



Technical Support Solutions Handbook



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Using This Handbook

This handbook provides an overview and essential information about the Support Solutions offerings (Essential Support, Basic Maintenance, Appliance Support, Extended Support, and Business Critical Services) available from Veritas, including definitions of programs, processes, and procedures.

- Please read this handbook for information about how case management activities address Problems based on their Severity Level.
- This handbook does not replace the contractual terms and conditions under which a customer acquired specific Veritas Products or Support, and it does not supersede the Veritas Technical Support Policy.
- Customers should review this handbook to learn where to obtain information about software support for companies that have been recently acquired by Veritas, including those that are not fully integrated into the Veritas support offerings portfolio and processes.
- Capitalized words in this handbook have specific meanings. This handbook defines those meanings.
- Veritas reserves the right to make changes to this Handbook and related processes at any time. The latest version of the handbook is available on our [Support Fundamentals](#) page.

Veritas Support Solutions Terms

Support Agreement

A current Veritas Support Agreement covers the generally available (GA) version(s) of a customer's product license. Customers should refer to their Support Agreement(s) for additional information on the scope of technical support applicable to their product.

Veritas Technical Support Policy

The Veritas Technical Support Policy describes the terms under which Veritas will provide support to customers. It includes definitions of terminology and states various customer responsibilities. Our Technical Support Policy is available on our [Support Fundamentals](#) page.

Veritas Product Life Cycle

Veritas provides different levels of deliverables under a customer's Support Agreement depending on where their Product is in its life cycle. Our Product Life Cycle describes the typical life cycle for our products, and the related support deliverables during those life cycle stages. For more information, please refer to our [Veritas Product Life Cycle](#) information dates. If a customer's installed product has reached its end of standard support (EOSS) date, then the customer will need to refer to the Veritas Product Life Cycle to understand the support options that may be available to purchase for the product, such as Extended Software Support.

Extended Appliance Support (EAS) (Appliances Only)

If you have an active support agreement and want to continue support for your Appliance after its EOSS date, you must purchase EAS, if available. EAS is subject to parts availability and is not applicable to NetBackup™ Flex Scale.

Appliance Support Services

Appliance Support Services describe the support services for Veritas Appliances. Veritas delivers support to customers who have a valid Support Agreement in effect for Hardware and Software, and are using the Appliance in a Supported Configuration. Appliance Support Services information is available on our [Appliance Services](#) page.

For more details on NetBackup FlexScale validated Appliances refer to the following documents:

FAQ: [Veritas NetBackup Flex Scale Support FAQ](#)

[Veritas NetBackup™ Flex Scale Support](#)

Veritas Validated Platforms

Veritas Validated Platforms offer a simplified turnkey experience to protect customers' applications and data. With Validated Platforms, Veritas and the relevant Hardware Provider confirm and validate the hardware's interoperability with the Veritas data protection software product. At the same time, customers have the option to purchase hardware by selecting from a list of pre-qualified industry-standard hardware. Please refer to the Third-Party Offerings section on our [Service and License Agreements page](#).

SaaS, Subscriptions, and Hosted Services

Software as a Service (SaaS), subscriptions, and hosted services are defined and described in their respective service and licensing agreements, available on our [Service and License Agreements page](#).

Verified Support for Software

Verified Support for Software provides support case management based within the United States, performed by United States personnel in accordance with the terms set forth in the Support Agreement. Except as otherwise stated within that Support Agreement, for purposes of Veritas policies, handbooks, end of life processes, guides, and other documentation, references to Essential Support shall be deemed to include Verified Support for Software. Verified Support for Software will satisfy the requirements of any offering (such as Business Critical Services, Extended Software Support, or Sustaining Software Support) that requires Essential Support as a prerequisite.

Verified Support for Appliances

Verified Support for Appliances provides support case management and onsite support based within the United States, performed by United States personnel in accordance with the terms set forth in the Support Agreement. Except as otherwise stated within that Support Agreement, for purposes of Veritas policies, handbooks, end of life processes, guides, and other documentation, references to Appliance Standard Support shall be deemed to include Verified Appliance Standard Support, and references to Appliance Essential Support shall be deemed to include Verified Appliance Essential Support. Verified Support for Appliances will satisfy the requirements of any offering that requires Appliance Standard or Appliance Essential as a prerequisite. United States based support is not guaranteed for AutoSupport cases.

For more details on NetBackup FlexScale validated Appliances refer to the following documents:

FAQ: [Veritas NetBackup Flex Scale Support FAQ](#)

[Veritas NetBackup™ Flex Scale Support](#)

Verified Support Variations

To view any product line variations on the support features provided under Verified Support, please visit our [Verified Support Product Variations](#) page.

Veritas Support Solutions Offerings

Veritas offers different support solutions offerings for on premises Software and Appliances.

