

OpenMPE

MPE/iX Letter of Intent

The intent of this letter is to outline the basic premise of OpenMPE, Inc. and to secure a show of support from the companies, vendors, and end-users that want to be able to get maintenance and enhancements to the MPE "environment" beyond Hewlett-Packard's announced December 31, 2006 "End of Support" date, because of migration timelines or for whatever reason.

The users and vendors in the MPE/iX community will control the non-profit OpenMPE Corporation. Companies using MPE/iX would purchase memberships that would get them patches and updates to the operating system and/or emulator as well as partial control of the company. Vendors providing software and/or services on MPE/iX would purchase memberships that would get them inside access to the OpenMPE, Inc. services as well as partial control of the company. Any vendor or users that drops their membership would automatically be giving up their control at the same time. Additional details about OpenMPE, Inc. can be found on the company web site (www.OpenMPE.org).

The goals of OpenMPE, Inc. are:

1. Facilitate the licensing of the MPE/iX operating system beyond 2003 for customers that need to replace their hardware prior to migration, or because they do not feel they can migrate within the foreseeable future.
2. Facilitate the support of the MPE "environment" beyond 2006 for customers that need more time to migrate, or do not feel that they can migrate within the foreseeable future.
3. Retain the vendor community (i.e., Independent Software Vendors - ISV) beyond 2006.
4. Be a single point of contact for all MPE and/or emulator related support, services, enhancements, and advocacy.

Now comes your part

If your company is serious about wanting to stay with the MPE/iX operating system beyond the end of HP support, for whatever reason, and you like or prefer the OpenMPE model, then you need to acknowledge it. This 'Letter of Intent' is not a contract, because there are too many unknowns right now. However, it is a serious display of your company's desires. By completing this form, you are indicating that should HP enable OpenMPE, Inc. to fulfill the goals listed above, it is your company's intent to purchase a membership(s), assuming that the cost is less than or equal to your current HP software support costs.

These letters will serve to demonstrate to Hewlett-Packard the size of the community that is potentially represented by OpenMPE, Inc. Please complete the form on the next page, sign it, and fax it to us at 301-714-1854, or mail it to us at OpenMPE, Inc., 15 Catawba Place, Hagerstown, MD 21742-6515. We apologize for the requirement of a signed hardcopy. This is being done because copies of these forms will be presented to Hewlett-Packard.

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General Information

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip, Country: _____
Phone & Fax Numbers: _____ / _____
Email Address: _____
Name & Title: _____ / _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

User Information

HP3000 Models & quantity of each ("showvar hpcpname"):

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Vendor Information

Type of Vendor: Consultant Application Utility O/S Phone Support