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# Oracle's Mandatory Monthly Maintenance Is Here

Stay test-ready every month — without the scramble.

## Patching Just Got More Frequent

Oracle is increasing patch frequency to stay ahead of evolving security threats — now applying mandatory monthly maintenance to every Fusion Applications environment, on top of the quarterly cycle. That turns ~4 change events a year into 12+, and can't be opted out of or rescheduled. Even security and maintenance releases can quietly affect your configurations, integrations, and processes — so every cycle needs validation.

**Opkey is built for exactly this:** automated, impact-based regression that keeps you current without the manual burden.

### Who's Affected

All Oracle Fusion Applications customers — production & non-production.

### When

**Production:** weekend of the 3rd Friday (Middle East: 3rd Thursday).
**Non-prod:** that same week.

### What Changes

Faster security and maintenance updates (performance, stability & reliability) every month.

### The Catch

Mandatory. Can't reschedule. Conflicting refreshes are cancelled and must be re-booked.

## What This Means for Your Team

### What The New Cadence Means

**x3 More Event Changes**
Monthly security & maintenance updates stack on top of quarterly releases — every one a potential regression.

**Security Can Still Change Behavior**
Security and maintenance releases can quietly impact configurations, integrations, and functionality — even when the intent is purely security.

**A Tight Validation Window**
Your lower environment is patched mid-week, production the following weekend — roughly 3 days to validate before changes reach users.

**Disrupted Refreshes**
Refreshes that collide with maintenance are cancelled — you must reschedule around the patch.

### What You Need To Be Ready

**Repeatable Regression Coverage**
For your critical business processes — ready to run on demand, every month.

**Impact Analysis**
One that pinpoints exactly what each patch actually touches in your environment

**Self-Healing Automation**
So your scripts survive Redwood and UI changes instead of breaking each cycle

**A Tight, Predictable Test Window**
One that fits inside Oracle's monthly schedule

The new Oracle cadence: quarterly cohorts + mandatory monthly patches

26X QUARTERLY RELEASE · MONTHLY PATCH

| COHORT | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A (FEB · MAY · AUG · NOV) | 26A | | | 26B | | | 26C | | | 26D | | |
| B (MAR · JUN · SEP · DEC) | | 26A | | | 26B | | | 26C | | | 26D | |
| C (APR · JUL · OCT · JAN) | | | 26A | | | 26B | | | 26C | | | 26D |
| Monthly (ALL ENVIRONMENTS) | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |

Quarterly releases (26A–26D) are staggered across three cohorts — you pick A, B, or C, and your updates land in those months.
What's new: mandatory monthly maintenance now patches every environment, every month. Regression risk is no longer just quarterly — it's continuous.

## How Opkey Helps: The Opkey Platform

**3 Days** to validate — before production

Oracle releases to your lower (non-production) environment first, then production ~3 days later.
Opkey makes that window enough with automated, impact-based regression.

Wed (Lower Env) → Sat (Production)

### Today

Manual, fragmented, reactive. Teams scramble to regression-test each patch and still miss impact.

### With Opkey

Automated, unified, proactive. Patches are scoped, tested, and signed off on a schedule.

### Release Advisor Pro

Reads each Oracle patch and maps it to your live modules, configs, integrations & customizations — so you test what actually changed, not everything.

### Testing Agent

7,500+ pre-built Fusion test scripts plus self-healing automation run targeted regression in hours and survive Redwood/UI change.

### Monthly Patches

Let Opkey run the monthly cycle for you — impact analysis, regression, and sign-off delivered inside Oracle's third-Friday window.

## Get Ahead Of Your First Mandatory Patch

Talk to your Opkey account team about a Release Advisor Pro readiness review —
we'll map the patch impact to your environment and stand up a monthly regression plan that minimizes downtime.

Contact Opkey