Veritas Support Offerings Matrix

Technical Support	Basic Maintenance	Essential Support ¹
Severity 1 Response Target (Following Acknowledgment)	1 Hour	30 Minutes
Access to Support	Regional Business Hours	24 x 7
Caller Entry Point—Regional Business Hours	Technical Support Engineers	Technical Support Engineers
Caller Entry Point—Outside Regional Business Hours	Technical Support Engineers	Technical Support Engineers
Technical Contacts	Unlimited	Unlimited
Territory Coverage	Regional	Global
Product Coverage	By Software Title	By Software Title
Extended Support	Add-On Option	Add-On Option

¹ Veritas Verified Support is also provided at these Response Targets Service Level Goals

Basic Maintenance (Software Only)

Basic Maintenance is only available in select countries. For more details, please contact your Veritas sales representative.

Basic Maintenance provides:

- Access to technical support provided by telephone during Regional Business Hours
- Access to the Veritas technical support website on a 24x7 basis
- Access to Hot Fixes and Patches
- Access to Software Version Upgrades

Essential Support (Software Only)

Essential Support provides:

- Access to technical support provided by telephone on a 24x7 basis
- Access to the Veritas technical support website on a 24x7 basis
- Continuous Efforts support for Severity 1 Cases (upon customer request)
- Access to Hot Fixes and Patches
- Access to Software Version Upgrades

Extended Software Support (Software Only)

In addition to having a valid entitlement for Basic Maintenance or Essential Support, customers who wish to receive support after the Product's End of Standard Support date need to have a valid Extended Software Support entitlement. Extended Software Support includes the following deliverables:

- Access to technical support on a 24x7 basis for Essential Support or Regional Business Hours for Basic Maintenance
- Access to Veritas technical support website on a 24x7 basis
- Provisioning of known Fixes/Patches/Workarounds, or information from the Veritas technical Knowledge Base, in response to a customer's request for assistance

Refer to the [Veritas Product Life Cycle](#) for more details.

Standard Support, Essential Support, and Extended Appliance Support (Appliances)

Veritas delivers support to Appliance customers who have a valid Support Agreement in effect for Appliance and Software, and are using the Appliance in a Supported Configuration. Any on-site support for Appliances is only provided once Veritas determines that an on-site response is required, including the delivery of applicable parts. Extended Appliance Support is not applicable to NetBackup Flex Scale. Additional Appliance support information is available on our [Appliance Services](#) page.

For more details on NetBackup FlexScale validated Appliances refer to the following documents:

FAQ: [Veritas NetBackup Flex Scale Support FAQ](#)

[Veritas NetBackup™ Flex Scale Support](#)

Business Critical Services (BCS) Offerings

- For a list of BCS-supported product families, please see the [BCS Covered Products List](#)
- For a full service description of the Proactive Support options available by product, and to coordinate the delivery of your Proactive Support, please contact your account manager or see [BCS Proactive Support](#)
- For all BCS service and license agreements, please see [Service and License Agreements](#)
- For the BCS Handbook, please see [Business Critical Services \(BCS\) Global Handbook](#)

Types of Support

Web Support

Veritas offers extensive self-help resources on a 24x7 basis, at no additional cost to customers:

- The [Veritas Knowledge Base](#) has answers to technical questions
- The [Veritas Support Website](#) has links to articles about how to use the Veritas Knowledge Base, create a Veritas account, manage subscriptions, and leverage other Veritas support resources
- Community Forums are available at [Veritas Open Exchange \(VOX\)](#) to ask other customers simple product questions.
- Customers with active Support Agreements may also use the [Veritas Support Website](#) to initiate, manage, update, and close technical support cases

Telephone Support

A list of worldwide Veritas Support Solutions contact numbers is available on our [Contact Support](#) page. Veritas offers toll-free phone support in certain areas, but customers are responsible for all other charges they incur, such as faxes, toll calls, internet services, network bandwidth, cloud consumption, postage, and postage insurance.

Local Language Support

Veritas provides support services in English. We will use commercially reasonable efforts to provide non-English language support during Regional Business Hours, subject to Veritas available resources. For additional information, please visit [Support Fundamentals](#) and read the *Local Language Support* document listed under *Additional Resources*.

Technical Contacts

You must register staff members as technical contacts to act as a liaison with Veritas support staff. To better facilitate providing support services to you, your Technical Contacts should have a thorough understanding of the specific Veritas product that is the subject of the Case, along with applicable technical and product knowledge needed to assist with the timely resolution of a Case. If we believe your Technical Contact lacks the necessary technical and product knowledge to help address the Problem, we may request that you replace your Technical Contact with someone who has more technical or product knowledge to help progress the Case. If qualified Technical Contacts are not available throughout the Problem troubleshooting process, the ability for Veritas to assist you will be adversely affected. When you log your Case or escalate a Case, you may identify specific individuals as your Technical Contact(s) for that Case.

Registering or Updating Veritas Entitlement Management System (VEMS) Contacts

Depending on the permission level, VEMS users may be able to open support cases, download software, and generate license keys for the Entitlements owned by their organization.

- For Basic Maintenance and Essential Support customers, please see [VEMS Self-Service](#) for information on VEMS self-service contact management; for additional assistance, please contact Customer Care via our [Contact Support page](#)
- For Business Critical Services customers, please register your Technical Contacts with your BCAM or RPS

Contacting Veritas Support Solutions

Overview

If customers identify a Problem with their licensed Veritas Software or Veritas Appliance, they should contact Veritas electronically via the [Veritas Support website](#) or by phone using the contact numbers available on our [Contact Support page](#).

