

This document describes new features, noteworthy changes, and provides guidance on upgrading from earlier versions. If you see anything missing or inaccurate, please submit a pull-request against individual pages, or [create an issue](#).

Supported Versions

- 5.3.x is the final feature branch of the 5th generation and the latest production line (GA as of October 2020), with long-term support provided on JDK 8, JDK 11, JDK 17.
- 5.2.x is the previous production line (GA as of September 2019), to be actively supported until the end of 2021.
- 5.1.x and 5.0.x are not actively supported anymore, superseded by 5.2.x and 5.3.x as of December 2020.
- 4.3.x reached its official EOL (end-of-life) on December 31st, 2020. No further maintenance and security patches are planned in that line.
- 3.2.x reached its official EOL (end-of-life) on December 31st, 2016. No further maintenance and security patches are planned in that line.

At this point, we recommend upgrading to the latest Spring Framework 5.3.x release from Maven Central.

JDK Version Range

- Spring Framework 6.0.x: JDK 17-21 (expected)
- Spring Framework 5.3.x: JDK 8-19 (expected)
- Spring Framework 5.2.x: JDK 8-15
- Spring Framework 5.1.x: JDK 8-12
- Spring Framework 5.0.x: JDK 8-10
- Spring Framework 4.3.x: JDK 6-8

We fully test and support Spring on Long-Term Support (LTS) releases of the JDK, i.e. currently JDK 8, JDK 11 and JDK 17. Additionally, there is support for intermediate releases such as JDK 9/10/12/13/14/15/16/18 on a best-effort basis, meaning that we accept bug reports and will try to address them as far as technically possible but won't provide any service level guarantees.

What's New

- [[5th generation|What's New in Spring Framework 5.x]] and [[Spring Framework 5 FAQ]]
- [4th generation](#) (4.3.x reference)

Upgrade Considerations

- [[Upgrading to Spring Framework 6.0|Upgrading to Spring Framework 6.x]]
- [[Upgrading to Spring Framework 5.0, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3|Upgrading to Spring Framework 5.x]]
- [[Upgrading to Spring Framework 4.3|Upgrading to Spring-Framework 4.x]]