

# Why upgrade to EZproxy v6.1?

## About EZproxy

Authentication and access are important issues for libraries and information seekers. Certain library resources require authorized access, but remote information seekers want access without obstacles. EZproxy® access software connects remote users to the content they need from many content providers, including OCLC, EBSCO, Gale and others. It also works with a wide variety of authentication services, including LDAP, Shibboleth and CAS, which reduces the number of authorizations and passwords users need to remember.

## Security

EZproxy v6.1.13 reduces security risks using the most up-to-date security protocols available, specifically TLS 1.1 and TLS 1.2. It is also built with v1.0.2g of OpenSSL, which provides support for the newest SSL-related protocols. These updates will allow you to customize your security settings to get a higher security rating using third-party testers, which is a requirement for some IT departments.

## New Features

EZproxy v6.1.13 includes the following new features:

- enhanced database stanza directives that allow for more control over configurations and compatibility with updated vendor stanzas
- support for a wider range of Wildcard certificate configuration options, allowing you more flexibility in selecting and using existing SSL Certificates
- support for IPv6, which will help if your institution is migrating to IPv6

## Ability to Upgrade Immediately

In case a browser or vendor change suddenly requires compatibility with a new security protocol or a vendor needs a new directive developed, current EZproxy subscribers have instant access to the newest release of EZproxy. Your WSKey will work with any new version of the software—just install it, and you will be ready to go.

## Access to the EZproxy Community Center

Launched in January 2016, the EZproxy Community Center provides current Hosted and Stand-Alone EZproxy subscribers with the ability to discuss and share EZproxy configurations, database stanzas and experiences with community peers; to contribute EZproxy enhancement suggestions to help improve the product; and to participate in Community Roundtables to learn about EZproxy from other users and OCLC experts.

For more information about upgrading to EZproxy v6.1, visit the [EZproxy Ordering](#) webpage and fill out a [Quote Request Form](#).