



# Hewlett Packard Enterprise

December 1, 2015

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Dear Customer,

Hewlett Packard Enterprise is announcing End of Sale of HP Storage Essentials 9.7x effective as of the date set forth below.

This letter is for HP Storage Essentials support customers worldwide, to inform you of our end of sale plans.

## **End of Sale & End of Support**

HPE is committed to providing the highest level of customer care to you while you determine your future strategy for your HP Storage Essentials products.

HP Storage Essentials 9.7x includes a version of Business Objects from SAP. HPE's agreement with SAP to distribute this version of Business Objects has been terminated and so, we can no longer distribute the product media that contains this version of Business Objects beyond December 20, 2015. As of December 20, 2015, HPE will remove the HP Storage Essentials 9.7x and any prior version's media affected by this, from our download portals. If you need a copy of the HP Storage Essentials 9.7x or prior version's media, please ensure that you download that prior to December 20, 2015.

The support timeline for HP Storage Essentials 9.7x will not change and will continue as listed below. You can also continue to purchase additional licenses for these products until further notice.

HP Storage Essentials is replaced by a new product, HP Storage Operations Manager. HP Storage Operations Manager has two editions, Premium and Ultimate Performance. Depending on the HP Storage Essentials licenses you own, you get either Premium or Ultimate Performance edition of HP Storage Operations Manager.

The new version HP Storage Operations Manager 10.1x will be made available in January 2016.

Please read below for key timelines and support options that are now available to you:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROGRAM ACTIVITY</b>
December 1, 2015	End of Sale customer announcement
December 19, 2015	Last day for downloading the media for older versions
December 20, 2015	End of Sale (no longer orderable or available for purchase)
<b>Previously announced support timeline</b>	
July 31, 2018	End of Committed Support for HP Storage Essentials 9.7x
July 31, 2020	End of Extended Support for HP Storage Essentials 9.7x
July 31, 2024	End of Self-Help Support with Rights to New Versions for HP Storage Essentials 9.7x

Please note that all HP Storage Essentials customers with active support contracts are eligible to update to HP Storage Operations Manager 10.1x, which will be made available in January 2016.

While these HP Storage Essentials 9.7x versions may continue to meet your immediate needs, HPE recommends that all customers update to HP Storage Operations Manager 10.1x.

Your support contracts needs to be updated prior to getting new media and licenses keys for SOM 10.1x. Please contact your local HPE sales representative or HPE business partner to initiate a contract update.

Please refer to Appendix A for definition of terms for product obsolescence and Appendix B for the list of affected HP Storage Essentials 9.7x product numbers.

## **More information**

Should you have any questions about this end of availability communication, or for assistance in understanding the options available to you, please contact your local HPE sales representative or HPE business partner. When providing information, please include your name, country, phone number, company name, product number and your HPE service agreement identifier or HPE system handle.



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In addition, for technical assistance and information, please visit Software Support Online: [hpe.com/software/support](https://hpe.com/software/support)

HPE once again wishes to thank you for choosing HP Storage Essentials 9.7x. We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing to serve your business needs in the future.

Sincerely,  
Hewlett Packard Enterprise

## **Appendix A: Definitions**

This product version obsolescence is covered by version 5 of our Release & Support policy. Definitions of terms are provided by the product version obsolescence guidelines documented at [hpe.com/software/support-lifecycle](https://hpe.com/software/support-lifecycle)

### **Product Support**

Product Support is the reactive engagement of regional support resources (Support Center) and division support resources (Lab), in accordance with your purchased support plan, for the resolution of product defects, plus product enhancements for a specific product version. This includes investigation of newly reported defects and if appropriate, development of defect fixes and making these available for customers via patches. The HPE product teams (Lab) will review and either approve or deny requests for defect fixes and enhancements (including additional support for newly-released operating system versions).

While HPE investigates all problems and issues raised for products covered under Product Support, customers may be required to install the most current version or patches as part of the troubleshooting process.

Version Maturity may apply to specific versions of HPE products. Version Maturity means that, for a specific product version, no further enhancements or changes to functionality is planned, nor are any further platform refreshes planned in order to update that product version to support current or future operating systems, operating system versions or hardware platforms.

### **End of Committed Support Date**

End of Committed Support (EOCS) Date is the last date software maintenance, installation and configuration assistance, and other standard support services will be accepted for the specified product release (as specified by the version numbering). EOCS also means the last date Software Change Requests (SCRs) will be accepted for a specified Version of a Product. After the EOCS date, all SCRs will be planned for future versions, as applicable. Current patches for the version of the product reaching EOCS will remain available for electronic download for a reasonable period of time.

### **End of Extended Support Date**

Extended Support is provided for an additional 2 years after EOCS Date. Extended Support consists of web-based access to the online support Knowledge Base, which contains technical information for HPE products including white papers, existing patches and known problems for a specific product version.



Extended Support is limited to:

- Around the clock self-solve support
- Access to technical support engineers

Access to existing patches and hot-fixes created while the product version was in Committed Support. No new enhancement requests, patches, fixes, document changes or platform certifications will be made for product versions in Extended Support.

### **Self-Help Support with Rights to New Versions**

Self-Help Support with Rights to New Version is an integral component of all software support contracts. Self-Help Support with Rights to New Versions consists of web-based access to the online support Knowledge Base, which contains technical information for HPE products including white papers, existing patches and known problems for a specific product version. Upon the expiration of Extended Support for a product or product version, and for which a successor product or product version is commercially available, HPE offers a minimum of four (4) years of Self-Help Support with Rights to New Versions.

### **Dependent Components and Third-Party Products**

In some instances support for specific HPE product(s) and/or version(s) may run longer than the support for underlying operating system(s), adjacent/integrated application(s) or version(s). In this event, it is HPE's intent to communicate with affected HPE product/product version customers in a timely manner. However, there are cases where HPE does not receive notification of the End-of-Support for these products (operating system(s) or adjacent/integrated application(s), or version(s)) in advance of the general public. In any case, should the underlying operating system(s), adjacent/integrated application(s) or version(s) become unsupported by its developer, support for the affected HPE product/product versions will immediately be limited to self-solve support available through Software Support Online, and Telephone Support associated with questions concerning a product's/product version's functionality and/or interoperability in line with the said product's/product version's original parameters/requirements at the time of release. Any product updates and/or fixes will be limited to those already available. No additional updates, patches or fixes will be engineered. Should said product/product version operate or integrate with other still supported, underlying operating system(s), adjacent/integrated application(s) or version(s), support for said product/product version on any remaining supported platform(s), supported adjacent/integrated application(s), or supported version(s) will continue unaffected, or through the planned End-of-Support date, if one has been announced.



## Appendix B: Affected Product SKUs

SKU	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
T4283HAE	HP Storage Essentials 9.7.0 SW E-Media