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ANSYS 13.0 Computing Platform Support February 23, 2011

ANSYS is committed to providing timely releases of high-quality software products on current computing platforms that are well-suited for engineering simulations. We monitor industry trends and customer needs in order to select the right computing platforms to certify and support, periodically eliminating support for aging platforms and adding support for new platforms. This document provides a high-level summary of our current platform support strategy and near-term plans.

ANSYS General Platform Support Strategy

Our general platform support strategy is as follows:

- We focus on support of Windows and Linux operating systems, running on x86 / x64 processors from Intel and AMD. Feedback from customers has identified these as the dominant platforms for engineering simulation today. As customers migrate from 32-bit to 64-bit Windows and Linux, our focus in the future will be on 64-bit versions.
- We provide specific applications on a limited set of additional platforms. These additional platforms (e.g., legacy UNIX platforms) are typically available via download only, with no hard media distribution. This allows us to track usage and plan for retirement of obsolete platforms.
- We only support enterprise editions of Linux from Red Hat and Novell. Unlike consumer editions or open-source versions, Enterprise Linux versions provide long-term operating system stability and product maintainability. Other Linux variants are not certified or supported.
- We provide license server support on the platforms on which we certify and support our applications.

ANSYS 13.0 Supported Platforms

The specific operating system versions supported by ANSYS 13.0 are documented and posted at <http://www.ansys.com/HardwareSupport>. This release includes support for the following:

- Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- RedHat Enterprise Linux / RHEL 5 (32-bit and 64-bit)
 - RHEL 6 is currently not supported with ANSYS 13.0 and exhibits compatibility issues
- Novell SuSE Enterprise Linux / SLES 10 and 11 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Various legacy platforms, for selected products

Not all products are supported on all platforms. See detailed information at the URL noted above.

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Platforms no longer supported at ANSYS 13.0

ANSYS 12.1 was the last release across all product lines for the following platforms:

- HP HP-UX on PA-RISC
- Sun Solaris on UltraSPARC
- Fujitsu PrimePower on SPARC64

ANSYS 13.0 applications are not available on these platforms. However, the Sun Solaris/UltraSPARC platform remains an option for license management (only) at R13.

Future platform retirement plans

ANSYS 13.0, currently available, will very likely be the last release on the following platforms:

- HPUX/Itanium
- AIX/Power
- Solaris / x64
- 32-bit Linux

ANSYS 14.0, currently under development, will very likely be the last release on the following platforms:

- Intel Itanium (Linux/Itanium, SGI ProPack/Itanium)

These platform support decisions are subject to change. However, you should begin migration away from these platforms to prepare for the ANSYS releases in 2011 and beyond.

ANSYS Quality Assurance Services

ANSYS Quality Assurance Services customers should refer to each release's Installation Guide for details on which platforms are supported in each initial release. Typically, QA Services and the associated Verification Testing Packages are supported only for platforms supported in the initial release. Contact the ANSYS, Inc. Corporate Quality Group at gad@ansys.com for information about ANSYS, Inc.'s QA Services.

Platform Support for Ansoft Products

The ANSYS products previously developed by Ansoft will follow the same general platform support strategy outlined in this document. The current Ansoft product suite is supported on x86 / x64 processors from Intel and AMD, with support for 32-bit Windows, 64-bit Windows, and 64-bit Linux. Support for 32-bit Windows may be dropped in 2011 releases.

Feedback?

If you have any questions or concerns about our platform support, please visit our platform support page at <http://www.ansys.com/HardwareSupport>, contact our technical support team, or send an e-mail to platform-support@ansys.com. In addition, if you have platforms that you would like us to consider supporting in the future, please e-mail those requests to platform-support@ansys.com. Your feedback is important to us and will determine our future platform support plans.