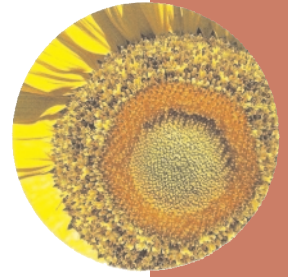


edWin/3K™

HP-3000 Screen migration - Technical Overview



For users and developers of VPlus forms on HP-3000 machines, edWin/3K offers a solution to two problems: how to migrate and how to maintain. And unlike other products, edWin/3K doesn't solve these problems by migrating VPlus or even part of it. No, edWin/3K moves your screen I/O entirely away from VPlus. This move comes combined with the introduction of advanced network access, the availability of new user interface elements and much more. Move away and move forward! It's easiest with edWin/3K.

Intelligently migrate VPlus forms

edWin/3K migrates all VPlus forms into standard layout descriptions. These descriptions are XML-based and contain all features that reside in the original forms. The edWin/3K migration brings important advantages to your screen layouts, three of which are:

- Your form files become *standards-compliant*. The open format avoids being tied to a specific supplier.
- Your form files become *human-readable*. Edit them with advanced tools or with a plain text editor.
- Throw away your VPlus forms. All future maintenance will be done on the XML-based descriptions.

Use your forms as before or upgrade

Application code that dealt with these forms however doesn't need to be modified. Since edWin/3K emulates the complete set of original intrinsics using a compatible library, there is no need to modify anything.

On the other hand, if you prefer to move forward then edWin/3K offers advanced features like flexible network operation, multiple windows, automated data exchange with XML-aware applications etc. Moreover, edWin/3K is a living product developed and supported by a dedicated team. New capabilities are being added regularly, following a roadmap laid out for the future.

Common Questions

- **Does edWin/3K support *Block Mode*?**
Yes. edWin/3K supports HP terminal block mode in all of its clients.
- **How about plain Terminal I/O?**
When combined with MPUX, edWin/3K even handles all screen I/O that has nothing to do with forms at all!
- **What happens to *Fieldspecs* during and after migration?**
During conversion, Fieldspecs are preserved and translated into fully compatible edWin alternatives. Once migrated to the edWin environment, you can continue to use Fieldspecs as before.
- **Is the HILI programming interface available in edWin/3K?**
Currently, the HILI interface is not available. Ordina Denkart believes that more features and flexibility become available by migrating away from HILI. However, upon customer request the HILI interface will be made available.

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Paint your forms and fields

edWin/3K comes with a development tool that makes life just plain simple: a Painter. Benefits include:

- True GUI application allows form design by simply drawing and painting.
- Support for all original VPlus capabilities, in addition to the growing set of advanced edWin/3K features.
- Loads/saves the same XML files as sent to clients

After maintenance, no additional translation is required and changes can be made available instantaneously.

Clients and platform-independence

edWin/3K comes with a number of standard client applications and has support for others. The main objective is to be consistent across all clients and to be platform-independent. Clients include:

- a Wingspan client for use on character terminals, including standard HP terminals and hpterm.
- a Java client for use inside a standard browser or on top of a Java VM. Any platform will do.
- an HTML environment for displaying XML forms in browsers without any additional software.