

## SpecLink-E Transition Pricing and FAQs

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Building Systems Design, Inc. released BSD SpecLink™-E on Monday, December 7, 2009 along with a Beta version of the new BSD LinkMan-E software implements two-way communication between Revit 2009 and Revit 2010 in all flavors (Architecture, Structural and MEP) and SpecLink-E. This document is intended to address the many questions we have received from current customers regarding the subscription transition from SpecLink+ to SpecLink-E. The following policies have been implemented by BSD:

- When a firm changes their license to SL-E, the entire user count is changed to SL-E – no mixture of SL+ and SL-E within the existing user count. No extra charge.
- When the subscription is changed to SL-E, the SL+ subscription must be unpermitted, unless one of the exceptions described below is desired.
- SL-E subscriptions for existing customers will run to the same expiration date as their former SL+ subscription.
- If a firm with a multi-user key wishes to retain one or more users of SL+ (for MF 95 or for updating projects prior to conversion), they may purchase additional users for SL+ or they may downgrade their SL-E user count and use the subtracted user count for SL+. For example:
  - A 2-user firm wishes to keep 1 user of SL+. A 1-user key is given for each of SL-E and SL+. This means that at renewal time they will be invoiced for 1 SL-E user plus 1 SL+ user, which is a higher price than a 2-user subscription for either.
  - A 2-user firm expects to need 2 users for SL-E but also needs an SL+ user. They must purchase a separate 1-user license – total of 2-users and 1-user. Support may convert existing keys as convenient but both subscriptions must expire on the same date.
  - A 10-user firm wishes to keep 2 users of SL+. An 8-user SL-E key is given, plus a 2-user SL+ key. At renewal they will be invoiced for 2-users plus 8-users – a higher price than a 10-user subscription.
- If a 1-user firm wishes to retain the capability to use SL+, there are 2 options:
  - For short term purposes, to allow updating projects for conversion to SL-E, a short term complimentary key may be given – max 3 months.
  - For longer term purposes, the firm may purchase a separate 1-user SL+ subscription.
- SL+ will no longer be supported after January 1, 2011. This means that no updating of the master will occur and no update keys will be given. Existing users may use their expired SL+ installation to print out projects. Support will recommend that all users convert any existing projects that they think they may need in the future. We may revisit the end date decision as the time grows closer, based on user demand and industry practices.

If you have further questions, please consult BSD's web site at [www.bsdssoftlink.com](http://www.bsdssoftlink.com), call BSD Technical Support at 1-800-266-7732 or send email to [support@bsdssoftlink.com](mailto:support@bsdssoftlink.com).

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