

PathWave Advanced
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Release Notes

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For general information about Advanced Design System (ADS), visit ADS webpage at <http://www.keysight.com/find/eesof-ads>.

NOTE

Starting ADS 2020 release, the Linux system requirements have been updated:

- Support for Redhat 5.x has been discontinued.
- Updated the system libraries and rpm files. Following is the list of minimum patch versions required:
 - Redhat 6.10
 - Redhat 7.2
 - Suse 12.2
 - Suse 11.4

Few ADS features will not work properly, in case you have installed lower patch versions than the above-recommended versions.

For more information, refer to [Supported Platforms](#).

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Design and Technology Management

- A new environment variable, `EESOF_TEMP_PATH`, can be used to specify the directory for the mini-dump file, the ADS AEL macro recording session file and a few other use cases in ADS platform.
- Unarchive command is improved to skip over any libraries that have problems, issue warnings for them, and proceed to completion.
- The message generated by TCL “puts” calls is displayed in ADS Message List pane where Error/Warning messages are typically shown.
- `cds.lib` file is supported for the workspace library definition. It can be enabled via setting the environment variable `USE_CDS_LIB_WORKSPACE` to a non-empty value. For more information, see [Supporting cds.lib Files](#).

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Data Display

- Datalink is upgraded to use python 3.8.5 and contains the [pwwdatatools](#) python package, a new beta feature, in its installation. For more information, see [Using pwwdatatools Python Package](#).
- Pictures can be inserted to a Data Display page as an image or an expression. For more information, see [Pictures](#).
- Drag and drop operations can be performed from the [Expression Manager](#) to the Data Display page.
- DDS Palette is no longer locked to two columns and instead can be resized.
- The combo box for listing dataset is re-sizable.

For more information, see [Data Display](#).



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Design Editing

- OA Path is supported to improve the ADS interoperable flow. Connectivity, netlisting and editing commands involving wide wires are enhanced.
- Physical connectivity engine is enhanced to support instance arrays in layout.
- Physical connectivity related commands are enhanced to handle interconnect more robustly and intuitively even when bad connections or bad vias are present.
- The Interoperability documentation, including Layout Interoperability, is enhanced to cover essential information. For more information, see [Overview of IC Interoperability](#).
- Plane creation/editing is enhanced to eliminate/reduce the extra notches that could result in prior ADS releases.
- A new option of Using Rounded Clearance is added to Plane creation/editing. For more information, see [Creating a Plane](#).
- In the Net-based connectivity mode net editing of single or multiple nets can be easily performed in the Properties docking window.
- Area pins can be assigned to Padstacks and Vias without needing pins pre-existed on those objects.
- Area pins associated with instances, vias, and pads are correctly displayed in 3D view. For more information, see [Adding Pins to a Design](#).
- AEL APIs related to the following functionalities are added or improved:
 - editing pin shape and snap point
 - [copying padstack](#)
 - [object transformation](#) (e.g. move, rotate, mirror.)

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Circuit Simulation

▪ General

- Implemented [BSIM-IMG Version 103](#).
- Implemented [HiCUM L2 Version 3.00](#).
- Added support for string array MINT model parameter.
- [Simulated Annealing Corana optimizer](#) on the schematic is now accessible.
- Fixed an error when tuning with the SnP component using Spectre Nport file.
- Unquoted expressions for parameters are now accepted when reading Hspice libraries.
- Improved the gnode stepping and initial guess modes for Krylov solver.

▪ ElectroThermal

- Support [orthotropic conductivity](#) where cross-plane k (k_z) exceeds in-plane k (k_{xy}), including for background layers.
- ETH Transient: Store temperatures for entire devices (for example, transistor) derived from their sub-parts (for example, transistor fingers) in the dataset, that are back-annotated to the circuit simulator.
- GUI to skip archive (.gda) file creation to save disk space.
- Fix naming of temperature value (tval) file used in the original "Reuse Existing Temperature" feature.
- Addressed the issue caused when saving a VAR item in the DC controller Output tab with ETH simulation.

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HSD Design

▪ SerDes

- ADS COM calculation supports [COM Version 2.93](#).
- ADS COM calculation supports [Batch Simulation](#).
- [Smart eye probe](#) supports eye mask measurement.
- Improved [S-Parameter Checker](#) usability including easier port set up, NEXT, and FEXT measurements.
- [ADS FlexDCA probe](#) supports differential signal from single-ended eye_probe for FlexDCA compliance test measurements.
- Improved [multi-lane Channel Sim Batch Simulation](#) with an example.
- Eye probe/Diff_Eye Probe component now recognizes PAM4_PRBS component in the name of VtPRBS source list for Transient Simulation.

▪ DDR/Memory

- New [Memory Interface AMI Model Builder](#) for DDR5 and LPDDR5 AMI modeling in ADS.
- Memory Designer now supports new DRAM type, [GDDR6 solution](#).
- Supports [integrated IBIS-ISS](#) (Interconnect SPICE Subcircuit) model in DDR Controller/Memory components.
- Improved [S-Parameter Checker](#) usability including easier port set up, NEXT, and FEXT measurements.

