



## HP Software Release Control 4.0.x & 4.1x Obsolescence Announcement Frequently Asked Questions

On August 1, 2010, HP announced the end of sale date and end of support dates for Release Control 4.0.x & 4.1x.

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding this announcement.

### Product related questions

**Question** When is HP discontinuing Release Control 4.0.x & 4.1x?

**Answer** Effective August 1, 2010 HP is announcing the discontinuance of Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x. Current customers may continue to purchase additional licenses of Release Control 4.0x & 4.1 until November 1, 2010. As of this date, the product will be removed from HP's Corporate Price List and will no longer be orderable.

**Question** Why is HP discontinuing Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x?

**Answer** Effective with the new release of Release Control 9.10, HP is announcing the obsolescence of the older versions of Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x. This is in accordance with the HP Software Supported Version Policy 4.3. Definitions of terms are documented in the [HP Software product version obsolescence guidelines](#).

**Question** Why is the next version numbered RC 9.10 and not RC 5.10?

**Answer** Release Control 5.10 is a minor release in terms of impact on data model and application functionality. This minor release of Release Control was simply re-versioned to align with "HP BTO 9.0", a BTO Solutions initiative launched in June 2010 which includes Release Control 9.10. For your upgrade planning purposes, please consider RC 9.10 to be the **minor release** following Release Control 5.0x, I.E., just like a version 5.10.

**Question** What product numbers are affected by this obsolescence?

**Answer** Please refer to Appendix B in the customer letter for the list of affected product numbers.

**Question** When is the last date I can order Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x?

**Answer** Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x will continue to be available for purchase to current

support customers through November 1, 2010. As of that date, you will no longer be able to purchase additional licenses of the product.

**Question** Can I still purchase additional licenses for Release Control 4.0.x & 4.1x? If yes, how?

**Answer** Additional licenses may not be purchased for versions that are discontinued and past their end of sale date.

**Question** What version of Release Control is currently available and what upgrade plans do you have for the product, if any?

**Answer** The latest version is Release control 9.10. Please check the [IT Management Products](#) page or otherwise check with your local HP sales representative or HP software business partner for the latest information.

**Question** Who can I contact if I have more questions with regards to this product discontinuance?

**Answer** You have several options available to you:

- Contact your local HP sales representative or your local HP software business partner:  
[h20229.www2.hp.com/buy/index.html](http://h20229.www2.hp.com/buy/index.html)
- Web Self Solve:  
[www.hp.com/go/hpsupportsupport/](http://www.hp.com/go/hpsupportsupport/)
- HP Technical Support:  
[www.hp.com/go/hpsupportsupport/casemanager/submitcase](http://www.hp.com/go/hpsupportsupport/casemanager/submitcase)

**Question** What are the hardware requirements to upgrade to Release control 9.10?

**Answer** Hardware requirements will vary depending on your operating system, please review the appropriate System Requirements and Compatibility Matrix document or contact your local HP Sales Representative or HP Software Business Partner for further assistance.

**Question** Where can I find upgrade information for Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x?

**Answer** Your local HP sales representative or HP Software Business Partner can help you get this information, alternatively please see the Customer Letter for further details.

**Question** I plan to upgrade my Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x environment using in-house technical resources. Where do I get all the required software?

**Answer** All Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x support customers can download Release Control 9.10 media via 'My Updates'. To do this, the Release control 9.10 media product number should be on your support contract. If the media product number is not listed in your support contract, please get in touch with your contract administrator to have it added.

### Support contract related questions

**Question** What is the end of support date?

**Answer** The End of Support date for Release Control 4.0x is January 31, 2011.  
The End of Support date for Release Control 4.1x is January 31, 2012.  
As of this date all customer support activities for this version will cease, this includes:

- Telephone support
- Security Rule updates
- Product upgrades

**Question** Are there any other key dates I need to be aware of?

*Answer* Please see Customer Letter page 1 for key dates.

*Question* What are my discontinuance options?

*Answer* Customers have the option to continue using Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x. HP will stop providing support for Release Control 4.0x on January 31, 2011. Self-Help Support will continue to be available through January 31, 2013. HP will stop providing support for Release Control 4.1x on January 31, 2012. Self-Help Support will continue to be available through January 31, 2014.

Customers are encouraged to begin reviewing their business requirements for Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x. Customers are also encouraged to contact their local HP Sales Representative or HP Software Business Partner for help in determining migration options that meet your business needs.

*Question* Can I get a support contract for technical support only, without having to pay for upgrades?

*Answer* No, support contracts include both technical support and software updates.

*Question* Should there be a defect with a version of Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x for which no defect fixing is done anymore, can I pay for a fix to be implemented on my request?

*Answer* HP may choose to offer defect fixes at a premium price, depending on available resources.

*Question* If I am on a support contract, what will I be entitled to?

*Answer* You should have received a letter or electronic notification from HP to inform you about the availability of Release Control 9.10 for support customers, what license(s) you were entitled to under your support contract and how to sign up for it. Your local HP Sales and Support Representatives or your HP Software Business Partner can help provide information and assistance to enable your upgrade to be easy and successful.

*Question* When I upgrade from Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x to Release Control 9.10, can I continue my existing support contracts until they expire?

*Answer* Yes, your support contract will be updated automatically at the next renewal time.

*Question* When I upgrade from Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x to Release Control 9.10, can I expect the same support pricing compared to Release Control 4.0x & 4.1x?

*Answer* Not necessarily. Each product support price is determined independently.

## For more information

For more information on Release Control 9.10 and HP Software services, contact any of our worldwide sales offices or visit our worldwide websites on the Internet at:

[www.hp.com/go/software](http://www.hp.com/go/software)

[www.hp.com/go/hpsoftwaresupport/](http://www.hp.com/go/hpsoftwaresupport/)

[www.hp.com/go/hpsoftwaresupport/support-lifecycle](http://www.hp.com/go/hpsoftwaresupport/support-lifecycle)

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