5.0 features (which have not been back-ported to 4.x)

- Netty 4.2
 - o IO_Uring
- HTTP client service selection
 - o Address resolver (K8S, SRV, DNS)
 - Load balancing
- gRPC
 - o gRPC Web
 - Timeout and deadlines
- TCP server/client shutdown
- JVM related changes
 - Java 11 base
 - Finalizer removal
 - Biased locking removal
 - Partial Java module support
- Micrometer performance improvements

5.0

- HTTP client
 - Fine grained SSL configuration (per request)
 - Unpooled connections
- DNS client
 - Resolver support improvements

5.x planned features (at the moment)

- More service resolver integration
- HTTP/3
- Vert.x shutdown and restart

Eclipse Vert.x major release lifecycle (community)

- Upon a major version release X.0
 - Previous major (X-1)
 - Remains supported for two years
 - Possibly more as best effort
- Feature development for X.Y
- Next major release X+1
 - Development begins when evolution requires significant changes
 - Partial backport of new features to X.Y

Quarkus support

- Quarkus 3
 - ships with Vert.x 4.5.x
- RHBQ
 - Major vertx components are supported (core, web, SQL client, Redis client, gRPC)
 - https://docs.redhat.com/en/documentation/red_hat_build_of_quarkus/3.8/html/release_notes_f or_red_hat_build_of_quarkus_3.8/assembly_release-notes-quarkus_quarkus-release-notes#c on_difference-between-rhbq-and-community_quarkus-release-notes
- Enabling support
 - https://quarkus.io/blog/magic-control/
 - Benefits : CVE updates / open support tickets with SLA
 - Already part of your contract

Quarkus support

- Component support
 - https://access.redhat.com/articles/7040491
 - Micrometer / tracing reimplementation in Quarkus
 - Noticeable components that are not supported
 - Kafka client
 - Mongo client
 - Kotlin language
 - Unsupported component
 - Ask / negotiate exception with Thomas Q.
 - Otherwise considered as third-party library
- Vert.x 5
 - Winter 2025 Spring 2026

Noticeable 4.x features

- Virtual threads
- TCP traffic shaping
- Client/server certificate replacement
- Dynamic SQL pool connection creation
- Web client URI templates
- HTTP Proxy