Edge Upgrade-as-a-Service (EUaaS) enables companies to remain up-to-date with VMware’s recommended software version, ensures an efficient overall maintenance duration, increased stability, and allows efficient adoption of new features. Staying current with the recommended version provides a competitive edge and offers significant business and operational benefits.

The service is performed in cycles to complete a network upgrade in a timely manner while minimizing downtime. The upgrade duration is determined based on the number of Edges and complexity of the network.

**Typical upgrade cycle activities**

- Discovery sessions are held with the customer to understand the environment, identify critical sites and applications, define communication channels, and upgrade schedules.
- VMware identifies the recommended release for the customer based on the features being used and feedback from the field and engineering.
- VMware performs an upgrade risk analysis from the source and target version to evaluate if any modifications are required in the configuration or migration plan prior to the upgrade.
- VMware reviews that the engineering test plan has the features used by the customer. If gaps are identified, VMware tests any missing combinations in a virtual environment.
- VMware agrees on a verification plan with the customer.
- VMware creates a procedure document that reflects the overall upgrade plan.
- VMware executes the upgrade on behalf of the customer and provides regular status updates with all stakeholders throughout the process.
- At the end of the upgrade cycle, a retrospective call is held with the customer stakeholders to identify areas of improvement.

**Note:** The upgrade cycle depends on the number of Edges to be upgraded. A typical network of around 100 Edges will have an upgrade cycle of approximately 4-6 weeks.

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