- Improved IBIS model editor grouping, that now allows you to **add and remove signals from model group** in DDR Controller/Memory.
- Supports multi-threading in Memory Probe for speeding up measurements.
- Facilitates easy access to the **S-Parameter TDR Front Panel** in DDR PCB.
- Improved **package model setup for touchstone file with header information**, by automatic IBIS pin assignment.
- Improved **DIMM connector setup for touchstone file with header information**, by automatic signal property assignment.
- Memory Designer now supports any shape **custom mask** entry in Memory Probe.
- Improved usability for Design Exploration, no need to use "Set" button to set the limits from the Memory probe dialog box.
- Facilitates **measurement names in dataset to be in same format as previous version** (ADS 2021 Update 1.x and later) for an existing memory probe to support backward compatibility.
- **EM-SIPro/PIPro**
 - Faster mesh generation process for SIPro PA-SI simulations.
 - Automated mesh reuse feature for PA-SI, PI-AC, PI-DC, PI-TH and PI-ET simulations. Meshes are stored in cache in simulation directory and reused when possible.
 - Improved stability at low frequency for SIPro PA-SI simulations.
 - TDT plots with option to change rise time.
 - Capacitance to Ground in S-parameter plot.
 - Ability to parallelize PI-AC frequencies on single computer, or cluster.
 - Ability to delete cached model data for component models.
 - New DDR analysis with faster SI simulations as beta feature. Turn on beta functionality flag in SIPro Options to activate.
 - New SDS matrix solver as beta feature for PASI and PI-AC simulations, with improved performance in terms of memory and speed for larger systems. Turn on beta functionality flag in SIPro Options to activate.
- **Via Designer**
 - Capacitance to Ground in S-parameter plot.

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EM Simulation

- **RFPro**
 - Analyze the impact of conductor and dielectric layer thickness variations. For more information, see the Process Variation section in **Create Full EM Extraction Analysis**.
 - Bypass the upfront lengthy Green's function computation, aka substrate computation, by disabling the Green's function cache. The Green's functions will be computed during the frequency sweep what eliminates frequency interpolation errors. For more information, see **Advanced Simulator Setup for Momentum RF and Microwave**.
 - Opening an RFPro view no longer locks the layout view and the loading performance has been improved.
 - RFPro now supports the OpenAccess mustJoinTerms information and merges the terms based on their naming pattern. For example, 'C_1' and 'C_2' are merged into 'C'.
 - The Momentum Generation 2 via simplification is more robust.
 - The Momentum surface impedance model makes use of the global thickness estimation.

- The Momentum preprocessor smoothens the sometimes noisy metal bias tables provided by foundry, leading to a more efficient mesh and improved simulation times.
- The field visualization with a circuit excitation no longer locks the dataset.
- The near field visualization provides a 'per-layer' filter.
- Fixed the issue that custom addons did not automatically load at startup.
- The Bulk Model option allows you to select how the device bulk connections are to be recognized and included in the simulation. For more information, see the Bulk Model section in [Layout Options](#).
- Capacitance to Ground in S-parameter plot.
- **Substrate Editor**
 - The following pilot feature simplifies the setup of (optionally stacked) thick conductors. Set SUBED_ENABLED_THICKCONDUCTOR=1 in the environment before launching ADS. You can now define a thick conductor between two substrate layer interfaces in the ADS substrate editor (.subst)
 - Fixed an issue where derived layers in ITF to LTD translation was incorrect for GF 12nm 3 plate MIM capacitor.

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Power Electronics

- Power Electronics Model Builder tool enhancements:
 - Improved Measured Data validation and error reporting.
 - Improved usability in the way Data Display is used to plot and update measured data and simulation results.
 - Bugfixes related to launch of Data Display and use of Data Display template to plot the results.
- Surface Current Density visualization by layers in PEPro:
 - Added capability to view the Surface Current Density by layers in the Near Field results.
 - Fixed issues related to ASM HEMT symbol and updated the content.

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Verification

Layout versus Layout Circuit Comparison

Layout versus Layout compares two versions of a layout and reports differences between the two layout views.

- LVL Circuit Comparison (ADS 2021 Update 2.0) reports missing components, differences in pin connections and parameter-value mismatches. LVL Circuit Comparison uses core technology in Layout versus Schematic (LVS) and requires the same configuration as LVS. Now you can browse to a layout view as well as a schematic.
- LVL Graphical Comparison is also supported (ADS 2021).

For more information, see [Layout Versus Layout \(LVL\)](#).

Layout Versus Schematic

LVS recognizes components with artwork "PyCell macro Pcell" as a device.

Design Rule Check

DRC displays poly area density target and actual values with increased precision.



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Design Kits

- Added PDKV configuration to the kit.
- Fixed the PDK technology and the parameter callbacks to fix the PDKV reported issues

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Virtual Test Bench (VTB)

- From ADS 2021:
 - Verification Test Bench (VTB) is now called Virtual Test Bench (VTB).
 - To install files that are required for the VTB functionality along with the ADS installer, you need to download a separate VTB installer for both Windows and Linux and manually install the VTB.
 - If you have already installed ADS and find VTB functionality is missing, then you need to download and manually install the VTB.
 - If you want to uninstall, then you need to manually uninstall VTB separately for both Windows and Linux.

For more information, see [VTB documentation](#).

