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Host OSes Running Renesas-Made Software Tools to Be Changed

We would like to inform you that we are changing the host OSes for the Renesas software development tools released on and after January 1, 2007.

1. Descriptions

We are discontinuing support for Windows Me, Windows 98, Windows 98 SE, and Windows NT 4.0 as OSes for the Renesas software development tools released on and after January 1, 2007.

Instead, we are going to support Windows Vista, which will be published in 2007, as an OS for our software tools, and we will inform you of release details and support status in RENESAS TOOL NEWS when appropriate.

Note, however, that Windows XP and Windows 2000 will continue to be supported as before.

2. Software Products Involved

All the software products to be shipped as Renesas development environments and bundled with our hardware products on and after January 1, 2007 are involved. For example, they are as follows

The High-performance Embedded Workshop (IDE), C compiler packages, real-time OSes, emulator/simulator debuggers, Flash Development Toolkit, utility programs, etc.

3. Notices

- (1) The host systems for the currently used software products are not subject to the above change.
- (2) If it is necessary to update our products for the reason of

fixing problems, the valid OSES will only be Windows XP and Windows 2000 if the update is made on and after January 1, 2007.

- (3) Technical inquiries will be acceptable regardless of the host OS you are using. However, we may not reply to your inquiries if your problem relates to or arises from Windows Me, 98, 98 SE, or NT 4.0. Also we will not be concerned with malfunction depending on or arising from Windows Me, 98, 98 SE, or NT 4.0.
- (4) You will be able to install software products released on and after January 1, 2007, only on the host system whose OS is Windows XP or Windows 2000; or Windows Vista.

1. Reason of Changing Host OSES

Microsoft Corporation ended support for Windows Me, Windows 98, and Windows 98 SE on July 11, 2006. For details see "Microsoft Windows: End of support for Windows 98, Windows Me, and Windows XP Service Pack 1".

As a result, if our software products encounter trouble in the host system using any of the above non-supported OSES, it will be difficult for us to solve the problem. So we are also ending support for Windows Me, Windows 98, and Windows 98 SE as OSES for our software products.

And from next year, we are concentrating our efforts on Windows XP and Windows 2000, which are in widespread use, and Windows Vista, the number of whose users will be expected to increase rapidly.

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