

# Extend Essentials vs. Professional

Which version should you choose?

If you're buying Extend or still stuck on a legacy version, this breakdown will help you choose with confidence.

SWIPE





# The Big Picture

There's no bad choice, just the wrong one for your needs.

Both versions let you build inside Workday with security, UX, and orchestration built in. But the difference is scale, flexibility, and how far you want to go with AI.



ESSENTIALS



# What You Get with Essentials

Extend Essentials is a strong starting point.

- ◆ Unlimited dev apps
- ◆ 3 production apps
- ◆ 10M data records
- ◆ App Builder and Orchestrate
- ◆ 1 dev tenant, 3 support contacts

## Best for:

- ✓ Getting started with internal app building
- ✓ Simple and advanced workflows and data collection
- ✓ Apps that stay entirely inside Workday

PROFESSIONAL



# What You Get with Professional

Extend Professional unlocks real scale and innovation. You get everything in Essentials, plus:

- ◆ 10 production apps
- ◆ 100M data records
- ◆ Extend Developer Copilot (AI builder)
- ◆ Workday AI Gateway (add AI services to apps)
- ◆ Native AWS integration (S3, Lambda, EventBridge)
- ◆ 3 dev tenants, 5 support contacts
- ◆ Build your own agents (not available yet, safe harbor applies)

## Best for:

-  Complex or high-volume use cases
-  Teams ready to use AI and automation
-  Orchestrating across Workday and external systems

HOW TO DECIDE



# How to Choose the Right Fit

Still unsure? Start with where you are today.

Pick Essentials if:

- ✓ You want to start small and move fast
- ✓ You're solving a few internal pain points
- ✓ You're not using advanced AI or AWS yet

Pick Professional if:

- 🚀 You're planning 3+ apps within the next year
- 🚀 You want to use AI and AWS
- 🚀 You're scaling Extend to multiple teams or countries

KEY DIFFERENCES

# Final Advice

You can always upgrade, but it's difficult to scale backwards.

If you expect Extend to become a strategic tool and not just a few apps, then Professional is the way to go.

And if you're still not sure, we help clients make this call every week. Just shoot us a DM and we hop on a call with you.

 How did your team decide between Essentials and Pro? Are you already leveraging AI Gateway?

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