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Licensing

- ADS requires: a) the **version 2020.02** of the EEsof EDA licensing software, b) a minimum code-word version **2020.02 or above**, and c) the licensing server software, **lmgrd** and **agileesofd**, to be upgraded to at least the same versions as what are included in EEsof EDA Licensing software **2020.02**. ADS will not start if any of these requirements is not met. Refer to the [License Codeword Version Compatibility Table](#).
- In the EEsof EDA License Tools version 2020.02, licensing vendor daemon (**agileesofd**) is integrated with FlexNet FNP **11.16.5.1** version (Windows) and FlexNet FNP **11.16.5.1** version (Linux) of FlexNet license manager daemon (**lmgrd**). For the Windows platform, ADS installer will automatically set up

these two new license server daemons by default for the local node-locked license users; for the Linux platform, you need to follow the [Setting Up Licenses on Linux](#) instruction to complete the licensing configuration process. For more details, refer to [Licensing \(For Administrators\)](#).

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The online help gets a new user interface (UI) that brings new features and enhanced usability. Using the new features, you can do the following among many other things:

- Browse and use the online help on all device sizes like mobiles, tablets, laptops, and desktops.
- Refine search queries right from the documentation.
- Filter pages in the navigation tree using keywords.
- Apply dark theme.
- Change hyperlinks color.
- Copy code samples with a click.
- Copy links to sections with a click.
- Use keyboard shortcuts to perform different actions.
- Use QR code to open any page on mobile and tablets.

For more details, see [How to Use Online Help](#).

Additionally, the offline help now lets you create PDFs on-the-fly while you are connected to the internet using the PDF button on the top-right corner of pages.

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Design and Technology Management

- Using ADS 2020 with pycell studio 2018 (PyCell Studio Packages: Release O-2018.09) might prompt you an OA version mismatch warning message on the linux terminal. However, there is no impact on the iPKD flow in ADS.
Linux terminal message:
Requested minor API version '518', which is supported by OpenAccess build '22.50.030' is newer than the minor API version '514' of the shared library of OpenAccess build '22.50.043'.
- The Express Pcell plugin that comes with Virtuoso IC version 6.1.8 does not work with ADS 2020 due to an OpenAccess version mismatch, but the [Express Pcell plugin](#) will work with ADS 2020 Update 1.0

and 2.0.

Workarounds:

- When running ADS 2020, set the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable path to point to the directory from IC version 6.1.7.
- Upgrade to ADS 2020 Update 1.0
- The Express Pcell plugin that comes with older versions of Virtuoso IC version 6.1.7 may crash during a simulation with ADS 2020 Update 2.0 due to a third party incompatibility but may work with newer versions above IC version 6.17_722 and up.
- AEL constants are protected and should not be modified in any DDS expressions. An AEL error will be issued in case an attempt to modify an **AEL constant** occurs.
- **Python Datalink**
 - When using Connection Expert 2019 connected to Lan Instruments, there may be error messages during dl_visa_query() and dl_visa_write().
 - Exceed on Demand: Note that in some cases, EoD settings may need to be configured to properly display Spyder. Please contact your EoD support representative for additional guidance.



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Design Editing

- Designs created using **Smart Mount for Multi-Technology** feature cannot be used to run an electrothermal simulation.



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Design Guide

- Unable to unarchive HDMI design guide from the Schematic view (**DesignGuide > HDMI**).
Workarounds:
 - Unarchive using the old ADS version.
 - HDMI design guide will open in case it is already unarchived.
- Simulating the "1_Sim_CA" design in the DDR4 CTB design guide prompts the netlist error.
Workaround: Open the schematic design "PatternGen_CA_Continuous" and arrange the pin numbers in order.
- Simulating of schematics in the HDMI_Link_Simulation design guide prompt the netlist error.
Workaround: Open the schematic design "HDMI_Diff_RX" and arrange the pin numbers order in order.

Design Kits

- A design created using ADS2020 Non-Linear Demo Kit (NLD) and using NLD discontinuities like demo_bendP, demo_stepP, demo_teeP, etc. will not work as expected in ADS 2021.
Workaround – In ADS 2021, either update the design with the latest NLD i.e. NLD shipped along with ADS 2021; or continue to use the NLD that was shipped with ADS 2020.



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Circuit Simulation

▪ General

- When using GoldenGate in ADS 2020 Update 2.0, some of the library files of RFIC cockpit options are not getting loaded due to license incompatibility. It is recommended to use ADS 2020 Update 1 when using GoldenGate in ADS.

For details on license compatibility, see [License Codeword Version Compatibility](#).

- Simulation Manager may not work on Windows and throw exceptions for some designs.
- ADS 2019 will not be compatible with Verilog-A files, which have been encrypted before ADS 2019. There is no change for non-encrypted Verilog-A files.
- TMI models are supported for pure Hspice syntax only. The support of hybrid syntax (mixing Hspice and Spectre) is planned for a future release.
- BSIMSOI models using TMI modeling is not supported yet. Classical BSIMSOI models are supported as before.
- TMI Aging simulations are not supported

▪ ElectroThermal

- In ADS, electro thermal simulation is assisted to automatically turn off the HBAHB and TAHB options for single tone HB. However, the electro thermal simulation for multi-tone HB needs a manual intervention to turn off the HBAHB and TAHB options for reporting voltage data.
- You may not be able to start a Transient/Envelope Electro-Thermal (ETH) simulation only when the same testbench is open in the viewer of Transient/Envelope thermal results. You need to close the viewer before launching a Transient/Envelope ETH simulation.
- The electrothermal simulation will not run on designs created using [Smart Mount for Multi-Technology](#) feature.
- Paths set while configuring the ETH controller may need to be updated when the workspace is moved across operating systems.
- On a fresh Linux machine, electrothermal simulation fails with the following error message:
Heatwave returned an unknown error code 127.

