

March 1, 2017

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Dear Customer,

Hewlett Packard Enterprise is announcing the version obsolescence of HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.0x & older versions, 6.1x & 6.2x effective as of the dates set forth below.

This letter is for HPE Virtual Machine Explorer support customers worldwide, to inform you of our version obsolescence 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 HPE Virtual Machine Explorer products. Please read below for key timelines and support options that are now available to you:

DATE	PROGRAM ACTIVITY
March 1, 2017	HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.0x & older versions, 6.1x & 6.2x obsolescence customer announcement
May 1, 2017	End of Sale (no longer orderable or available for purchase)
May 31, 2017	End of Support for HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.0x & older versions
May 31, 2019	End of Self-Help Support HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.0x & older versions
December 31, 2017	End of Support HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.1x & 6.2x
December 31, 2019	End of Self-Help Support HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.1x & 6.2x

Please note that all HPE Virtual Machine Explorer customers with active support contracts are eligible to update to HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.3x. HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.3x is the first version of this product under our standard time based obsolescence process. Its end of support



dates are documented on the [Obsolescence & Migration pages](#) on Software Support Online.

While these HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.0x & older versions, 6.1x & 6.2x versions may continue to meet your immediate needs, HPE recommends that all customers update to HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.3x.

Please refer to Appendix A for definition of terms for product obsolescence and Appendix B for the list of affected HPE Virtual Machine Explorer 6.0x & older versions, 6.1x & 6.2x 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.

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

HPE once again wishes to thank you for choosing HPE Virtual Machine Explorer.

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

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 Support Date

End-of-Support 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 Major and Minor version numbering). EOS also means the last date Software Change Requests (SCRs) will be accepted for a specified Version of a Product. After the EOS date, all SCRs will be planned for future versions, as applicable. Current patches for the version of the HP Software reaching EOS will remain available for electronic download for a reasonable period of time.

Self-Help Support

Self-Help Support is an integral component of all HPE Support contracts. Self-Help 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.



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 versions 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.

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
M4H61AAE	HPE VM Explorer V6.00 Eng SW E-Media
M4H61BAE	HPE VM Explorer V6.10 Eng SW E-Media
M4H61CAE	HPE VM Explorer 6.20 Eng SW E-Media