



**March 31, 2005**

**Notice: HP-UX 11.0 EOL Customer Communication**

Dear Cadence Customer:

Each computer hardware manufacturer offers multiple hardware architectures and levels of operating systems. New versions of the operating systems are released periodically. Cadence must adjust its support policies to keep up with this natural progression to be synchronized with the workstations and servers our customers are using.

To that end, Cadence will end support for the HP-UX 11.0 OS and HP-UX 11i will become the baseline HP-UX OS for all new Cadence releases beginning January 1, 2006.

Existing HP-UX 11.0 releases and releases up to Dec 31, 2005 will not be affected by this change for the lifecycle of the releases. However, no new product enhancements (beyond bug fixes) will be released on HP-UX 11.0 after January 1, 2006. We will continue to provide you with all scheduled update releases and the same level of software maintenance you have today.

Cadence is committed to continuously enhancing our product quality and customer support and to working with our computing platform partners to ensure that our products run on a variety of UNIX-, Linux-, and Windows-based systems. This change to our HP-UX OS support will allow us to take advantage of advances in HP's OS and hardware technology.

We strongly encourage you to move to HP-UX 11i OS as soon as possible. For more information about Cadence products on the HP-UX platform, please visit our support website at [www.cadence.com/support](http://www.cadence.com/support) or contact your local HP or Cadence account manager.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss an appropriate transition plan, please contact your Cadence account manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. E. Noneman".

Mark Noneman

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