Workaround: The error could be due to missing packages, for example, **libpng12**. Verify your system meets the requirements using the `linux_sys_check.sh` script. For more information, see [Checking Installed RPM Files and the Operating System Version](#).

- If you get licensing errors while running thermal simulation, you may need the following workaround.
Workaround: Rename the file `$HOME/.eesofrc`. For example, `$HOME/.eesofrc-orig`.
- Electrothermal does not support remote simulation, batch simulation, Monte Carlo, tuning, Optimization, and Measurement Equations. Also, you cannot sweep directly on the DC controller.
- All libraries referenced in a layout should use the same layout resolution, namely the OA database units (DBU) per user unit (JU).
- You cannot run both a transient and envelope simulation on the same design from one testbench.
- The calculation of power dissipation from passive components other than resistors may not be correct in harmonic balance simulations.
- Electrothermal does not support the transient or envelope simulation that is controlled by a ParamSweep.
- If you get "Maximum timestep reduced to half of shortest transmission line delay " warning, it can lead to transient simulation to not converge

Workaround: Unselect "Limit timestep for Transmission Line" option on Time Setup tab of Tran component to get it work.

- On Linux, if you specify the THERMAL_DIRECTORY variable in eesof_lib.cfg file using backward slash (..\thermal), the thermal simulation does not run properly.

Workaround: Specify the THERMAL_DIRECTORY variable using forward slash (../thermal) instead of backward slash.

- The ETH viewer does not support 4K displays. A few instances of text and icons may appear distorted.
- You receive an error message in substrate editor that you cannot use the same layer number more than once. You can safely ignore this error during thermal technology export.
- On a fresh Windows 10 system, Electrothermal simulation terminates with an error.

Workaround: Install the following Microsoft Visual C++ runtime components:

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-in/download/details.aspx?id=30679>

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/download/details.aspx?id=5555>

▪ DDR Design

- You receive an error message to check port numbering when performing simulation with SnP component for differential configuration.

Workaround: Select the first option in Pin Configuration for the SnP component.



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HSD Design

▪ SerDes

- You receive an error message when runtime libraries for some of the ADS example *ibs* files (for old AMI models) are unable to get installed automatically during the ADS install. The error appears even though the *ibs* file is supported on specific platform.

Workaround: Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 runtime library is required to run the *dll* files. Download the following library if it is not installed:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=14632>

▪ EM-SI/EM-PI

◦ SIPro/PIPro, Via Designer

- On Windows 10 with Intel HD graphics, Via Designer may show an error message 'Failed to use the connection between ADS and Via Designer.' This has been isolated to the latest release of Intel HD Graphics drivers (23.xx.xx.xxxx).

Workaround: Downgrading graphics driver to the previous recommended driver resolves this issue (e.g., 22.20.16.4836, A05).

- DirectX 9 as graphics driver is no longer supported. DirectX 11 is thus be used by default. Run "diagdx" to verify which DirectX version is supported on your system.

◦ SIPro/PIPro

- ADS 2020 is not compatible with the latest available Samsung component models released in June 2018. The support for the component models is planned to be added in an upcoming update release.
- Simulation failure when using components with S-parameter models or for which the model is defined using a lib/cel/view in case the Updating model does not require new simulation is not set. As a workaround, turn on the option. For PI-AC simulations, the options are turned on by default, for SIPro, this needs to be turned on explicitly.

- If you run SIPro/PIPro on a fresh machine with Suse 11 or Redhat 6 installed, you may encounter the critical error "EMPro exited unexpectedly during execution." This is related to the graphics driver software.

Workaround: Upgrade to the latest vendor-specific drivers and OpenGL libraries for the graphics card.

Alternative workaround: Run the following commands:

```
cd $HPEESOF_DIR/fem/2020.20/linux_x86_64/bin
./startempro --personality=sipi--driver=x11
```

Ignore any license related error messages that may show up on executing these commands. The driver setting is saved per personality for future sessions.

- With split domains on, there are no results available until simulation results are available from the last simulation, or even after the simulation.
- **PIPro-DC**
 - The power graph is not correct when VRM's or Sinks are defined, starting from pin definitions. All the other result data is correct. This issue does not occur when VRMs and sinks are defined from component instances.



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EM Simulation

- **RFPro**
 - The FEM and Momentum Generation 2 flows are state-of-the-art solvers but still evolving. In case it does not handle your design, switch back to Generation 1.
 - Multi-technology designs cannot be analyzed with Momentum.

Workaround: Use the FEM simulator
 - Project load fails with the error 'OccDesign::getNet: key not found' when a layout shape has a multi-bit net name (e.g. 'd<7:0>' or 'a,c,net1').

There is no workaround.
 - With McAfee Endpoint Security (ENS) enabled, the Momentum surface current visualization hangs.

