

Informatica IDMC Release Insights

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IDMC Releases

- **Release Cycles:**
 - IDMC releases new cloud service versions throughout the calendar year.
 - The annual schedule is published on the Pulse page [Informatica Releases Page](#).
- **Release Types:** The scheduled releases are categorized into two types, each has distinct change scopes.
 - STANDARD**
 - MAJOR**
- **Pre-Release Phase:**
 - Pre-release pods upgraded before the launch on prod PODs.
 - Allows testing of new features and changes.
- **Deployment Schedule:**
 - PODs are upgraded on a rolling basis over 3 weeks.
 - The schedule varies per POD; the [Pulse page](#) provide details.
- **Runtime Continuity:** Allows seamless upgrades without interrupting running jobs, schedules, or application payload processes.
- **Flexible upgrade:** Some IDMC services support flexible upgrade options.

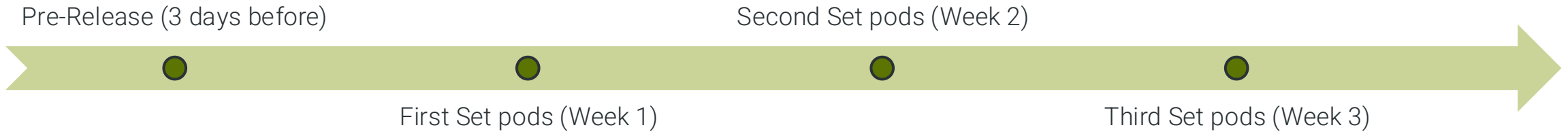
IDMC Types of Releases

Change	STANDARD	MAJOR
Secure Agent Upgrade		✓
IDMC Infrastructure Upgrade/Changes		✓
Partial IDMC UI Downtime		✓
New Features/Functionality	✓	✓
Behavior Changes	✓	✓
Security Fixes	✓	✓
Bug Fixes & EBFs	✓	✓

For more detailed Information refer [Release Readiness doc](#)

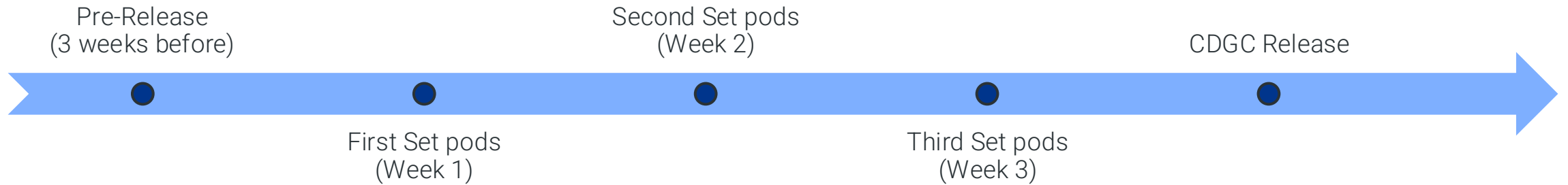
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Standard Release



- Pre-Release upgraded 3-4 days before first set of pods.
- The standard release is divided into a 3-week schedule across all the IDMC Pods. (Happens on Weekends)
- Standard release can include bug fixes, security patches, EBFs and minor feature enhancements. No UI downtime.
- Deployment window: 4 hours
- Release FAQ is constantly updated for any details or issues found. [IDMC Upgrade Reference and Troubleshooting | Current Version](#)
- Pulse Page updated for notification.

Major Release



- Pre-Release upgraded 3 weeks before the first set of pods.
- The major release is divided into a 3-week schedule across all the IDMC pods. (Happens on Weekend).
- IDMC UI will be partially down during deployment window. Runtime Continuity for supported services.
- Deployment window: 3 hours
- Release FAQ is constantly updated for any details or issues found. [IDMC Upgrade Reference and Troubleshooting | Current Version](#)
- Pulse Page updated for notification. Emails are also sent out to all active users in Org.
- (CDGC) Cloud Data Governance and Catalog release for all PODs start after the Third week pods. Flexible Upgrade window available for CDGC.
- (CDI-PC) Cloud Data Integration for PowerCenter will have a mandatory Domain update with a 90-day grace period.

