



Notice: Red Hat-RHEL 3.0 (on X86 and X86_64) EOL Customer Communication

Dear Cadence customer:

Each computer hardware manufacturer offers multiple hardware architectures and various levels of operating systems. New versions of the operating systems are released periodically and 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 Red Hat-RHEL 3.0 OS on the X86 and X86_64 hardware platforms. RHEL 4.0 will become the baseline Red Hat Linux OS for all new Cadence releases beginning January 1, 2008.

Existing RHEL 3.0 (on X86 and X86_64) based releases and new releases up to December 31, 2007 will not be affected by this change for the lifecycle of the releases. However, no new product enhancements (beyond bug fixes) will be released for RHEL 3.0 after January 1, 2008. 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 Red Hat Linux OS support will allow us to take advantage of advances in Red Hat's OS and newer hardware technology.

If you currently use the RHEL 3.0 OS, we strongly encourage you to move to the RHEL 4.0 OS as soon as possible. For more information about Cadence products on the Red Hat Linux platform, please visit our support website at www.cadence.com/support.

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 that reads "Robert J. Stear".

Robert J. Stear
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Cadence Design Systems, Inc.