

ODBCLink/SE UPGRADE



The future of ODBCLink/SE

ODBCLink/SE is a Special Edition of MBF-UDALink created for HP by MB Foster which enables database connectivity. Since 1996, it has been distributed to HP customers as part of the HP e3000 IMAGE/SQL and HP3000/HP9000 ALLBASE/SQL product bundles.

As you are aware, effective January 1, 2007, the ODBCLink/SE product was no longer be bundled with any new license purchases for IMAGE/SQL or ALLBASE/SQL. Although HP will continue to provide basic phone support and access to existing patches for the product until the end of the HP3000 support life, customers will have the option to go directly to MB Foster for continued support, enhancements, and upgrades to the "full product" (UDALink).

Who is affected by this change?

All users of ODBCLink/SE on the HP3000 and the HP9000.

How does this affect me?

With the new versions of the Microsoft operating systems ('Windows 7' & 'Vista') getting ready for deployment, there is a risk that the old ODBCLink/SE client may no longer run, or may not run reliably.

*Is your use of ODBCLink/SE mission critical?
If so, then you need to be considering your alternatives.*

What are the customer's options?

MB Foster has put into place an upgrade program for ODBCLink/SE customers only. This program will allow ODBCLink/SE customers to upgrade to UDALink for \$1,000 USD per platform plus the cost of the annual License-To-Use fee. MBF-UDALink is a fully featured product from MB Foster which provides ODBC and JDBC interface to IMAGE, ALLBASE, KSAM, and MPE flat files of MPE/iX and is available for HP-UX and Linux with Oracle, Eloquence and DB2.

Standard features are complemented by additional products in the UDA (Universal Data Access) Series, including SSL versions for ODBC and JDBC, J2EE capability, UDACentral - a 'drag and drop' data extraction and migration solution. The offer gets even better. If you are currently running ODBCLink/SE on the HP3000, there will be no charge to move the license to your HP9000 if you transition to this platform.

For more information, visit our website at www.mbfoster.com/products/ODBCLink_SE.cfm
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