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FreeAXP 4.0 – A Big Change

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The release of Avanti 4.0 incorporates a big change for FreeAXP, Migration Specialties free Alpha emulator. FreeAXP will no longer be a standalone product. Instead, it has been integrated into Avanti.

What does this mean for FreeAXP users?

- FreeAXP is now 64-bit only. It will not run on a 32-bit host system. The last 32-bit compliant FreeAXP release is 3.0.0.620. The pre-4.0 version of FreeAXP will remain available on our web site for download, but will no longer be supported.
- Instead of downloading a separate FreeAXP installation kit, the Avanti installation kit is downloaded.
- The FreeAXP.exe image file is now dec.exe. The installation folder will be “MSI Digital Emulator Collection”. If you have scripts calling FreeAXP.exe, they will need to be updated.
- The FreeAXP installation folder is no longer used. If FreeAXP configuration files are stored in the FreeAXP installation folder, move them before installing Avanti 4.0.
- *The limit of one instance of FreeAXP per host system has been eliminated!*

You read that last bullet right. Starting with Avanti 4.0, the limit of one FreeAXP instance per host system has been removed. You can now have as many FreeAXP instances as there are host CPU's available minus one. I.E. An eight-core system will support up to seven instances of FreeAXP. (A more realistic scenario is four FreeAXP instances on an eight-core system, but seven is legal).