



Notice: HP-UX 11.i /PA-RISC Platform and PA-RISC Architecture EOL Customer Communication - March 28, 2006

Dear Cadence Customer:

Each computer hardware manufacturer offers multiple hardware architectures and levels of operating systems. Cadence must adjust its support policies occasionally to ensure our product offerings are synchronized with the workstations and servers our customers are using.

To that end, Cadence will end support for the HP-UX 11.i OS running on the PA-RISC hardware platform beginning January 1, 2007. This announcement means that Cadence will cease support for the PA-RISC architecture in general in this timeframe and will not support any future versions of the HP_UX operating system.

Existing HP-UX 11.i based releases running on the PA-RISC hardware platform and new releases up to Dec 31, 2006 will not be affected by this change for the lifecycle of the releases. We will continue to provide you with all scheduled update releases and the same level of software maintenance you have today. However, no new product enhancements (beyond bug fixes) will be released for HP-UX 11.i OS based releases running on the PA-RISC hardware platform after January 1, 2007.

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.

For more information about supported platforms for Cadence products, please visit our support website at www.cadence.com/support or contact your 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 "Robert J. Stear".

Robert J. Stear
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Cadence Design Systems, Inc.