



Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop, sell, and support innovative and advanced releases of OpenVMS, the most secure operating system on the planet. We are engaged in this mission with one core motivation: to support and enable our customers in running their mission critical applications at the legendary uptime levels OpenVMS is known for, at maximum performance levels, today and into the future.

Frequently Asked Question's (FAQ)

July 31, 2014 Announcement

1. What is being announced today?

- VMS Software, Inc. (VSI) has entered into a license agreement with HP to develop and release future versions of OpenVMS and most OpenVMS layered products (OpenVMS eco-system).

2. How long is the agreement for?

- Perpetual.

3. Can HP license OpenVMS to other parties?

- No, this is a co-exclusive agreement between HP and VSI. VSI will be the only OpenVMS developer and provider going forward.

4. What does this mean for HP OpenVMS customers and others considering OpenVMS?

- Customers can continue with OpenVMS in their mission critical environments on current and future server generations.

5. Will HP continue to sell and support OpenVMS?

- Yes, HP will continue to sell and support current (8.4) and previous versions of OpenVMS according to their published product and service roadmaps. Furthermore, both HP and VSI will sell VSI's future releases of OpenVMS.

6. What is the differentiation between HP and VSI going forward?

- HP will primarily sell and support current (8.4) and previous versions of OpenVMS. VSI will primarily focus on sales, support and development of future releases of OpenVMS. However, HP will also resell VSI future releases of OpenVMS.

7. What hardware platforms will VSI support?

- VSI's first new release of OpenVMS will run on the HP Itanium i4 series, Poulson based, servers (rx2800i4, BL8xxi4). In the future, VSI may support other hardware platforms, including X86-based servers. Please see URL (www.vmssoftware.com/news/announcement/RM) for the latest roadmap.

8. What layered products are being licensed to VSI?

- A complete list will be added to this FAQ shortly.

9. Will the published HP OpenVMS product roadmap affect the VSI OpenVMS product roadmap?

- No, the VSI OpenVMS product roadmap is independent of the published HP OpenVMS product roadmap. VSI has licensed the right to develop new releases of OpenVMS for current and future hardware platforms, at VSI's own discretion.

10. Is there a VSI OpenVMS and layered products roadmap available?

- Yes, please see URL (www.vmssoftware.com/news/announcement/RM) for the latest roadmap.

11. Who can members of the media contact about interviewing members of the VSI executive team?

- All media interested in establishing interviews or gaining more details about this announcement should contact: Paula Suita, Suita Communications.....

About VMS Software, Inc.

12. Who is VMS Software, Inc.?

- VSI is headquartered just outside of Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The company recently licensed the right to develop new versions of the venerable operating system, OpenVMS, beyond OpenVMS version 8.4. OpenVMS is a marquee, high-end server operating system that is still the market leader in server security and uptime.

13. Why is VSI located in the greater Boston, MA area?

- To take advantage of the rich pool of both OpenVMS and general software technical expertise in the area. The Boston area is home to some of the best universities in the world. VSI may also take advantage of other USA based and overseas partners to assist in developing other components and / or layered products.

14. Can I visit VSI headquarters?

- Yes, we welcome customer visits to our Massachusetts USA facility, where the majority of our operations, engineering activities, sales, and marketing staff work. Please coordinate this with your VSI Sales Account Manager.

Sales

15. How do I contact VSI?

- Here is the VSI contact information:

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Bolton, MA 01740

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Fx: (866) 275-8569

Email: sales@vmssoftware.com

16. Will I be able to purchase current (v8.4) and previous versions of OpenVMS and Open VMS layered products through VSI?

- No, you can continue to purchase current (v8.4) and previous versions of OpenVMS through HP according to their published roadmap.

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17. When will I begin to be able to purchase products and service from VMS Software, Inc?

- Please contact us directly to discuss your requirements. See our contact information for a convenient means of reaching us.

18. Is there a VSI OpenVMS and layered products roadmap available?

- Yes, please contact VSI at our phone number () or e-mail us sales@vmssoftware.com. You can also go to our website for the latest roadmap: (www.vmssoftware.com/news/announcement/RM)

19. Who do I call for OpenVMS software or OpenVMS layered software support?

- For current (8.4) and previous versions of OpenVMS you call HP according to your HP service agreement. For future versions of OpenVMS (post v8.4) you can contact VMS Software Inc., direct by phone or at the e-mail address sales@vmssoftware.com.

20. How will VSI license OpenVMS?

- The same as HP OpenVMS 8.4 on current Itanium based systems. It is licensed per socket except for certain layered products that are licensed per concurrent user. A complete product license list will be added to this FAQ shortly.

21. What HP OpenVMS licenses can be traded-in for a new VSI OpenVMS license?

- VSI shall provide a list of HP OpenVMS licenses and HP OpenVMS layered products licenses that are eligible for a trade in for new VSI OpenVMS and VSI OpenVMS layered product licenses. Please see URL (www.vmssoftware.com/news/announcement/License) for the complete list of these trade-ins.

22. Will VSI sell HP servers with OpenVMS factory installed?

- Yes, on all future OpenVMS platforms. If you need a current HP Itanium server, please contact your HP representative.

23. In the future, if I order a server from HP, will OpenVMS be factory installed?

- Yes, if you specify factory installed on the order from HP.

24. What will happen on the HP published service roadmap when HP ends support for OpenVMS?

- HP's agreement with VSI contemplates VSI picking up support for all versions not supported by HP. Contact your HP representative for details on HP's roadmap.

25. Will VSI provide training courses on future versions of OpenVMS?

- Yes, VSI has a complete list of training courses that will be made available. Please see URL (www.vmssoftware.com/news/announcement/EDU) for a complete list of courses. HP will also offer OpenVMS training courses to customers. Course schedules and times to be determined.

26. What OpenVMS information will VSI have on its web pages for reference?

- VSI will eventually have most OpenVMS related information that is currently available on the HP OpenVMS web site (layout may be different). This includes product information, documentation, whitepapers, references and etc. in addition to new information VSI will generate and publish.