Customers must provide Veritas with all relevant diagnostic information that may be required to replicate or address their Problem. Customers will need to initiate a separate Case for each Problem, and Veritas will assign a unique case identification number in its global tracking system for each Case.

Should a customer experience a Problem with an Appliance, the serial number of the Appliance is needed for proper diagnosis of the hardware configuration as purchased.

Whether customers report their Problem electronically or by phone, they will be required to provide Veritas with their Veritas Support ID or Entitlement ID for Veritas to validate the level of support they are entitled to receive. When customers contact Veritas about their Case, they will need to provide their Case number.

Information to Provide When Reporting a Problem

Customers should provide Veritas with the following information when reporting a Problem by phone:

- Identity
 - Customer name
 - Contact name, phone number, and email address
 - Veritas Support ID or Entitlement ID (the unique set of letters or numbers assigned at the time of purchase)
- Product Information
 - Product name
 - Product version
 - Chassis serial number (if the issue is with a Veritas Appliance)

- System and Software Information
 - Operating system
 - Operating system version
- A one-line high-level statement of the reported Problem
- The main symptom of the Problem
- A detailed summary of the Problem they are experiencing, and its impact on their organization
- Severity Level
 - Customers should refer to the Severity Level definitions in this Handbook, and assign a Severity Level of 1 to 4 to their Problem
- For a Veritas Appliance, additional information is needed:
 - Serial number
 - Address where the Appliance is installed
 - Local contact at the install location
 - Site details (local contact, access hours, site restrictions)
 - Customers should have direct access to the systems that require troubleshooting
- Customer Information:
 - In accordance with your Support agreement with Veritas, in order for Veritas to provide Support and to keep you apprised of Support and Software updates, Veritas will require you to supply certain personal data (such as business contact names, titles, business telephone numbers, business e-mail addresses) about yourself and about your Designated Contacts.
 - To learn more about the type of information collected by or in connection with your use of Veritas Products and Veritas Support, and, how Veritas protects Customers Personal Data, please refer to the following:
 - Veritas Technical Support Policy & Veritas Appliance Support Policy: https://www.veritas.com/support/en_US/terms/support-fundamentals;
 - The terms of your License and Support Agreements: <https://www.veritas.com/company/legal/license-agreements>;
 - Veritas Data Processing Addendum ("DPA") For Customers: <https://www.veritas.com/company/privacy>;
 - Your Use of Veritas Products: <https://www.veritas.com/company/privacy>.
 - Should you have any additional questions, please contact your Sales Account Representative.

Case Management

Acknowledgment

Case management involves several key activities. The first activity is when Veritas acknowledges that a customer has contacted Veritas by phone or through the [Veritas Support website](#) about a Problem, or a Problem has been automatically reported to Veritas by the CallHome appliance feature. In the case of phone or web Problem reporting, it is the goal of Veritas to acknowledge a customer's request for assistance within five minutes.

Once a Case has been opened, a customer will receive an official email acknowledgment that Veritas has been made aware of the Problem. The email will include the customer's Case number, as well as important instructions, helpful tools, and resources that will aid in the resolution of the customer's Problem. Veritas asks customers to please take the time to read this important email.

Troubleshooting

The Technical Support Engineer (TSE) will ask the customer questions about their Problem, and work with them to isolate the cause of their Problem. The troubleshooting process may involve answering additional questions, running diagnostics, applying patches, requesting logs, providing remote access, and more. Please note that Veritas will require the customer's express consent prior to starting any remote access. In the event that Veritas requests logs, and customer agrees to provide logs to assist with troubleshooting a reported Case, Veritas will safeguard customers' personal data in accordance with the 'Customer Information' section in this handbook. The TSE will document all troubleshooting steps in the Case. The TSE will provide the customer with a plan of action (POA) throughout the life of the Case. The actions taken by the assigned TSE will work to determine the cause of your Problem. If the cause of your Problem is identified to be an issue with Veritas Software, the TSE will deliver a Workaround or other resolution, or may also develop a plan of action outlining expected steps toward addressing the Problem. Customers may view Case updates and communicate with the TSE through the [Veritas Support website](#).

If the determination is made during problem diagnosis that an Appliance hardware issue exists, a field service coordinator will work with the customer to coordinate an estimated time of arrival of the on-site support personnel and/or part needed. This will be done within the Support Agreement times as appropriate, or as otherwise agreed with the customer. Third-party hardware issues will be deferred to the hardware vendor.

Case Management Activities

Veritas will use commercially reasonable efforts to carry out related activities within targeted timeframes. However, Veritas has no obligation to meet any specific timeframes. If a customer has logged a Severity 1 Problem, the initial efforts of Veritas will focus on making the customer's Software operational. There may be temporary degradation in performance while Veritas continues to work to resolve the Problem.

