EPM TESTMATE · THE MONTHLY UPDATE

Oracle's monthly update, validated and filed.

Oracle applies its update to test environments on the first Friday of the month and to production on the third. EPM TestMate runs the same regression set before and after each, explains every difference, and files the audit package on Oracle's calendar.

THE UPDATE CYCLE, ON ORACLE'S CALENDAR

What Oracle does	What EPM TestMate does
Last Friday of the month Service Administrators are emailed about next month's update. The What's New is on the Release Readiness site.	**What's New triaged** Oracle's What's New imported and marked item by item against the features you use: applies, does not apply, needs enabling. The 15-step run book opens with owners and deadlines.
First Friday: test pods The update is applied to test environments at the first daily maintenance at or after 22:00 UTC.	**Baseline, then post-patch** The known-good baseline runs before the window: forms, rules, scripts, integrations, dashboards, reports, bursts. The same steps run again after it.
Weeks one and two Two weeks on the new version before production takes it.	**Every difference explained** Before, after and visual difference per step; added, removed, modified, unchanged. A mismatch is explained by the What's New or certified as expected, with an audit trail; failed steps re-run in place.
The decision skipUpdate can hold production for up to three consecutive updates; weekly and emergency patches still apply.	**Go or Skip, signed** IT Go or Skip, then Business sign-off, recorded against the evidence. A skip request and its comment are filed with the month.
Third Friday: production The update is applied to production at the first daily maintenance at or after 22:00 UTC.	**Production run and the package** The post-patch run on production, compared with the test results, and the audit package generated and filed in the central library by month.

What the audit package contains

- Readme analysis: Oracle's What's New with each item marked applies, does not apply, or enabled
- Baseline reports from the known-good version, with timestamps and a version screenshot before and after
- Comparison report: added, removed, modified, unchanged, with each mismatch explained or certified
- Screenshot and PDF evidence per step, visual differences highlighted; downloadable HTML reports
- Run book: 15 steps, owners, deadlines, evidence uploads
- IT Go or Skip and Business sign-offs, two-level, with the auto-generated audit PDF
- Manifest; one ZIP per month in the central audit library

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updates a year × applications × person-days per application is your annual regression cost. Four applications at two days each is about 100 person-days, before counting one bad rule found at quarter-end.

HOW TO START

A no-cost proof of concept on one application across one monthly update: your own baseline-versus-post-patch compare on the test pod after the first Friday, production after the third, and your own audit package. Functional users define the tests in a wizard; no scripts.

Covers Planning, FCCS, ARCS and EDMCS. Runs on Azure (Durable Functions, Service Bus, Blob evidence store), Playwright browser automation and EPM Automate; full audit trail in SQL; role-based access. Hosted by Caresoft or in your own Azure tenant.

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