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ANSYS 14.0 Computing Platform Support November 20, 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

The ANSYS platform support strategy is as follows:

- We focus on support of Windows and Linux operating systems, running on x64 processors from Intel and AMD. These are the dominant platforms for engineering simulation today.
- As customers migrate from 32-bit to 64-bit, our focus is shifting to 64-bit versions. This shift has started with ANSYS 14.0 in 2011, with Linux now supported as 64-bit only for most applications. Migration away from 32-bit Windows is likely to occur in ANSYS releases during 2013.
- 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.

ANSYS 14.0 Supported Platforms

The specific operating system versions supported by ANSYS 14.0 are documented and posted at <http://www.ansys.com/Support/Platform+Support>. ANSYS 14.0 includes support for the following:

- Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 5 and 6 (64-bit)
- Novell SuSE Enterprise Linux Server and Desktop (SLES / SLED) 10 and 11 (64-bit)

Not all applications are supported on all of these platforms. See detailed information, by product, at the URL noted above. In particular, ANSYS 14.0 products stemming from the Ansoft acquisition do not support Windows Vista or RHEL 6, but do support RHEL 4.

Some ANSYS 14.0 applications are supported for solver execution on additional platforms (e.g., Itanium / Linux). Platform support for the ANSYS License Manager includes some additional platforms, as noted below.





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Platforms Dropped at ANSYS 14.0

As previously announced, the following ANSYS 13.0 platforms are not supported for ANSYS 14.0 applications:

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

Future Plans to Drop Platforms

ANSYS 14.0 will very likely be the last release on the following platforms:

- Windows VISTA (32-bit and 64-bit)
 - Future releases will include binaries for Windows 32-bit and 64-bit, which will very likely continue to run on VISTA, but VISTA will not be formally certified
- Intel Itanium (Linux/Itanium, SGI ProPack/Itanium)
 - Future releases will no longer include Itanium binaries.
- SLES 10
 - Future releases will not include a Linux binary that will run on SLES 10

Point releases of ANSYS 14 during 2012 may drop support for these platforms or be the final release on these platforms. While these decisions are subject to change, you should begin migration away from these platforms to prepare for the ANSYS releases in 2012 and beyond.

ANSYS 15 (and/or releases in 2013) will likely be the final releases to support:

- Windows XP
- 32-bit Windows

These 2013 releases will add support for Windows 8 and SLES 12, depending on release dates for these operating systems.

Platform Support for the ANSYS License Manager

The ANSYS License Manager is supported on all platforms that are supported for ANSYS 14.0 applications. In addition, the ANSYS License Manager is supported on 32-bit Linux. The following is the complete list of platforms supported for the ANSYS License Manager at 14.0.

- Windows XP SP2, Windows Vista SP1, and Windows 7 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows Server 2008 (64-bit)
- RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 5 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6 (64-bit)



- Novell SuSE Enterprise Linux (SLES) 10 and 11 SP1 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Solaris 10 / UltraSparc III or IV
- Solaris 10 / x64
- Linux / Itanium: *RHEL 5, SLES 10, SLES 11 SP1*

It is likely that point releases during 2012 will drop ANSYS License Manager support for Solaris/x64 and Linux/Itanium.

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 qad@ansys.com for information about ANSYS, Inc.'s QA Services.

Feedback?

If you have any questions or concerns about our platform support, please visit our platform support page at <http://www.ansys.com/Support/Platform+Support>, 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.