Severity Levels

The customer, in conjunction with Veritas, will determine the initial Severity Level of each Problem logged with Veritas. The Severity Level reflects the customer's assessment of the potential adverse impact on its business and must accurately match the Severity Level definitions set forth herein. If Veritas Technical Support determines that the Severity Level assigned to customer's Case does not align with its definitions, Veritas will re-categorize the Problem to comply with those definitions. As the Case progresses, the seriousness of the Problem may change and may no longer match the initial Severity Level assigned to the Problem. In such cases, Veritas, in consultation with the Customer, will reclassify the Case to reflect the correct definition and will handle the Case by this corrected Severity Level. For the purpose of determining resolution time, the Case Severity shall be considered the Severity set at the time of opening the case, so long as it meets the appropriate severity definition.

Case Management Timelines Based on Severity Level

Problem Severity	Response Target Following Acknowledgment Acknowledgement Within Five Minutes		
	Basic Maintenance (Regional Business Hours)	Essential Support (24 x 7)	Business Critical Services (24 x 7)
Severity 1 A Problem has occurred, and no Workaround is immediately available in one of the following situations: (i) a production server or other mission-critical system is down or has had a substantial loss of service; or (ii) a substantial portion of mission-critical data is at a significant risk of loss or corruption	Within one business hour	Within 30 minutes	Within 15 minutes
Severity 2 A Problem has occurred where a major functionality is severely impaired; operations can continue in a restricted fashion, but long-term productivity might be adversely affected	Within four business hours	Within two hours	Within two hours
Severity 3 A Problem has occurred that has a limited adverse effect on business operations	Next Business Day	By the same time, Next Business Day	Within six hours
Severity 4 A problem has occurred that has non-operational system impact: an event with minor system impact, or a request for information or questions about functionality.	Within two Business Days Veritas further recommends that suggestions for new features or enhancements be submitted to the Veritas forums	Within the Next Business Day Veritas further recommends that suggestions for new features or enhancements be submitted to the Veritas forums	By the same time, Next Business Day Veritas further recommends that suggestions for new features or enhancements be submitted to the Veritas forums

*If the issue is related to the NetBackup Flex Scale software, then Veritas will handle that support Case consistent with our software maintenance/support processes.

Monitoring and Updating a Case

The TSE managing a customer's Case will provide updates on the status of the Case and will maintain a current plan of action (POA) for the Case. Customers can monitor the status of the Case and interact with the assigned TSE via the Veritas Support interface. If customers need to call Veritas Support regarding an open Case, they should call and provide their Case number to the Customer Care agent. The agent will transfer the call to the TSE managing that Case. If that TSE is unavailable, the customer may leave a message for the TSE, or request to have the Case re-dispatched to the next available TSE. Re-dispatched means that a Case is taken out of the possession of one TSE and put into the support queue to be picked up and worked by a different, available TSE.

In the case of an Appliance-related Problem, the Field Service Coordinator will conduct additional monitoring and will communicate with the customer directly about arrival times to help ensure the Problem is resolved.

Third-Party Problems

Veritas will use commercially reasonable efforts to bring a final resolution to the customer's Problem. However, in the event that the troubleshooting process and evidence demonstrate that the Problem is not caused by Veritas, but appears to be caused by a third party, Veritas will request—and in some cases require—the customer to open a Case with that third party to address the Problem.

Troubleshooting in the Cloud

Veritas is committed to helping customers manage data in the cloud. While aiming to keep any additional customer expense at a minimum, Veritas is not responsible for any ancillary costs that customers may incur while troubleshooting their cloud environment.

Case Closure

Veritas will close a Case under the following circumstances: (a) Veritas has provided a solution that addresses the customer's Problem; (b) the customer has told Veritas that they no longer need Veritas to work on the Problem; (c) both Veritas and the customer agree to close the Case; (d) Veritas has repeatedly tried to contact the customer about their Problem and the customer does not respond after three attempts; (e) Veritas makes a good faith determination that the Problem is likely not resolvable even with the investment of reasonable time and resources; (f) Veritas will close the Case if the cause of the customer's Problem is confirmed to be related to third-party software or hardware, or other non-Veritas Software-related causes; (g) Veritas Technical Support determines that the customer's Software is operating materially in accordance with its Documentation; (h) Veritas has advised the customer to download a patch or Software Version Upgrade that Veritas believes will resolve the customer's Problem; (i) Veritas has explained that it may consider addressing the customer's Problem in a future release; (j) Veritas believes that the Veritas Software did not cause the Problem; (k) a Workaround mitigates the issue; (l) Veritas may close the customer's Case for other reasons under Veritas standard business processes.

In situations where Veritas Support provides a resolution to your problem and you wish to test or monitor that resolution for a period of time, we will put the case into a monitoring state. If there is no further interaction on the case, the case will automatically close in seven days. However, if you find that the same problem recurs or that the solution provided did not resolve the problem, you can reopen the case within 14 days of closure via the [Veritas Support website](#), or by calling Veritas Support Solutions. To access the phone directory, please visit our Contact Us page for a list of worldwide contact numbers.

If the customer still needs assistance for the same Problem after Veritas has closed the Case, the customer may open a new Case, and Veritas will reference the original Case to the new Case. Veritas will close hardware Cases for third-party vendors if the hardware issue has been resolved.