Major Release - Cont'd

Flexible Upgrades (CDGC - Cloud Data Governance and Catalog)

Some IDMC services allow administrators to initiate an upgrade for their organizations during the flexible upgrade window.

- The following services allow customers to upgrade their organizations during the flexible upgrade window:
 - Metadata Command Center
 - Data Governance and Catalog
 - Data Marketplace
- The Informatica Cloud Operations team deploys the release to IDMC PODs on the dates listed in the Pulse page.
- Notifications appear in the Metadata Command Center after deployment. Administrators must upgrade within the flexible window.
- **Flexible Window: up to 6 weeks**
- Upgrade non-prod lower environments to explore new features and validate fixes. Once satisfied upgrade production orgs.
- **Mandatory Upgrade:** After the flexible window ends the Orgs that have not upgraded are automatically upgraded. POD - specific dates will be published in the Pulse Page.
- For more details, refer to the [Release Readiness](#) doc.

Major Release - Cont'd

Mandatory Update (CDI-PC - Cloud Data Integration for PowerCenter)

- Secure agents in CDI-PC IDMC Org receive package updates with each major release.
- **Mandatory updates need a Domain update**, occurring twice yearly during April and October IDMC major releases.
- Updates are available once IDMC POD releases are complete, as noted on the Pulse Page.
- Customers can schedule updates or start them manually from the Domain Details page in CDI-PC.
- A **90-day grace period** is provided for mandatory updates; the deadline is at the end of this period.
- Domains not updated by the deadline become obsolete and will cause operational disruptions.
- For more details, refer to the [CDI-PC Release Readiness](#) doc.

IDMC Releases for 2026

April Major Release	
Pre-Release 20 Mar 2026	Pre-Release Pre-release (EMEA)
Week 1 Sunday, 12 Apr 2026	AP East 2 Azure US East 1 OCI Canada Central 1 US West 1 Azure Canada Central 1 Azure NA West 1 NA East 2 US West 1 GCP FedRAMP EM SouthEast 1 Azure
Week 2 Saturday, 18 Apr 2026	US East 4 US West 3 US West 3 Azure UK EM Central 1 Azure AP NorthEast 2 Australia Azure AP SouthEast 1
Week 3 Friday, 24 Apr 2026	Middle East GCP Private 3
Saturday, 25 Apr 2026	US East 6 US West 5 Private 1 Private 2 AP NorthEast 1 Azure EM West 1 EM West 2 GCP

July Standard Major Release	
Pre-Release 6 July 2025 19 June 2026	Pre-Release Pre-release (EMEA)
Week 1 Sunday, 12 July 2026	AP East 2 Azure US East 1 OCI US West 1 Azure US West 1 GCP UK NA West 1 NA East 2 FedRAMP EM SouthEast 1 Azure EM West 2 GCP
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Week 3 Friday, 24 July 2026	Middle East GCP Private 3
Saturday, 24 July 2026	Canada Central 1 US East 6 US West 5 Private 1 Private 2 AP NorthEast 1 Azure AP SouthEast 1

October Major Release	
Pre-Release 18 Sep 2026	Pre-Release Pre-release (EMEA)
Week 1 Sunday, 11 Oct 2026	AP East 2 Azure US East 1 OCI US West 1 Azure US West 1 GCP UK NA West 1 NA East 2 FedRAMP EM SouthEast 1 Azure EM West 2 GCP
Week 2 Saturday, 17 Oct 2026	US East 4 US West 3 Canada Central 1 Azure US West 3 Azure AP NorthEast 2 Australia Azure EM West 1 EM Central 1 Azure
Week 3 Friday, 23 Oct 2026	Middle East GCP Private 3
Saturday, 24 Oct 2026	Canada Central 1 US East 6 US West 5 Private 1 Private 2 AP NorthEast 1 Azure AP SouthEast 1

For CDGC Release Dates and all above mentioned updated release schedule refer to the [Pulse page - CDGC Release](#).

