



HP-UX 11i v2 sales extension -- Dates and recommendations

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To HP's valued HP-UX 11i community:

HP is extending HP-UX 11i v2 availability to December 31, 2010. This is an extension of one year beyond what had previously been communicated in our public HP-UX 11i roadmaps. HP is extending the v2 end-of-sale date to assist our customers who are moving to HP-UX 11i v3 but who need to expand their v2 environments in the short term.

There is no change to previously published support dates for HP-UX 11i v2. Lab support for v2 will continue at least until December 2013, which is 10 years after its introduction. End of lab support (also known as factory support) means the end of support from the product division, for example patches and bug fixes. Commercially Reasonable Effort Support will remain available, entitling customers to use HP existing resources and services to provide assistance in resolving HP-UX 11i v2-related issues.

HP is qualifying all new I/O solutions only with HP-UX 11i v3. Customers considering expanding their v2 environment should check with their HP account managers regarding I/O solution availability for v2.

There are no changes to HP-UX 11i v1 and v3 lifecycle dates.

HP recommends upgrading to HP-UX 11i v3, and deploying v3 for new projects, for the most cost-effective and productive HP-UX 11i version yet. Visit <http://www.hp.com/go/whyv3> for details on v3 cost reduction and technical advantages compared to prior HP-UX 11i releases plus resources and advice on the most efficient ways to upgrade to v3.

Thank you for being part of the global HP-UX 11i community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Cox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Cox

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Q: What does HP recommend regarding customer use of HP-UX 11i v2?

A: Customers have the ability to expand their HP-UX 11i v2 for a year longer than previously announced. HP recommends upgrading existing HP-UX 11i v1 and v2 systems to the current release, HP-UX 11i v3, for the business value advantages it delivers, value that is further increased in combination with an upgrade from HP 9000 to HP Integrity servers.

HP recommends HP-UX 11i v3 for new projects.

Q: Is HP enhancing HP-UX 11i v2 functionality?

A: HP is not enhancing HP-UX 11i v2 itself. HP issued its last refresh of the operating environments for HP-UX 11i v2 in December 2007.

HP will continue upgrading the Application Release package for HP-UX 11i v2, with continued integration testing. The Application Release package includes HP distributed layered software for HP-UX 11i – e.g. open source software, Systems Insight Manager, and other products that complement HP-UX 11i environments. Those applications release on their own schedules, and as they are upgraded, we include the latest releases with HP-UX 11i v2 as appropriate.

Q: Will HP-UX 11i v2 run on future Integrity servers?

A: No. The current shipping HP Integrity servers are the last Integrity servers to run HP-UX 11i v2.

Q: Will my HP-UX 11i v2 applications run on future Integrity servers?

Yes. As is true for all HP-UX 11i releases, HP-UX 11i v2 is forward-compatible with HP-UX 11i v3. Applications will just keep working (assuming the application was written using standard programming practices – that is, published APIs).

Your applications are forward-compatible across processors also. That is, applications running on HP 9000 systems will run on HP Integrity servers running the same or later version of HP-UX 11i.

Please see www.hp.com/go/hpux11compatibility for HP's statement on this question.

Q: HP has said HP-UX 11i v1 will reach end-of-sales on December 31, 2009 – is that being extended, too?

A: No. With no change to prior plans, HP-UX 11i v1 sales will be discontinued as communicated previously, on December 31, 2009. Factory support will continue at least until December, 2013.