Escalation Process

Veritas is committed to delivering high-quality products and support to its customers. In the event that customers are not satisfied with the way their Case is being handled, they should request their Case be escalated.

The entry point into the Veritas escalation process is through a local Veritas Technical Support Center. When connected, please ask to speak to the Escalation Management team. All requests for escalation assistance will be triaged for urgency and impact, and assigned to an escalation manager. The escalation manager will:

- Partner with the customer to understand their concerns, and work to address the customer's specific needs
- Act as an advocate on behalf of the customer, providing visibility of escalated issues with Veritas leadership
- Collaborate internally to coordinate resources and develop a plan of action
- Drive accountability to the delivery of commitments to bring about a timely resolution of the escalated issue
- Manage communications for alignment and provide a single voice of Veritas to the customer

Acquired Products

This Handbook does not cover any offerings other than the standard Veritas commercially available support offerings. Please refer to your Support Agreement for a description of the deliverables and entitlements you will receive under the support offering you have purchased for those acquired products. Note that the term *Support Agreement* refers to your agreement covering support for the acquired products, even if a company branded as Veritas is not a contracting party.

Continuous Efforts for Essential Support (SEV 1 Problems Only)

Essential Support customers may request that Veritas provide Continuous Efforts to work on a Severity 1 Case. The term *Continuous Efforts* means that Veritas Support personnel will move the customer's Case around the globe, from support center to support center, using a follow-the-sun model. This will provide uninterrupted efforts 24 hours per day, including weekends and holidays, to address a Severity 1 Case.

If a customer requests that their Case follow the sun, the ability for Veritas to provide such Continuous Efforts will depend on having access to the customer's Technical Contact to continue Problem resolution. If a customer does not request that the Case follow the sun, or if the Technical Contact is not available to assist Veritas, work on the Case will stop at the end of the customer's Regional Business Hours. Continuous Efforts will be performed in English outside of Regional Business Hours, as local language support is only provided during Regional Business Hours, as available. Note that the initial efforts of Veritas will focus on making the customer's Veritas product operational, and there may be temporary degradation in performance while Veritas continues to work to address the customer's Problem.

Veritas Entitlement Management System (VEMS)

The Veritas Entitlement Management System (VEMS) is a portal that provides access to Entitlements purchased from Veritas. Entitlements are created in the Entitlement owner's VEMS account by the order fulfillment process. Once an Entitlement has been created, users of the VEMS account can access the Entitlement information, download software, and generate license keys associated with the Entitlement.

Customers are responsible for managing and ensuring that only authorized users have access to their VEMS accounts. Customers and their authorized users need access to a VEMS account to manage users, access Entitlement information, download software, generate license keys, and to open technical support cases. To provide timely support, it is important that customers and users keep their information accurate and up to date.

To access VEMS, click the [Veritas Support Licensing](#) option. For more information about VEMS, please see the Veritas Entitlement Management System [User Guide](#).

Multi-Vendor Support

Veritas has a broad range of multi-vendor collaborative support arrangements, including via TSANet. Veritas will typically leverage these collaborative arrangements if a customer experiences interoperability problems between Veritas Software and products from other vendors. In cases where Veritas does not have a collaborative relationship with another vendor, Veritas may ask the customer to engage that vendor to work with Veritas in resolving the Problem. If the Problem relates to the third-party product and not to the Veritas product, then the third-party vendor (and not Veritas) will determine the progress and resolution of that Problem. In the event that the Problem relates to another vendor's product and not to the customer's Software, then Veritas may transfer the customer's Problem to that vendor. In such cases, the customer will then need to work directly with that vendor to resolve their Problem.

Service Exclusions

Any support not expressly included in your Support Agreement is deemed excluded. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, your Support Agreement is your Support Certificate, including any documents that it specifically incorporates by reference. Without limiting the foregoing, the following services are specifically excluded from Technical Support but may be available for purchase under a separate order for additional services: Software installation, upgrade services, training, configuration, and implementation; troubleshooting of environmental issues; creation of custom scripts; queries; reports; root cause analysis; or support for any third-party software not provided by Veritas.

To focus on and resolve support issues as quickly as possible, the Veritas Technical Support organization does not work on preemptive cases, such as support cases where there is no actual issue. When an issue arises and a Case is created, the Technical Support organization will engage and work with our customers to provide a resolution.

Installation, Upgrade, Configuration, and Implementation Activities

Customers who would like Veritas to provide installation, upgrade, configuration, or any other service, should contact their Veritas sales representative.

Veritas Education Services

Veritas Education Services provides a full range of training solutions to help customers get the most out of their Veritas products. From instructor-led classes to a virtual academy to an online eLibrary of training content accessible anytime, anywhere, Veritas Education Services has training options that are right for every customer. Veritas certification programs help customers apply their training to achieve credentials that can provide differentiation in today's highly competitive environment. For more information about [Veritas Education Services](#) training and certification options, visit [Veritas Education Services](#), or contact the regional distribution list.

