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3070 Board Test System

Y2K Update information

Situation:

MTD, along with other HP divisions, has evaluated its products to determine if there will be problems handling the year 2000. Only those products that do date processing may have any difficulty. An HP product is Year2000 Compliant if it has passed a rigorous set of standard HP tests to assure that four-digit date processing will work.

HP 3070 Board Test, Telecom and 79000 systems will be Year2000 Compliant with a patched HP-UX 10.2 and the B.03.00 software. For the HP 5DX products, release 5.3 on NT 4.0 will be Year2000 Compliant. Both of these releases are scheduled for June. All future products that do date processing will be Year2000 Compliant.

Following is the status of existing MTD systems:

- * Series II Board Test and Telecom systems using HP-UX 9.07 and B.02.xx software
 - Year2000 Compliance requires the B.03.00 software. If the update to B.03.00 is not done, it may be possible to continue to test boards after 2000. There would be some inconsistencies between utilities in the operating system and reports would likely have the date formatted incorrectly. Also, PBQ (PushButton Qstats) would be mostly unusable except with old data.
- * Series I Board Test and Telecom systems using the Series 300 controllers with A.xx.xx software
 - Year2000 Compliance requires a controller upgrade and B.03.00 software.
 - No changes will be made to the A.xx.xx software. If the A.xx.xx software is used after 2000, it may be possible to continue to test boards. The problems encountered would be similar to those found with B.02.xx software listed above.
- * 5DX Series I systems
 - Year2000 Compliance requires upgrading to Series II and installing revision 5.3. Series I systems may be able to continue to test boards after the year 2000 with some minor difficulties. The SPCLink software and automatic startup timer on the 5DX system will not work after December 31, 1999.
- * HP 3065 (except for the HP 3065C) products
 - There will be a patch available later in the year, which will address dates through the year 2011. These systems will NOT be fully Year2000 Compliant. Support for the HP 3065 will end in 2004.
- * HP 3061/62 systems
 These systems are out of support life. They may not do date processing.

This initial Year2000 information will be posted on the MTD website (http://mtd.lvld.hp.com)and also on the MSKC website (http://www-mskc.nsr.hp.com). Additional information will follow including a sample customer letter and additional information on the upgrades. There will a place to enter comments. Please let us know what we can provide to help your customers with their year 2000 planning.

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