

CADENCE NEXT GENERATION (10.1) LICENSING

Since 2001, Cadence has been working, with customer guidance, to develop Cadence® next-generation licensing. The primary objectives of this effort are to increase licensing accuracy and customer satisfaction, and to provide you with more flexibility. This is a brief summary of the new license technology that Cadence will begin to roll out globally to all our customers on November 1, 2005.

What is next-generation licensing?

- A CDSLMD daemon upgrade to the latest FlexLM technology (10.1.x and greater)
- An updated license file format to enable new licensing features

Why is Cadence moving to the new licensing format?

- New technology is needed in order to support enhanced security, business needs, and customer-requested features
- License files are backwards-compatible to 97B:
 - **One comprehensive** license file
 - A superset of features and daemons will be provided to ensure compatibility
 - License file will be cut with the latest feature versions, unless otherwise specified

When will the new licensing format be available?

- Next-generation licensing will roll out in two phases:
 - Software releases with the new license-server technology are available today (and have been available since 1H 2005) through downloads.cadence.com
 - Licenses will begin shipping with the new license format by *default* on November 1, 2005 for all CDSLMD products **only**
- 10.1 format licenses have been available as of June 15, 2005, and may be requested through your account team

What is the risk-mitigation process?

- Product-specific issues
 - eDA on Tap may provide older format, upon the occurrence of a bug or incompatibility
- Advanced planning
 - Use `post@host` instead of `License.dat`
 - All products on the server must be set to a release greater than 97B, or placed on a separate license server (see page 2 for list)
 - You can update your server, in advance, to be 10.1-compliant by going to downloads.cadence.com and selecting `Lic+Config_Utils`
 - Work proactively with your Cadence representatives to identify potential problem areas, as your Cadence contacts will have the most up-to-date information to help with this transition
- **Note:** new-format licenses may not be combined with old-format licenses on the same server