Test System Recommendation

Veritas recommends that customers configure a test system and environment that can be used to validate configurations and settings before they install their product or any upgrades, updates, or fixes in a production environment. A test environment also allows customers to perform troubleshooting outside of their production environment.

Remote Access

Veritas may offer to remotely access a customer's computer system to perform diagnostic and troubleshooting activities on their product. During these remote sessions, TSEs may request to take control of a customer's computer. Veritas may ask to record remote access sessions so they may be used as evidence in resolving reported problems. Before implementing such remote access, Veritas will require the customer's express consent to the Remote Access Support Terms available on our [Service and License Agreements](#) page.

Software Version Upgrade

Customers who have a current Basic Maintenance or Essential Support agreement are entitled to receive Software Version Upgrades that become generally available during the term of their Support Agreement, at no additional charge. Any option or future product that Veritas licenses and prices separately will not be considered a Software Version Upgrade. Notification of a Software Version Upgrade automatically occurs via email and within the Veritas Entitlement Management System (VEMS). Each active user of a VEMS account will receive the Software Version Upgrade notification unless they have opted out of receiving these notifications. To access VEMS, click the [Veritas Support Licensing](#) option.

To help ensure that their Software performs at optimal levels, Veritas recommends that customers proactively install applicable Software Version Upgrades as they become commercially available.

Support Renewals

A renewal is an extension of a Support Agreement for a specified renewal period, typically 12 months. Each renewal term will become effective upon the expiration date of the previous term, provided that the customer has paid the applicable fees. Customers will not be entitled to receive any support once their Support Agreement expires. If a customer has purchased a Veritas Appliance, both Hardware and Software support contracts need to be current to receive support for the system. However, customers may still access the Veritas online Knowledge Base and those patches that Veritas makes generally available to all licensees, regardless of whether that licensee holds an active Support Agreement. A copy of the Global Renewal Policy can be found on our [Support Fundamentals](#) page. For more information about support renewals, please contact your Veritas Sales representative or a member of the Veritas Renewals organization.

Veritas or Veritas channel partners will typically send customers a renewal quote for their Support Agreement approximately sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of their then-current Support Agreement term. If a customer does not receive a quote, contact the [Veritas Renewals](#) organization directly.

Supported Configurations and Alternative Configurations

Veritas will provide support for Veritas products that are used in a Supported Configuration. Veritas products are designed to operate with many types of systems, applications, and hardware. Sometimes a customer may choose to use a Veritas product in an Alternative Configuration—namely, an environment that has not been validated, approved, or verified to operate with the Veritas product, does not support such product, or only supports limited functionality. Veritas does not support Alternative Configurations, and has no obligation to provide support for a Veritas product used in an Alternative Configuration. Veritas makes no warranty with respect to use of any product in an Alternative Configuration, and any such use is at the customer's risk. A Supported Configuration might be converted to an alternative configuration if a vendor modifies one of its components and changes the original Supported Configuration. If a customer experiences a Problem with the product in an Alternative Configuration, or if their Problem deals with non-standard or non-public functionality (not documented in Veritas manuals or other materials) that was not developed by Veritas or an authorized consulting partner, they should contact their Sales Representative or channel partner to determine whether any assistance is available, and under what terms.

Third-Party Products

Veritas may offer to sell third-party support for certain third-party branded products. If a customer elects to purchase such third-party products and third-party branded support, such support will be provided solely according to the terms and conditions of the applicable support agreement with that third party. The provisions of this Handbook will not apply to the delivery of such third-party branded support services.

Definitions

Some of the capitalized terms used in this Handbook are defined below or in the Veritas Technical Support Policy. They may also be defined when they are first used in this Handbook.

Alternative Configuration: When a Veritas Product is used in a configuration that does not support such Product; in an environment that is not approved for use with the Veritas Product; in an environment in which Veritas has not verified that its Product will operate; or where the Product has been tested and is known not to work, or works with limited functionality. For these purposes, references to the environment mean the hardware platforms, operating systems, software applications, and other third-party solutions a customer may be using with the Product.

Appliance: A Veritas-branded Product that consists of Veritas-branded hardware ("Hardware"), firmware, and Software, and includes any spare part or component of that Product. If you purchase Veritas-branded components, options, and spare parts for that same Product, they are included in this definition and are considered part of your Appliance.

AutoSupport: A service program framework that provides automated Support to eligible Appliance customers.

Business Day: A day during the standard business week of the country in which the Product is installed.

Case: Refers to a reported Problem that is logged in the Veritas global case tracking system, and assigned a case identification number.

CallHome: The functionality within an Appliance that monitors and reports the state of various Hardware and Software components and sends the data over a secure channel to Veritas backend servers. The CallHome data helps Veritas provide customers with proactive support, initiate support cases, and deliver technical support and analysis. CallHome is a critical component and must be enabled for Veritas AutoSupport functionality.

Continuous Efforts: A level of effort on the part of Veritas, available upon request for Severity 1 Problems only. The term "Continuous Efforts" means that Veritas Support personnel will move the customer's Case around the globe, from support center to support center, using a follow-the-sun model, providing uninterrupted efforts 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays, to address a Severity 1 Case.