Workaround: Disable the "Enable Adaptive Threat Protection" flag in McAfee ENS.
- **RFPro and 3D Viewer**
 - If you run the tool on a fresh machine with Suse 11 or Redhat 6 installed, you may encounter the critical error "EMPro exited unexpectedly during execution." This is related to the graphics driver software.

Recommended workaround: Upgrade to the latest vendor-specific drivers and OpenGL libraries for the graphics card.

Alternative workaround 1: On Linux, launch the tool and force it to use the X11 driver. On Windows, set the driver to 'msw'. This preference is saved for the current user and per personality. You can do that by executing following commands, e.g. in a shell on Linux:

```
cd $HPEESOF_DIR/fem/2021.10/linux_x86_64/bin
./startempro --personality=rfpro --driver=x11
./startempro --personality=3dview --driver=x11
```

Ignore any license related error messages that may show up on executing these commands. The driver setting is saved per personality for future sessions.

Alternative workaround 2: Set following environment variable **EMPRO_SET_SOFTWARE_DRIVER_AS_DEFAULT=1**. This variable controls the default driver when no preference was set. On Linux, X11 is used. On Windows, MSW is used. You can clear all preferences as follows:

```
cd $HPEESOF_DIR/fem/2021.10/linux_x86_64/bin
./startempro --personality=rfpro --clear-preferences
./startempro --personality=3dview --clear-preferences
```

- **EM Setup**
 - On a Virtual Windows 10 system with Microsoft Hyper-V Video display driver, the 3D EM Preview with EM Setup Preprocessing may bring up a dialog with a Hoops error, and, after suppressing the dialog, it opens up blank. There is no workaround.
 - FEM based parallel jobs on sitecluster with behavior configuration (qbehave) may show incomplete simulation logs.

Workaround: You can view the complete log available in the following location: <wrk_space>/simulation/<lib>/<cell>/layout/emSetup_FEM/proj.ep/Simulation/<simulation_num>/emds_dsn/design/emprfem*.log
- **Distributed simulations**
 - The example implementation of the sitecluster command for LSF clusters may lead to failing simulations if the path or number of threads is too large.

Workaround: See the [workaround details](#) in the sitecluster documentation.

Import/Export

- Exporting with MentorDA link does not work with the latest Mentor Graphics software Version VX2.6.



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Power Electronics

- PowerMOS_SiC power devices operate under a very wide range of voltage and current slew rates and it is a challenge to create a model that converges under all conditions – especially conditions that depend upon what components are connected externally to the power device in the circuit schematic. Please contact technical support if you encounter such an issue when attempting to use this model.
- If you run PEPro on a new machine with Suse 11 or Redhat 6 installed, you may encounter the critical error "EMPro exited unexpectedly during execution." This is related to the graphics driver software.

Workaround: Upgrade to the latest vendor specific drivers and opengl libraries for the graphics card.

Or

Run the following commands:

```
cd $HPEESOF_DIR/fem/2020.20/linux_x86_64/bin
./startempro --personality=sipi--driver=x11
```

You can ignore any license related error messages. The driver setting is saved per personality for future sessions.



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Installation

- While installing a new version of ADS, if you see “Previous version detected” error even after you have already run the uninstaller for that version of ADS, you may need to manually uninstall ADS before installation of the new ADS. To manually uninstall ADS, perform the following steps.
 - a. Exit the current ADS installation session if it is running
 - b. Remove or rename the file **.com.zerog.registry.xml** under the folder **C:\Program Files\Zero G Registry** . Both the folder and the file are by default hidden, so you may need to change the folder viewing setting to show hidden files and folders, do so via the **Advanced settings** of the **View** tab in the Windows **Folder Options** dialog box.
 - c. Remove the ADS installation directory through the Windows Explorer.
- After performing the above steps, you can re-start the ADS installer.



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Licensing

- You may observe additional License Usage when Client Machine reconnects to network after intermittent disruption.
Workaround: In case of network interruption on the client machine, to reclaim the inactive licenses, a TIMEOUT can be set using the TIMEOUTALL feature in options file (minimum time period of 15 minutes). The inactive license may stay checked out for this period of time
- Unable to install Licensing Hardware Key Drivers on Windows.
- **Workarounds:**
 - Turn off UEFI Secure Boot (BIOS) and use the default 6.3 version of the Wibu key driver delivered with the EEsof Licensing tools.
 - Turn on UEFI Secure Boot (BIOS), upgrade to ADS 2020 Update 2.0 and use the 6.51 WibuKey driver version available in the 2020.02 License tools installation directory.

NOTE

You will not be able to run older ADS releases with the 6.51 WibuKey dongle drivers

- You may observe issue in recognizing more than one FLEXID on Linux platform with the 2020.02 license tools.
Workaround: Consolidate your licenses to one FLEXID and configure the same.
- Setting FLEXLM_DIAGNOSTICS to the highest level (FLEXLM_DIAGNOSTICS=3) on Windows client may cause a crash during license checkout. Flexera is investigating this issue.

Workaround: It is recommended not to use the FLEXLM_DIAGNOSTICS on Windows clients or use it at lower level (FLEXLM_DIAGNOSTICS=1 or FLEXLM_DIAGNOSTICS=2).

- WibuKey 6.5 software driver is not supported on SuSe 11.

Workaround: Use the older WibuKey 6.30 software driver (WkRt-Lin-6.32.1504-500.x86_64.rpm).

- Licensing may not support a license file path that is too long. This will likely occur when you have too many license files.

