

# JBoss Enterprise BRMS 5.2

## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**Q: What is new in JBoss Enterprise BRMS 5.2?**

**A:**

- Full support for complex event processing (CEP)
- Support for CEP constructs in the rules editor
- Significant re-architected and enhanced Decision Table interface
- Ability to embed BRM editors in customized environments
- Redesigned parser that handles freeform expressions
- Technology preview of backward chaining (goal-seeking) rules logic
- Run in clustered environment
- JBoss Operations Network (JBoss ON) support for rules monitoring

**Q: What is needed to deploy the product?**

**A:** The JBoss Enterprise BRMS rules engine execution environment can be deployed on any certified JVM, Java, and Java EE platforms. Included in that category are the JBoss Enterprise Web Server, JBoss Enterprise Web Platform, JBoss Enterprise Application Platform, and the JBoss Enterprise SOA Platform. Also included are various third-party platforms that support our certified JVMs. The JBoss Enterprise Repository and Guvnor (authoring and management) environments require either the JBoss Enterprise Web Platform or JBoss Enterprise Application Platform. Red Hat support for non-JBoss environments is to provide all commercially reasonable efforts to support customers who are running on a third-party environment. If Red Hat determines that the root cause of a reported issue is due to the third-party container or the interoperability of that container with BRMS, the customer will be required to reproduce and troubleshoot the problem on a supported version of the JBoss Enterprise Application Platform.

**Q: Are there other benefits to the JBoss products that support JBoss Enterprise BRMS?**

**A:** In addition to the elements of the underlying platforms that support authoring and the rules repository, there are services that support clustering, scalability, and reliability that BRMS can leverage from underlying JBoss products.

If SOA-based integration is desired, the JBoss Enterprise SOA Platform – a separate product with its own subscription – can be used in lieu of JBoss Enterprise Application Platform.

**Q: How Does JBoss Enterprise BRMS compare with JBoss Drools, Guvnor, and Fusion?**

**A:** Drools, Guvnor, and Fusion are open source JBoss Community projects. The open source community is where our leading-edge innovation occurs, and follows a release early, release often approach. New features are explored, developed, and tried within the community. As these features mature, Red Hat brings them into the enterprise-ready subscription of JBoss Enterprise BRMS, which offers platform certification, access to Red Hat support, and a range of other benefits.

A more detailed exploration of the different but highly complementary roles of community and enterprise is available in a separate document, Business Rules: The Enterprise Subscription.

**Q: How do I publish a rules service based on web services to be used within a SOA?**

**A:** The JBoss Enterprise SOA Platform supports a rules execution engine with the platform. You can publish a BRMS rules service, register it with the SOA platform registry, and it will be available to the SOA as would any other web service.



**Q: How long will JBoss Enterprise BRMS be supported?**

**A:** Each major version of JBoss Enterprise BRMS has a five-year support lifecycle policy. Detailed lifecycle support information is available at [jboss.com/products/updates](http://jboss.com/products/updates).

**Q: How will I access software updates?**

**A:** Software updates are available via the Red Hat Customer portal at [access.redhat.com/home](http://access.redhat.com/home).

**Q: If I already have JBoss Enterprise Web Platform or JBoss Enterprise Application platform, can I get JBoss Enterprise BRMS without them?**

**A:** Yes. With an Enterprise BRMS subscription, you can deploy on installed containers such as JBoss EWP or JBoss EAP.

**Q: Where can I find tools for JBoss Enterprise BRMS?**

**A:** A subscription includes an entitlement for JBoss Developer Studio, which includes a rich set of tools that work with the JBoss Enterprise BRMS rules engine, authoring, and management tools. A subscription to JBoss Enterprise BRMS also includes developer rights (without developer support) to the rest of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware portfolio. For more information about JBoss Developer Studio, see [jboss.com/products/devstudio/](http://jboss.com/products/devstudio/).

**Q: How do I get developer support for JBoss Enterprise BRMS?**

**A:** Developer support is included with the subscription. For details, please refer to [jboss.com/services/subscriptions/](http://jboss.com/services/subscriptions/).

**Q: Can I evaluate JBoss Enterprise BRMS before I purchase a subscription?**

**A:** Evaluation copies of the product are available at [jboss.com/downloads](http://jboss.com/downloads).

**Q: How do I migrate to BRMS 5.2?**

**A:** Applications developed for BRMS 5.0.x or 5.1.x do not need migration.

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