Metadata Refresh During Major Releases – Impact & Best Practices

- **What happens:** During major releases/upgrades, Informatica refreshes the metadata for CDI mappings and mapping tasks so they align with the latest updates and enhancements.
- **Impact:** If the underlying database objects or file structures change compared to the design-time schema, mapping tasks can fail after the upgrade (for example, columns added/removed, data types changed, flat file layout updated).
- **Best practice:** Avoid changing the corresponding database objects without updating the mappings, and ensure the manifest file always includes a valid design-time schema file so MapGen can resolve the correct schema after upgrades.
- **Best practice – flat files:** For mappings using a native flat file connection, if you want to retain design-time metadata and avoid failures when the file structure changes, enable “Retain existing fields at runtime” in the mapping task (see KB: [HOW TO: Configure a mapping task to retain design-time metadata for a parameterized flat file object in CDI](#)).

Pre-Release

- **Pre-Release Importance:**
 - Critical for testing updates before production POD upgrades.
 - Major Release: Pre-release POD updated 3 weeks prior; standard release: 3 day prior.
- **Environment Setup:**
 - Pre-release environments are set up separately and do not automatically include existing assets; users must import assets they wish to test from their production or non-production setups.
 - It's advised to configure crucial tasks and workflows in the pre-release environment to verify they function properly after upgrades.
- **Issue Management:**
 - If issues arise, contact Global Customer Support by submitting a support ticket.
 - Identified problems are fixed before upgrades to production PODs.
- **Access & Resources:**
 - Access to pre-release participation is available to those with the IDMC Assurance Package or Orgs with usage-based licenses billed through Informatica Processing Units (IPUs).
 - For a list of services involved in pre-releases, refer to the Pre-Release column on the [POD Availability and Networking page](#).

IDMC Assurance Service

- The Assurance Service helps simplify the upgrade process by helping you understand which assets in your organization will likely be impacted by the features and dependencies in the upcoming release.
- It includes an "Upgrade Analysis" feature that identifies assets likely to be impacted by an upgrade, enabling users to create regression test suites for testing in a pre-release environment.

The screenshot shows the Informatica Assurance Service interface. The main heading is "Upgrade Analysis". Below it, there are two tabs: "Analysis report" (selected) and "Other upgrades". A sub-heading reads: "Following report lists assets in your organization that might be impacted by the upgrade. Analysis column shows the reasons on why t...". Below this, there are four bullet points providing instructions on how to use filters like "Upgrade Type", "Insights", and "Recommendations". A note states: "You can select the assets, deploy them to the pre-release organization and perform regression tests there. For more information, refer...".

Below the instructions, there is a section titled "Impacted Assets (8779)" with a "1 Selected" dropdown. A table lists assets with columns for Name, Project, Folder, and Insights. One asset is selected, and a "General sanity test" button is visible next to it.

On the right side of the interface, there are two sections: "Basis" and "Upgrade Details". The "Basis" section shows "Google BigQuery V2" and "CXN...". The "Upgrade Details" section shows "Google BigQuery V2 enhancements" and a highlighted box that says "Connector enhancements We recommend you to perform general sanity tests." Below this, a note states: "The updated package addresses bugs and includes internal fixes implemented for the release."

- The Assurance Service integrates with pre-release environments, allowing users to test assets for upgrade-related changes before deploying them to production.
- The [IDMC Assurance Service User Guide](#) provides detailed instructions on using the Assurance Package.
- The article [IDMC Assurance Package - Upgrade Analysis](#) explains how to use the "Upgrade Analysis" feature. [IDMC Assurance Service Cloud Upgrade Release Impacts - YouTube](#)
- For more details <https://knowledge.informatica.com/s/article/Assurance-Service-Getting-Started>

Key Event Management

- Informatica provides a specialized Key Event Management service for qualified Signature Select customers to support IDMC major releases.
- **Service Highlights:**
 - Real-time monitoring of major platform release events for visible failures on your IDMC Production Org
 - Proactive risk anticipation and rapid issue resolution
 - Minimizes potential impact and optimizes event outcomes
 - Enhances customer confidence during critical platform events
- **Prerequisites:**
 - Platform Insights
 - Upgrade Intelligence
 - Deployment Automation
 - Operationalize Assurance Service and Pre-release
- Structured approach emphasizes proactive preparation, real-time monitoring, and post-release evaluation to minimize risks and optimize outcomes for customers.