Workaround: Remove some license files, move the license files to a shorter directory path or to combine license files into a single file.

- License Setup wizard may not be able to start license server with many license files. During setup, it may lead to a situation where a command prompt window appears/disappears incessantly. This is due to the fact that License Setup wizard is not able to start Imgrd with a long command line and may get stuck in a loop.

Workaround:

- a. It is recommended to combine all license code words tied to same MAC ID into single license file to avoid setting large number of license files.
 - b. Try to use a shorter path to place license files.
 - c. If **#1** and/or **#2** does not help, start the license server (*Imgrd.exe*) from the command line (e.g. *Imgrd.exe -c <lic-file-path> -l <license_server_log.txt>*) and then set `<PRODUCT>_LICENSE_FILE=<PORT-NUMBER>@localhost` for product you want to use on same PC.
- Dongle drivers for Flex-10 dongles on Linux are release specific. Installing the latest dongle drivers on Linux will function properly only for the most recent EEsosf releases.

Workaround: Install and use dongle drivers as needed. If you need to run the most recent EEsosf releases, use the latest Flex-10 dongle driver. If you need to use older releases, uninstall the latest dongle driver and re-install the older dongle driver

- FLO and EEsosf License setup are writing server logs at different locations. However, the EEsosf server log file location is updated in the License Manager > Environment tab.
- When multiple **same-named** INCREMENT lines **of different version** exist on the license server, few advanced FlexNet options to reserve/limit licenses may not work properly.
- Product Selector "Check Availability" generates incorrect results (which leads to license failure) for older releases when multiple date base versions of like-named bundles exist in the license pool.
- In Linux, Product Selector **OK** and **Cancel** Buttons locations are reserved.
- Starting from FlexNet Publisher 2015 (also known as version 11.13.1), the adoption of the best practice of the least-privilege security therein results in the License Server related Windows Service to run with the LocalService Account privilege (instead of the LocalSystem privilege as before.) Running with the LocalService Account privilege, an executable can no longer access any files located in the per-user specific type of folders. As a result, any license file placed in those folders can no longer be accessed by the License Server when the License Server is automatically started via the Windows Service upon each PC reboot. For the local node-locked license, this would not result in any disruption to the usage of EEsosf applications; however, for the license installed on a network PC that is accessed by multiple client PCs, this may cause EEsosf applications not to start after the network PC reboots

Workaround: Store your license files in the Windows folders that are accessible by the LocalService Account privilege. For example, C:\ProgramData or C:\users\public are both qualified choices. In general, any folder that has the "Users" group listed in its Properties > Security page and this "Users" group has the *read* permission enabled should work.

- Using the default port to connect to a license server may cause a delay when checking out licenses. If no port is given in the license file, Flexera scans ports 27000 to 27009 to find the port. Starting from

FlexNet Publisher 2015 (aka version 11.13.1), the default timeout for the response from each port increased from .1 seconds to 3 seconds.

To avoid the delay, KSM now issues licenses with port 27009 instead of leaving this blank. The EEsof License Setup Wizard (from Licensing 2017.01 onwards) handles some common situations such as: where it detects license file(s) without port, when users get a new license file with port 27009, or when all license files for a vendor daemon does not have same port.

NOTE

You will not be able to start the license server if all license files for a vendor daemon on a server does not have same port.

Users who manually setup a license server or using EEsof License Setup Wizard with older licensing bits may need to manually edit license files to comply with the following rules:

- a. All license files for a vendor daemon on a server must use the same port (or all be blank).
- b. Using the default port (blank) is allowed but may result in longer checkout times.
- c. If setting up a network server, select an unused port that is not blocked by a firewall.

Workaround: If the user cannot change the port, or wants to use the default Flexera ports, the environment variable FLEXLM_TIMEOUT can be set to .2 seconds (200000), to minimize the performance degradation. However, if the network latency is an issue in your environment, you may need to fine-tune this setting to minimize the general performance degradation while still accommodating the network latency.

- Installation of EEsof EDA tools (such as, SystemVue 2016.08, Genesys 2017.XX, or ADS 2017.XX) may hang at 4% (percentage vary based on the products) for few hours or even more on some specific machines.

Workarounds:

- Disable Firewall setting in Anti-Virus Software installed on the PC.
or
- Download and unzip process explorer from the below link and then invoke *procxp.exe*.
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/downloads/process-explorer>
Right click on the *wusa.exe* process under <Product installer exe> and select KillProcess. Now it will continue the product installation.
- After installing EEsof EDA tools (such as, SystemVue 2016.08, Genesys 2017.XX, or ADS 2017.XX) successfully and try to invoke the software or License wizard, you may encounter "api-ms-win-crt-runtime-l1-1-0.dll" missing error.
Workaround: Install the Update for Universal C Runtime in Windows . On Windows 64-bit system systems, the file to install is x64 version of the Microsoft hotfix KB2999226. A copy of the Windows6.1-KB2999226-x64.msu Microsoft 64-bit hotfix installer can be found under the C:\Program Files\Keysight\EEsof_License_Tools\bin directory. The Microsoft hotfix KB2999226 can be found under the Update for Universal C Runtime in Windows page at <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/2999226/update-for-universal-c-runtime-in-windows> as well.
- On a newly formatted RHEL system, the EEsof Licensing tools may fail to boot. This is because the FlexNet Publisher 2015 requires a certain rpm
Workaround: Under the EEsof product installation directory, there exists a utility script named "*Linux_sys_check.sh*" under the *bin* directory. Run this script to find out whether any rpm is missing; run this script with a "-y" command-line option to also have all the missing rpms automatically installed if you have the *sudo* or *root* privilege.
- License server may stop recognizing Flex-10 dongle on some systems within a few hours after starting
Workaround: If v6.10 or v6.11 is found and experience this problem then upgrade the WibuKey drivers to v6.30/6.30b from Wibu Systems.
- Unable to install Flex-10 driver if Flex-9 dongle is already plugged into a machine
Workaround: Before installing a Flex-10 driver for the first time, unplug the Flex-9 dongle.

