

# What's new in this version

This topic lists additions and improvements incorporated in IWLIVE Pro WS Version 2023.1 which were not available in previous versions.

Please note that this new version also includes various enhancements and bug fixes that are not described in detail here.

## Support for database versions 2023.0 and above in the latest version of the software

When you previously installed a new version of IWLIVE Pro WS, you were required to update your [master database](#) to the latest version of the database as only the latest version of the database was supported. This is no longer required when using database versions 2023.0 and above as you can now use multiple versions of the database with the latest version of software.

When you use an older version of a database than the latest one, you may not be able to access all the features available in the latest version of the software. The availability of a new feature depends on whether or not it requires database tables or fields that are only available in the latest version of the database, or there have been other changes that may affect results. Such restrictions could be because we have added new database items or properties. However, non-database or results related features will be available even when you use an older version of the database.

Support for different database versions is only available for database versions 2023.0 and above.

## Warning message for a database version change

When you open a newly installed version of IWLIVE Pro WS, a new dialog is displayed.

It informs you that the database version has changed, and the implications for updating a master database.

It also contains a check box that lets you choose whether or not the dialog is displayed again. If unchecked (default), the dialog is displayed the next time you try to open an older master database.

## Version selection when updating master databases

When you update a master database, you can now choose which version of the database you want the database to be updated to. A new **Update to** drop-down menu has been added to the [Open Master Database](#) dialog. When a database is updated to the selected version, you, and other users of the updated database, will be able to access all features available in applicable version of the software but no one will be able to use the updated databases in older versions of the software.

As support for different database versions is only available for database versions 2023.0 and above, the oldest version you can update to is 2023.0.

See [Master Databases](#) for further information.

## Version selection for new master databases

Each major release of IWLIVE Pro WS includes a new version of the database. Previously, when you created a new [master database](#), it would automatically be created using the latest version of the database. For example, a master database created with version 2023.0 of the software will have a database version of 2023.0. However, you can now choose which version of the database is to be used when you create a new master database. This can be especially useful if you collaborate with other users who do not work with the same version of IWLIVE Pro WS as you.

In order to choose a database version, a new drop-down menu, **Database version**, has been added to the [New master database dialog](#), and to the standard Windows Save as dialog, which is displayed when you create a new master database.

As support for different database versions is only available for database versions 2023.0 and above, the oldest version you can select is 2023.0.

## Database version number display

To make it easier to know which version of a master database you are using, the version number is now displayed in the title and tree view.