consequently, starting in calendar year 2024 the related Support Packages schedules for SAP ERP, SAP S/4HANA and other related Business Suite products are adjusted.

Support Packages deliveries are shifted somewhat to match the above delivery pattern of the latest SAP S/4HANA Feature Packs.

Communication of planned release dates for SAP's S/4HANA Feature Pack Stacks above can be found in the Schedules for the Support Package Stacks on SAP Support Portal

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