Documentation: The user manuals and release notes accompanying the Veritas Software.

End of Life (EOL): Describes the typical lifecycle for our Products, and the related support deliverables during those life cycle stages.

End of Life Support Life: The point at which the software version has reached the end of its maturity and we no longer offer support of any kind. You must upgrade to a newer, supportable version to continue to receive any support.

Entitlement: A right to use or access a product or service that is granted by Veritas to a customer or to a Veritas partner. Entitlements are typically created by the order fulfillment process, where orders are fulfilled directly to the customer's VEMS account listed on the electronic certificate as the Entitlement owner. The certificate is delivered as a PDF attachment to the order confirmation email sent to the contacts listed on the order.

Fixes, Hot Fixes, Patches, or Bug Fixes: Used interchangeably and mean any change that we make to the Licensed Software, including changes made for purposes of maintaining operating system and database system compatibility, error correction, and Workarounds that establish or help to restore substantial conformity with the applicable Documentation that we deliver to a customer. A Fix may be an interim solution for a specific customer Problem and is typically provided through a point patch or hot fix. A Fix also includes any recommendations or advice we provide to a customer, including recommendations that a customer migrate to a current release, consideration of the Problem in developing a future release of the Licensed Software, or other steps to close a Case in accordance with our support processes.

General Available or GA: When a product version is made available generally to Veritas customers.

Hardware: See "Appliance."

Initial Response: When our technical support personnel take responsibility for your Case and contact you.

Knowledge Base: The Veritas online repository of knowledge articles to help customers research suspected problems.

License Agreement: The Veritas license agreement for the Software.

Major Release: A Software release that introduces architectural changes, major feature changes, significant changes in support of platforms or operating systems, or changes that affect compatibility. Documentation revisions, error corrections and enhancements, and Minor Releases are all tied to and considered part of a Major Release and follow the EOL timelines and support phases of the Major Release. For more information, please see the EOL policy.

Minor Release: A Software release that introduces new features, additional platform support, infrastructure changes, or minor architectural changes consistent with the related Major Release. Minor Releases generally incorporate all previous bug fixes and patches issued since the prior Major Release. A Minor Release is tied to the preceding Major Release. For more information, please see the EOL policy.

Next Business Day: The specific Business Day immediately following the day that a customer submits a Problem to Veritas for assistance.

Proactive Support: Specific, defined, remote services coordinated through your BCAM, leveraging our engineering resources to optimize your Veritas environment.

Problem: A technical question or technical issue a customer may have regarding their Software's performance.

Product: Veritas Software products and Hardware (Appliance) products. The term "product" applies to a product line as a whole, a specific product version, or hardware model.

Product Family: The list of eligible software the customer is entitled to under their service agreement.

Regional Business Hours: The standard hours of business operation Monday–Friday, typically from 8 a.m.– 6 p.m., based on the country where the Software is installed. Regional Business Hours exclude holidays and days of rest.

Resolution: Covers a broad range of efforts to address a customer's Problem. This term includes any code change that Veritas may make to the Software to help restore substantial conformity with the applicable Documentation, including changes made to maintain operating system and database system compatibility. A Resolution may also mean a solution Veritas develops for a customer to address a Problem that is specific to that customer, and that Veritas does not make generally available. The definition of a Resolution includes when Veritas provides a Workaround (without a code change); makes a recommendation that the customer migrate to a current release, where Veritas considers the Problem in developing a future release of the Software; or where Veritas takes other steps to close a Case in accordance with Veritas support processes. The definition includes when Veritas may deliver a more complete and/or permanent solution to enable the Software to conform substantially to its Documentation, through the delivery of code change, or a regularly scheduled Product release. Some collateral may refer to Veritas providing a Resolution as solution delivery or providing a Fix. Veritas reserves the right to decide how a Resolution may be delivered, and in what time frame.

Severity Level: The classification of the Problem as a Severity 1, Severity 2, Severity 3, or Severity 4 Problem.

Severity 1: A Problem has occurred where no Workaround is immediately available, in one of the following situations: (a) production server(s) or other mission critical system(s) is/are down; (b) a substantial portion of mission critical data is at a significant risk of loss or corruption; (c) a substantial loss of service; (d) business operations have been severely disrupted; or (e) an issue that causes a network or system to fail catastrophically or that compromises overall system integrity or data integrity when the Appliance is installed or when it is in operation (i.e. causing a system crash, loss or corruption of data, or loss of system security) and significantly impacts ongoing operations in a production environment.

Severity 2: A Problem has occurred where a major functionality is severely impaired. Operations can continue in a restricted fashion, although long-term productivity might be adversely affected.

Severity 3: A Problem has occurred where there has been a limited adverse effect on business operations.

Severity 4: A Problem where business operations have not been adversely affected. Severity 4 issues include suggestions for new features or enhancements, and minor conditions or documentation errors that have no significant effect on your operations.

Software: The copy of Veritas Software that a customer has licensed under a Veritas License Agreement. The terms Product or Veritas Product are sometimes used interchangeably with the term Software in this Handbook.

