

CA Spool™

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To: CA Spool™ Customers
From: The Output Management Product Team
Subject: End of Life Announcement for the following C based Transformer Options of CA Spool™

- CA Spool™ Option for Metacode to PCL Transformer
- CA Spool™ Option for Metacode to PDF Transformer
- CA Spool™ Option for Metacode to PostScript Transformer
- CA Spool™ Option for AFP to PDF Transformer
- CA Spool™ Option for AFP to PCL Transformer
- CA Spool™ Option for AFP to Postscript Transformer

CA Technologies, a Broadcom Company, is continually working to improve our software and services to best meet the needs of our customers. In order to focus our development efforts and to help our customer base achieve their strategic business initiatives, *we are investing our resources* in the new Java transformer options CA Spool Option for *Metacode Bundled Transformers* and CA Spool Option for *AFP Bundled Transformers*. This represents our new technology and the software listed in the subject line, which are “C” based transformers, will be discontinuing technical support for all versions and releases of those options. In accordance with the Working with Broadcom Support guide available at <https://casupport.broadcom.com/>, please consider this email your written notification of End of Life for the aforementioned CA Spool Option “C” based transformer components. This means these components will no longer be enhanced and maintenance and **technical support will be discontinued effective August 31, 2021**. After August 31, 2021, CA Technologies will continue to make self-service support available until the end of your current maintenance term.

We encourage you to plan for the upgrade to the new Java based Transformer bundles as soon as possible, so you can take full advantage of the features and enhancements these new components have to offer. The transformers that are being set to end of life ingest one input data stream and produce one output data stream. For example, AFP input is transformed to one output such as PDF. **The new Java Transformer bundles provide more value in that they enable one input data stream to be transformed into as many as nine output data streams!** For example, AFP input to PDF, PostScript, Metacode, AFP (in ACIF format), HTML, Image, PCL, PDF/A, or Tiff. You may see potential reduced costs running the Java data transformers because it utilizes the zIIP specialty CPU if it is available.

As CA Technologies would like to make your upgrade to the CA Spool Bundled Transformers as straightforward as possible, we are offering the following:

- Depending on your license, the latest supported version of the AFP and/or metacode Bundled Transformers, at no charge, as long as you have an active maintenance contract for one of the above options mentioned within this End of Life announcement. **The new Java based transformers will be available through the support site for download.**
- Documentation to help prepare for your upgrade to the new version of the Bundled Transformers can be viewed on the CA Spool TechDocs page at [Migrate Data from Previous Versions](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Broadcom Support Online (<https://casupport.broadcom.com/>), your local Broadcom Account Manager or Broadcom Customer Care at +1-800-225-5224 in North America or see <https://www.broadcom.com/support/services-support/ca-support/contact-support> for the local number in your country. Your success is very important to us, and we look forward to continuing our successful partnership with you.