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Terms of Reference for the Go-Sign-Desktop (GSD) client upgrades schedule

The foreseen medium and long-term plans regarding upcoming upgrades are detailed below.

There are two categories that each Go-Sign-Desktop (GSD) client version can belong to: certified and/or supported.

Certified

Once per year, a certified version of GSD client is released by the TARGET Services providers. Up to two versions in parallel can be certified by the TARGET Services providers.

A certified version is:

- including security fixes and cumulative patches
- subject to full regression testing by the TARGET Services providers in addition to the tests performed by the vendor

Supported

All versions of the GSD client that are supported by the software vendor (Ascertia), regardless of certification by the TARGET Services providers or not. The vendor is the only one able to provide patches and new versions.

Current status (October 2023)

The following versions are certified by the TARGET Services providers and supported by Ascertia: GSD client 6.9.0.1 and GSD client 6.9.0.9

Medium-term plan

• Q4-2023: End of Certification to GSD client 6.9.0.1 on 4 December 2023. The version is not any more certified by the TARGET Services providers but is still supported by Ascertia.

• Q4 2023: Release of new GSD client 6.9.0.20 to the Certification environment on 14 November 2023 and to PROD on 4 December 2023[1]. The new version 6.9.0.20 and the previous 6.9.0.9 will be certified by the TARGET Services providers and supported by Ascertia in parallel.

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[1] Download links will not change, those included in the current documentation will still be usable. The download will therefore be possible for all the T2/T2S/TIPS users authorized to access the ESMIG Portal.

• Q2-2024: GSD client 6.9.0.9 is no more certified but still supported by Ascertia. Afterwards, only 6.9.0.20 will be certified.

Recommendation to users: Upgrade to GSD client 6.9.0.20 during the 6 months period between the release of GSD client 6.9.0.20 (Q4-2023) and the end of certification for GSD client 6.9.0.9 (Q2-2024).

• Q4-2024: Release of new GSD client version numbered 8.x. The new GSD client 8.x and the previous 6.9.0.20 will be certified by the TARGET Services providers and supported[2] by Ascertia in parallel.

Long-term plan

From 2024 onwards, there will be only **one regular release every year**. The first of these regular releases is 8.x which is currently expected to be supported from Q4 2024.

The new support and release policy will be integrated in the ESMIG UDFS.

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[2] Clarifications on-going with vendor on the duration of the period when 6.9 and 8.x can be supported in parallel.