- There is a known FlexNet Publisher issue, whereby mixing node-locked codewords and floating codewords in one license file can result in: a) Remote simulations not working or b) A second local simulation not working in case the license is node-locked and also has incorrect version.
Workaround: It is strongly recommended that you do not mix node-locked codewords and floating codewords in one license file nor in *any* configuration that ends up with node-locked codewords and floating codewords both available on the same server. In other words, put the node-locked license and the floating license on different servers, and point to the respective one based on what you need to run.
 - If a user simultaneously runs two instances of a product and has mixed different versions of the same codeword on one license server, extra licenses may be pulled and result in unexpected “Licensed number of users already reached for this feature” errors.
Workaround: We recommend you remove expired codewords, to separate out the new and the old versions of codewords into different files and different servers, and to point to the respective one based on what you need to run.
 - Not specifying the TCP/IP port for the license server during license setup may lead to unexpected behavior and/or license checkout failure on the Windows platform. We strongly recommend you to always explicitly specify the TCP/IP port associated with each license server.
 - A node-locked and floating bundle operating on Linux cannot be shared between products using EDA License Tools version older than 2014.01 when run at the same time.
 - License Setup Wizard does not remove any previous user-configured FLEX Windows License Service manually set up by a user using FlexNet's lmttools.
Workaround: You must remove the previous user-configured Windows License Service via lmttools.
 - Run the lmttools.exe from C:\Program Files\Agilent\EEsof_License_Tools\bin to invoke the lmttools utility. The lmttools utility window is displayed.
- CAUTION** If you have installed an EEsof product released before 1st August, 2014 on your system prior to installing an EEsof product released after 1st August, 2014 then the default EEsof Licensing tools path will remain C:\Program Files\Agilent\EEsof_License_Tools. On the systems that only have EEsof products released after 1st August, 2014 installed then the default EEsof Licensing tools path will be C:\Program Files\Keysight\EEsof_License_Tools.
- In the **Service/License File** tab, check the **Configuration using Services** option. All user-configured FLEX Windows License Services will be listed.
 - Select the service you wish to remove.
 - Select the **Config Services** tab and click the **Remove Service** button to remove the service. To ensure that the license service or **lmgrd** is running, click **View Log**. A log window appears that confirms whether **agileesofd** and **lmgrd** are up and running.
- While running multiple versions of prior ADS releases together, set ADS_MAXIMUM_BUNDLE_USAGE=ON in your environment so that all of them will use the same method to check out licenses. Otherwise, you might receive an error message, "Licensed number of users already reached".
 - On some Windows 7 machines, when more than one definition of an Ethernet adapter exists (duplicates), license checkouts may appear to hang up.
Workaround: Disable the duplicate network card definitions in your network settings: **Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network Connections**. This issue has been acknowledged by Flexera and they have created a bug report (SIOC-000103097).
 - For LSF style distributed simulations, ensure that the PATH on the client computer points to the \$HPEESOF_DIR/EEsof_License_Tools/\${architecture} directory that corresponds to the EEsof release being used. This needs to be done in order to ensure that the proper version of the Flexera utilities (like **lmutil**) gets picked up in the path before any older in-compatible versions (that may also be installed on a users' system.)

- **License Setup Wizard (*aglmwizard.exe*)**, which is used to set up and record the license path would not work if you already have an environment variable set for ADS_LICENSE_FILE.
Workaround: You can use **ADS_LICENSE_FILE** variable to point to license file or refer to [Licensing \(For Administrators\)](#).
- The License Setup Wizard will exit or not properly configure a license server, if the server has all of its licenses currently in use.
Workaround: Wait for a license on the server to become available as you normally would before launching the product.
- Unable to set license in case unicode characters are used either in path or license file name because the Flex License Service does not support these characters.
- The Product Selector tool will be unable to display the license server status properly when connected to older license server.
Workaround: Upgrade your license server to the latest version.
- EEsof Licensing Tools installer can hang on systems with McAfee LiveSafe installed and running the default firewall settings.
Workaround: Prior to installing EEsof Licensing Tools, temporarily turn off the McAfee LiveSafe firewall.
- Licensing setup steps on systems with McAfee LiveSafe installed can fail.
Workaround: Under the McAfee LiveSafe firewall settings, under Port and Settings, allow the use of port 27001 for Imgrd.exe under the EEsof Licensing Tools installation bin directory. Under Internet Connections for Programs , enable Imgrd.exe, aglmmgr.exe and aglmwizard.exe for all devices and turn off monitoring.
- On Windows, EEsof product releases prior to 2014 can have boot time issues with licensing if a newer EEsof product is installed prior to installing the older product. For example, if a users installs Advanced Design System 2017 and then installs Advanced Design systems 2014.01, the user can have boot time errors with ADS 2014.01.
Workaround: For Advanced Design System users, set a system environmental variable named ADS_LICENSE_FILE under the Control Panel/ System, and Security / System / Advanced system settings and under the "environmental variables". Add an System variable named ADS_LICENSESE_FILE and the value will be the path to your local license file or the port@host setting for your site.



