

Source Access Related Questions:

Q1. Is this announcement different from the previous announcement on source code access?

A1. *No. The reason for licensing MPE/iX source code has not changed – to help third parties meet the basic support needs of the remaining e3000 customers and partners after HP no longer provides MPE/iX support. This announcement provides more specifics around what will be included with the license, how the source code may be used, and when the licenses will be made available.*

Q2. When will third parties be able to use the licensed source code to provide technical support to HP e3000 customers?

A2. *The source code license will be effective on January 1, 2011. As previously communicated, HP's stated intentions were to license MPE/iX source code only after HP no longer provides MPE/iX support. HP will be providing Mature Product Support without Sustaining Engineering through the end of 2010.*

Q3. Can anybody obtain an MPE/iX source code license?

A3. *No. The MPE/iX source code license is targeted at three types of third parties: those whose business model is to provide technical support on HP e3000 products, software providers whose products have an intimate knowledge of MPE/iX internals, and software providers whose products emulate one or more aspects of MPE/iX and the HP e3000 on other HP products.*

Q4. The announcement mentions that the license will be fee-based. How much will the license cost?

A4. *As with any HP license agreement, the specifics will be confidential between the parties to the agreement.*

Q5. For which releases of MPE/iX will source code be made available?

A5. *At this time, HP is considering the inclusion of the source code for the 7.5, 6.5 and possibly 6.0 releases of MPE/iX. HP is also considering including the sources to the latest set of operating system patches for each release. These plans are subject to change.*

Q6. Will the third parties be licensed to modify, enhance, or compile any or all of MPE/iX?

A6. *No. MPE/iX source code will be licensed for read-only access as reference material.*

Q7. Does this announcement mean that HP is suggesting that customers delay or postpone their transition plans?

A7. *No. Staying on the HP e3000 poses risks that should be fully understood and evaluated by each company. HP's intention is to assist those customers who need additional time to transition. For customers who will continue to rely on their HP e3000 beyond 2010, having third parties who can provide a basic level of support may temporarily help some of them run their e3000s smoothly while implementing a transition to another HP platform.*