Software Version Upgrades: A subsequent release of Software that Veritas may make available to a customer under a current Support Agreement for that specific copy of Software. Upgrade releases include those that introduce architectural changes, major feature changes, significant changes in support of platforms or operating systems, or changes that affect compatibility, as well as releases that introduce new features, additional platform support, infrastructure changes, or minor architectural changes. Any option or future Product that Veritas licenses and prices separately will not be considered a Software Version Upgrade.

Support Agreement or Support Services Agreement: An agreement between Veritas and a customer, describing the deliverables, entitlements, and other terms for the Support Services that the customer has purchased for a specific license of Software or hardware Appliance. The term Support Agreement includes Veritas Support Certificates and any documents that the Support Agreement specifically incorporates by reference.

Support Certificate: The certificate sent by Veritas confirming your purchase of the applicable Veritas Support offering for the Licensed Software.

Supported Configuration: A configuration in which the Product operates in a customer's environment that solely consists of supported operating systems, hardware platforms, software applications, firmware levels, databases, devices, device drivers, and Veritas custom-developed scripts and other configuration elements stated in the customer's Documentation, or that Veritas has validated, approved, or verified for operation in conjunction with the Product. For these purposes, references to the "environment" include the hardware platforms, operating systems, software applications, and other third-party solutions the customer may be using with the Product. For avoidance of doubt, Appliances that include additional software or third-party hardware that has not been validated, approved, or verified by Veritas will not be considered as operating in a Supported Configuration.

Support or Support Services: The general technical support that Veritas provides for a specific Appliance or license of Software under the provisions of a Support Agreement during the term of that Support Agreement.

Technical Contacts: The support personnel customers designate and register with Veritas to act as authorized liaisons with the Veritas support organization.

Third Party: Another supplier of software or hardware that is not Veritas but may be involved in a customer's reported Problem.

Workaround: A temporary solution of a known Problem used to lessen the adverse effects of a Problem, which may include specific modifications to the Software to address critical problems (sometimes called Hot Fixes). In some cases, Veritas is unable to undertake further corrective action, and the temporary solution will be considered final.

Reference Information

- Appliances Support Information [veritas.com/appliance-services/appliance-support-services](https://www.veritas.com/appliance-services/appliance-support-services)
- End of Support Life (EOSL) Dates—Product and Product version milestone dates [veritas.com/content/support/en_US/eosl](https://www.veritas.com/content/support/en_US/eosl)
- Global Renewal Policy [veritas.com/support/en_US/terms/support-fundamentals.html](https://www.veritas.com/support/en_US/terms/support-fundamentals.html)
- NetInsights Console—A SaaS cloud-based global monitoring and insights portal that replaces the MyAppliance portal netinsights.veritas.com
- Services and Operations Readiness Tools (SORT)—A set of web-based tools that optimizes the end-to-end experience for Veritas products. SORT offers information for understanding products, eases installation and upgrade, improves operational efficiency, recommends configurations to align to best practices, and helps enable you to manage Veritas products proactively. sort.veritas.com
- Support Fundamentals Webpage—A source for useful support collateral, including the Veritas Technical Support Policy, Case Escalation Process, and Language Support Guidelines [veritas.com/support/en_US/terms/support-fundamentals](https://www.veritas.com/support/en_US/terms/support-fundamentals)
- Support Phone Numbers—A list of telephone numbers that customers may use to contact Veritas Support [veritas.com/support/en_US/contact-us.html](https://www.veritas.com/support/en_US/contact-us.html)
- Veritas Appliance Support Policy—Under Additional Resources [veritas.com/support/en_US/terms/support-fundamentals.html](https://www.veritas.com/support/en_US/terms/support-fundamentals.html)
- Veritas Open eXchange (VOX)—Community Forums are available at [Veritas Open Exchange \(VOX\)](#).
- Veritas Product Life Cycle [veritas.com/content/support/en_US/eosl](https://www.veritas.com/content/support/en_US/eosl)

- Veritas Support Homepage—Online Product support tools and information. It also includes a web-based case management tool (Get Support) that enables customers to create, update, and upload supporting evidence relating to new and existing support cases. To access the Veritas Entitlement Management System (Licensing), click the “Licensing” link. To access the Veritas Knowledge Base (Knowledge Base), click the “Knowledge Base” link.
veritas.com/content/support/en_US
- Veritas Technical Support Policy—Under Additional Resources
veritas.com/support/en_US/terms/support-fundamentals.html

About Veritas

Veritas Technologies is the leader in secure multi-cloud data management. Over 80,000 customers—including 91% of the Fortune 100—rely on Veritas to help ensure the protection, recoverability and compliance of their data. Veritas has a reputation for reliability at scale, which delivers the resilience its customers need against the disruptions threatened by cyberattacks, like ransomware. No other vendor is able to match the ability of Veritas to execute, with support for 800+ data sources, 100+ operating systems and 1,400+ storage targets through a single, unified approach. Powered by Cloud Scale Technology, Veritas is delivering today on its strategy for Autonomous Data Management that reduces operational overhead while delivering greater value. Learn more at www.veritas.com. Follow us on X at [@veritastechllc](https://twitter.com/veritastechllc).

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