Notifications

Modes of Notifications

	Pulse Page	In Product	Email
Incidents	✓		
Patch Maintenance	✓		
Infrastructure Maintenance	✓		
Major Release	✓	✓	✓
Standard Release	✓	✓	
Patch Release	✓		
Potential Impact Notice (Behavior Change)			✓

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Status Page - Pulse

IDMC Service Health Portal - <https://pulse.informatica.com/>

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Welcome, Vikesh

Our New Service Health Portal

Monitor the status of your Informatica PODs, services, and integrations across regions. Stay informed with real-time updates on incidents, releases, and maintenance—all in one personalized view.

My PODs All PODs

Next Auto Refresh in: 09m 48s

FILTERS Search PODs

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Operational Release Maintenance Degraded Performance Service Disruption

Services/PODs 1	PRE-RELEASE	NA WEST 1	NA EAST 2	US WEST 3	US EAST 4	US WEST 5	US EAST 6	CANADA CENTRAL 1	FEDRAMP	PRIVATE 1	PRIVATE 2
Host Ecosystem	aws	aws	aws	aws	aws	aws	aws	aws	aws	aws	aws
Advanced Data Integration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
Advanced Serverless	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
API Center Service	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-

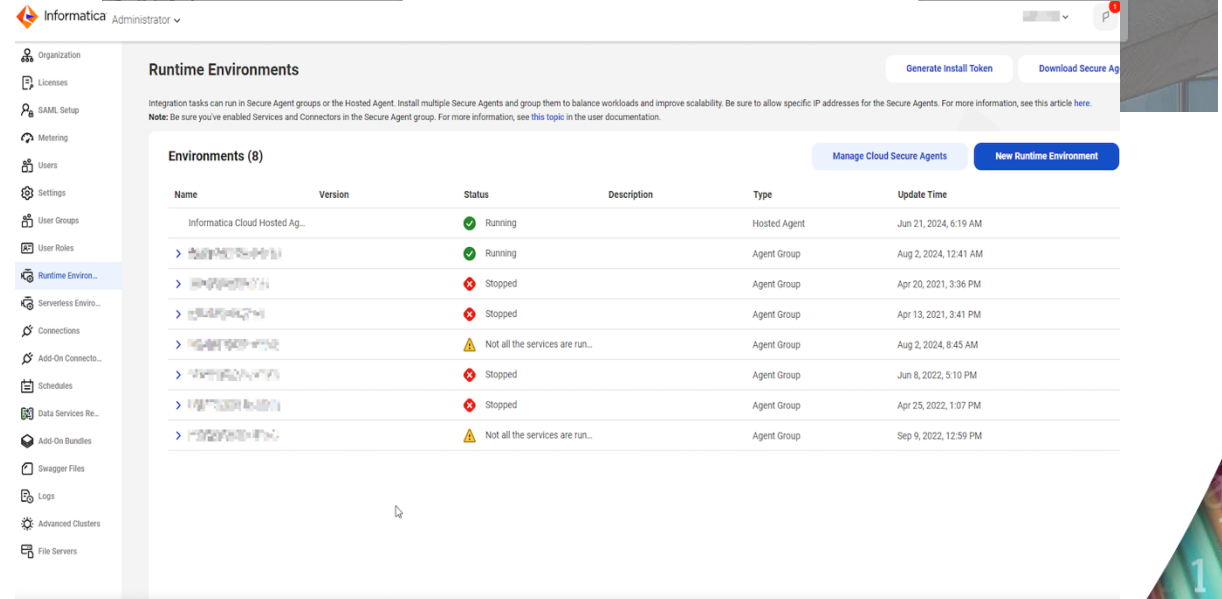
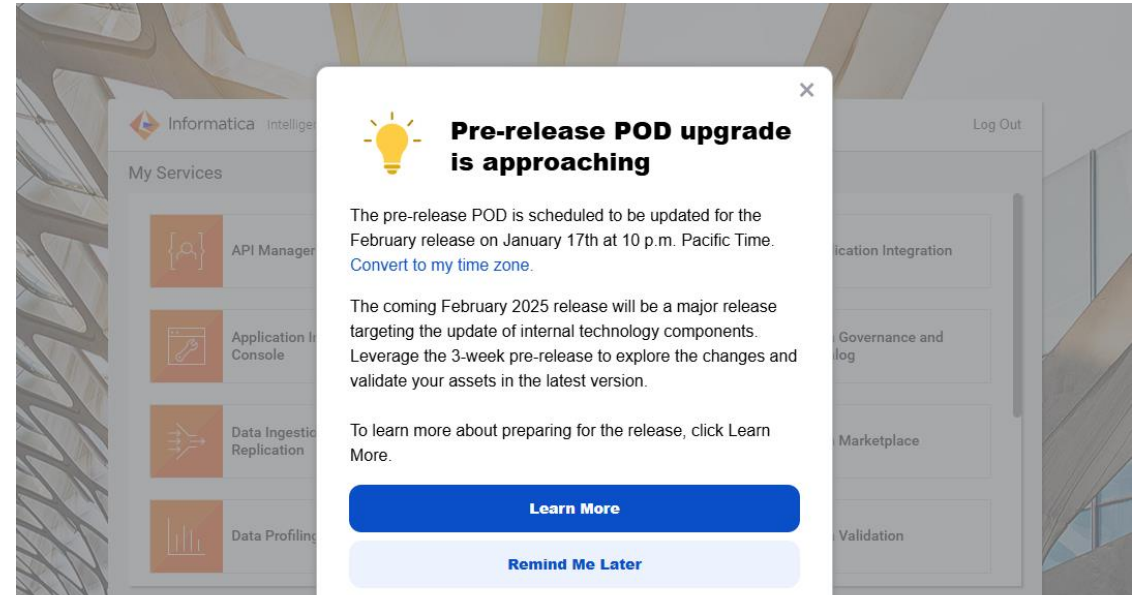
- Serves as the central hub for communicating upcoming maintenances, releases and any incidents.
- Transparency by providing near-real-time information about the health and availability of cloud services.
- Keep users informed about the operational status of cloud services, reducing uncertainty.
- Subscribe to the status page for specific services and components to receive updates.

