

PrimeRail Installation Notes

Version D-2009.12

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These installation notes present information about installing PrimeRail version D-2009.12 in the following sections:

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Note:

The installation instructions in this chapter are the most up-to-date available at the time of production. However, changes might have occurred. For the latest installation information, see the product release notes or documentation.

See also <http://www.synopsys.com/Support/Licensing/Installation/Pages/default.aspx> for additional installation and licensing information.

Media Availability and Supported Platforms

PrimeRail is available by electronic software transfer (EST) download upon initial software release, and at a later date on DVD (or CD depending on image size).

[Table 1](#) shows the supported compute platforms, operating systems, Synopsys platform keywords, and windowing environments for this release.

Table 1 Supported Platforms, Operating Systems, and Keywords

Compute platform	Operating system	Synopsys platform keyword	Desktop windowing environment
x86_64	Red Hat Enterprise Linux v4, 5 ¹	amd64 (64-bit mode) linux (32-bit mode) ²	GNOME
x86_64	SUSE Enterprise Linux v9, 10 ¹	suse64 (64-bit mode) suse32 (32-bit mode)	KDE
x86_64	Solaris 10	x86sol64 (64-bit mode) x86sol32 (32-bit mode)	CDE
Sun SPARC	Solaris 9, 10 ¹	sparc64 (64-bit mode) sparcOS5 (32-bit mode)	CDE

1. Binary-compatible hardware platform or operating system. Note, however, that binary compatibility is not guaranteed. See <http://www.synopsys.com/Support/Licensing/SupportPlatform/ReleaseSupport/Pages/default.aspx> for the latest on supported platforms, including required OS patches.

2. The 32-bit (x86) and 64-bit (x86_64) Linux software is binary compatible with the Intel EM64T or AMD Opteron processors running Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

Disk Space and Memory Requirements

The disk space requirement depends on the platform. [Table 2](#) shows the minimum space required for installing PrimeRail on a particular platform.

Table 2 Disk Space Requirements (in Megabytes)

Synopsys platform keyword	Megabytes
common (platform-independent files)	300
amd64	100

Table 2 Disk Space Requirements (in Megabytes) (Continued)

Synopsys platform keyword	Megabytes
suse64	100
suse32	120
x86sol64	150
x86sol32	150
sparc64	130
sparcOS5	120

The minimum physical memory required is 150 MB. The recommended minimum physical memory is 1 GB. The minimum swap space required is 256 MB. The recommended minimum swap space is 2 GB. For large designs, the expected amount of required memory is approximately 1 million bytes per 2,000 gates.

Accessing Memory Beyond 2 GB With 32-Bit Tools

PrimeRail can extend memory beyond 2 GB.

Note:

The available memory is calculated as space not used by the operating system (OS), the windowing system, or other applications.

To access memory beyond 2 GB,

1. Make sure your server has at least 4 GB of memory (physical and swap space) available.

Note:

Physical memory equals data size plus stack size. Stack size is used before data size. Therefore, setting stack size to a large value causes problems for designs that are larger than 2 GB. If you set the stack size too high, you cannot get enough memory for your data. To check the settings, enter the `limit` command at the system prompt.

2. Make sure the system you are using does not have restrictions that prevent you from using more than 2 GB of memory.
3. Create unlimited data size using the C, Bourne, Korn, or Bash shell. If there are system-wide limits on the data size you can create, you can remove them or override them.

- Enter one of the following commands based on the shell you are using:

For the C shell,

```
% limit datasize 3800000
```

For the Bourne, Korn, or Bash shell,

```
# ulimit -s -d 3800000
```

- Modify the kernel of your server. This approach allows everyone using your server to extend memory beyond 2 GB.

Installing the Software

PrimeRail uses the Synopsys Installer, which allows you to use a text script or a graphical user interface (GUI). For information about downloading the Synopsys Installer, see *Installing Synopsys Tools*, which is available at the following address:

<http://www.synopsys.com/Support/Licensing/Installation/Pages/default.aspx>

To install PrimeRail, follow the procedures described in *Installing Synopsys Tools*. PrimeRail is a standalone product and must be installed in an empty directory, using the latest version of the Synopsys Installer. Do not install PrimeRail over an existing Synopsys product, including prior versions of PrimeRail.

Setting Up the User Environment

To set up the user environment, you must specify the location of the executable file and set the license file environment variable.

Specifying the Executable File Location

A platform-independent wrapper script is provided for PrimeRail. This script automatically determines the operating system platform at runtime, which simplifies the setup required to use PrimeRail.

The platform-independent wrapper script is located at *install_dir/bin* and includes the following options:

```
-32bit | -64bit
```

Note:

If you select a platform executable file that is unavailable, an automatic switch is made to an available platform based on your current environment. No warning message is issued.

To set up the environment for launching the PrimeRail 64-bit binary, define the following variable:

```
setenv PR_BITMODE 64
```

To set up the environment by using the platform-independent wrapper script, add the PrimeRail bin directory to the `PATH` environment variable.

- To set up the environment using the C shell, add the following line to the `.cshrc` file:

```
set path=(install_dir/bin $path)
```

- To set up the environment using the Bourne, Korn, or Bash shell, add the following line to the `.profile`, `.kshrc`, or `.bashrc` file:

```
PATH=install_dir/bin:$PATH  
export PATH
```

Replace `install_dir` with the PrimeRail installation directory.

Setting the License File Environment Variable

You must install the Synopsys Common Licensing (SCL) software, retrieve your license key file, and define the `SNPSLMD_LICENSE_FILE` environment variable before you can verify the PrimeRail installation.

For information about downloading SCL, installing SCL, or setting the license file variable, see the *Synopsys Licensing Quickstart Guide*, which is available at the following address:

<http://www.synopsys.com/Support/Licensing/Licensing/Pages/default.aspx>

Verifying the PrimeRail Installation

To verify the PrimeRail installation,

1. Make sure you are in a directory where you have read/write privileges.

```
% cd $HOME
```

2. Invoke the tool by entering the following command on a licensed machine.

- To start PrimeRail in GUI mode, enter

```
% install_dir/bin/PrimeRail &
```

Replace *install_dir* with the PrimeRail installation directory.

If you see information about the product version, production date, and copyright or if the GUI appears, the installation was successful.