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Third Party Applications

- Spyder application menu bar becomes inactive when the window is maximized using **View > Full Screen** or by pressing F11 (shortcut key to maximize the screen).
Workaround: Press F11 again to make it the default screen. The menu bar is now active and works fine.



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Virtual Test Bench

- When using VTB on Virtual Machine (VM), if SystemVue crashes then ensure to restart your system.
- To use VTB, ensure ADS is installed in a path that has only ASCII characters.
- Backward compatibility
In ADS, the customized VTB can have a backward compatibility issue.
Workaround: To fix this issue, use one of the following methods:
 - a. **Open** and **Save** the custom VTB in SystemVue2020Update1. Now, you can use the custom VTB in ADS.
 - b. A built-in workspace conversion tool is provided in the installer. You can convert the custom workspace (.wsv) to the newer SystemVue version. Use the following steps to convert the workspaces:
 - Open Command Prompt in the **Administrator** mode.
 - Browse the location of the old workspace. For example, C:\ADS_VTB.
 - Run the following command parameter.

```
C:
\ADS_VTB><SystemVueVTB_Installation_Dir>\bin\WorkspaceConversionTo
olManaged.exe" VTB_Examples.wsv VTB_examples_new.wsv
```

Where,

1. <SystemVueVTB_Installation_Dir> is the location where SystemVue VTB package is installed. For example, C:\Program Files\Keysight\SystemVueVTB2020Update1.
 2. **VTB_Examples.wsv** is old SystemVue file and **VTB_examples_new.wsv** is converted file.
- c. The following successful message is displayed.
Created: **VTB_example_new.wsv**
 - d. You can now use the **VTB_examples_new.wsv** workspace in ADS.
- When multiple VTB versions are installed, the VTB package in the Library Configuration Editor remain fixed to a particular VTB version. However, symbol view uses the correct VTB version.
 - While migrating the same VTB component from one VTB package to another (example: SystemVueVTB2020U1 to SystemVueVTB2021 or vice versa) using **Swap Components** option in ADS, the enumerated parameters are not getting updated automatically to the default value.
Workaround: It is recommended that while swapping the component from one VTB version to another VTB version, ensure to manually:
select the desired enumerated parameters before using the component
Or
select a new VTB component from the component palette using the required VTB package.



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Examples - Known Issues

- Examples under <ADS Install Directory>\examples \Instrument_links folder are not getting opened on Linux where as they are opening fine on Windows.
Workaround: Rename the 'Instrument_links' folder to 'Instrument_Links', if you have write permission to the <ADS Install Location>\examples folder. In case you do not have the write permission then proceed with manual unarchive process (**File > Unarchive** from the ADS Main window) pointing to the Example workspace.
- Example search might not work and prompt you the "Database is locked" error when ADS installation is on NAS.
Workaround: Restart the *nfslock* service on client. In case the problem still persists, reboot the client to unlock the database.
- Unable to compile Pin Diode Model using Visual Studio 2012 on Windows 7 64-bit platform.
Workaround: Delete the contents of the directory *examples\RF_Microwave\UserCompiledModel_wrk\userCompiledModel\lib.win32_64* before using UCMs.
- An error occurs while running a custom VTB.
Workaround: Download and run a custom VTB from the following location: <ADS Install Location>\SystemVue\2016.08\win32_64\VTB.



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Documentation

- On Windows, Printing directly from installed help generates non-readable output.
Workaround: Use the PDF version of the document for printing purposes.
- From 2017 onwards, in the installed help when you open a page using the "Open a link in new tab" option the help does not open a page in a different tab by default. You need to set the preferences to open any link in a new tab.
To set the preferences:
 - a. From the 201x version of the installed help, Click **Edit > Preferences**.
The Preferences Dialog box is displayed.
 - b. Select the **Options** tab.
 - c. Under Appearance, select the **Show tabs for each individual page** option.
This is a one-time setting for a particular release of a product.
- Unable to open online help, any external link, or Embedded Survey link in Linux on Mozilla Firefox browser.
Workaround: Use Mozilla Firefox version 39 or above or keep the Mozilla Firefox window open and then try to open online help.
- While using the installed help, you may encounter issues like help not showing any content, it throws an error, it displays unexpected hierarchy in the Content tab, or it does not display any search results.
Workaround: Close the help, delete the contents of the following directory, and open the help again.
 - On Windows:


```
C:\Users\<Windows_Login_ID>\AppData\Local\Keysight\Help
```

- On Linux: `$HOME/.local/share/Keysight/Help`
- The installed help search does not support `[]` or `{}` or any other text using these combinations.
- On Linux, Konqueror web-browser does not display the online help properly. It may not display help pages at all or may display them broken and with errors.
Workaround: Use Mozilla Firefox to view the online help.



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