[Introducing the All-New Informatica Service Health Dashboard](#)

[Informatica IDMC Service Health Portal User Guide](#)

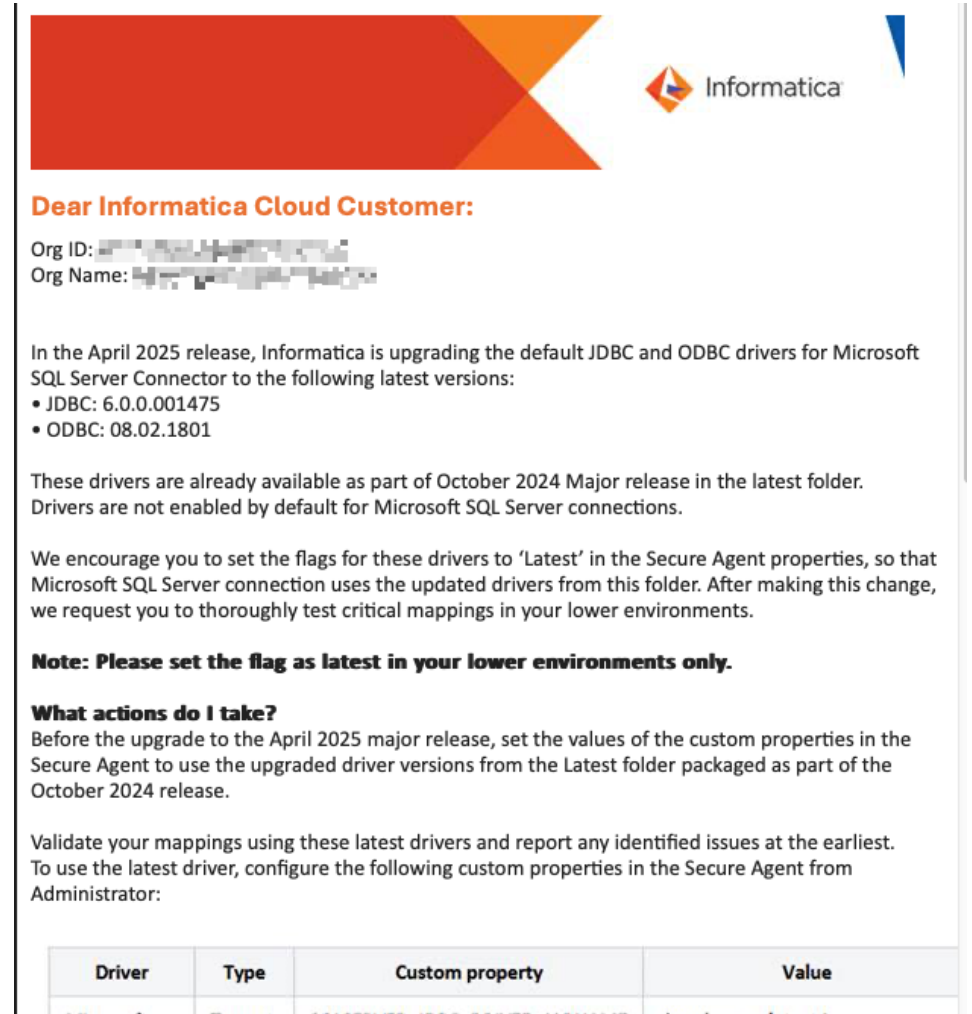
In product notification

- Pop up on login to IDMC org.
- Timely added for release announcement.
- Notification is curated to specific pod/org release schedule.
- Currently for Major, Standard release and major updates.
- In-product alerts for EOL secure agent OS.



Email notification

- Sender Identification: Emails from support@informaticacloud.com or support@email.informatica.com
- Recipient Scope: Sent to all users in the respective IDMC Org.
- Email Categories:
 - Major Release announcements.
 - Important announcements/alerts on service & platform changes.
 - Alerts/Actions required on any behavior changes.
- Targeted Communication:
 - We aim to limit emails to Orgs with potential impacts.
 - But some changes may necessitate sending emails to all Orgs. Goal is to ensure we keep everyone well-informed about changes affecting them.



Dear Informatica Cloud Customer:

Org ID: [REDACTED]
Org Name: [REDACTED]

In the April 2025 release, Informatica is upgrading the default JDBC and ODBC drivers for Microsoft SQL Server Connector to the following latest versions:

- JDBC: 6.0.0.001475
- ODBC: 08.02.1801

These drivers are already available as part of October 2024 Major release in the latest folder. Drivers are not enabled by default for Microsoft SQL Server connections.

We encourage you to set the flags for these drivers to 'Latest' in the Secure Agent properties, so that Microsoft SQL Server connection uses the updated drivers from this folder. After making this change, we request you to thoroughly test critical mappings in your lower environments.

Note: Please set the flag as latest in your lower environments only.

What actions do I take?

Before the upgrade to the April 2025 major release, set the values of the custom properties in the Secure Agent to use the upgraded driver versions from the Latest folder packaged as part of the October 2024 release.

Validate your mappings using these latest drivers and report any identified issues at the earliest. To use the latest driver, configure the following custom properties in the Secure Agent from Administrator:

Driver	Type	Custom property	Value

Email notification – Cont'd

- You can choose to opt-out from these critical email notifications.
- Categories of Critical Notifications:
 - **Critical Administrative Alerts**
Notifications relevant to administrators to ensure service availability.
Examples: Updates like POD IP address changes or End of Life (EOL) notices.
 - **Critical Event Alerts**
Notifications about upcoming releases and service maintenance.
Examples: Major release announcements.
 - **Proactive Notifications**
Notifications regarding release impacts, new features, or changes in system behavior.
Examples: Changes in connector or transformations.
- The email footer will have details on how to opt-out.
- Important Consideration: Opting out will disable critical notifications. Users should make the decision thoughtfully as it may impact their awareness of essential updates.

Advisory: Dynatrace Impact on Informatica Secure Agent Upgrades

Settings

Notification Settings

Configure which email notifications you receive. Administrators can enable and disable notifications for all

Enable email notifications

Notification Categories

Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send event email [?]
Asset Changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLAIRE Recommendations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Collaboration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Critical Notifications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Data Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tickets and workflow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
User Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Required:

To ensure a smooth and successful upgrade, please complete the following steps before April 18th, 2025:

Important Links

- For Details on Releases – [IDMC Upgrade Reference and Troubleshooting | Current Version](#)
- Release Readiness doc - <https://docs.informatica.com/cloud-common-services/administrator/h2l/1772-release-readiness/landing-page.html>
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- Monthly SupportFlash Newsletter: [SupportFlash](#)
- For Details on Notification categories and options: [Notification categories and subcategories](#)

Q&A

Thank you