Q&A
Gen Roadmap Webcast
February 28, 2024

These are questions and answers from the chat during the Gen Roadmap Webcast on February 28, 2024. A replay of the webcast will temporarily be available in the community here: https://support.broadcom.com/web/ecx/support-content-notification/-/external/content/release-announcements/CA-Product-Roadmap-Webcasts/6033

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1. **Does Gen have an education program?**
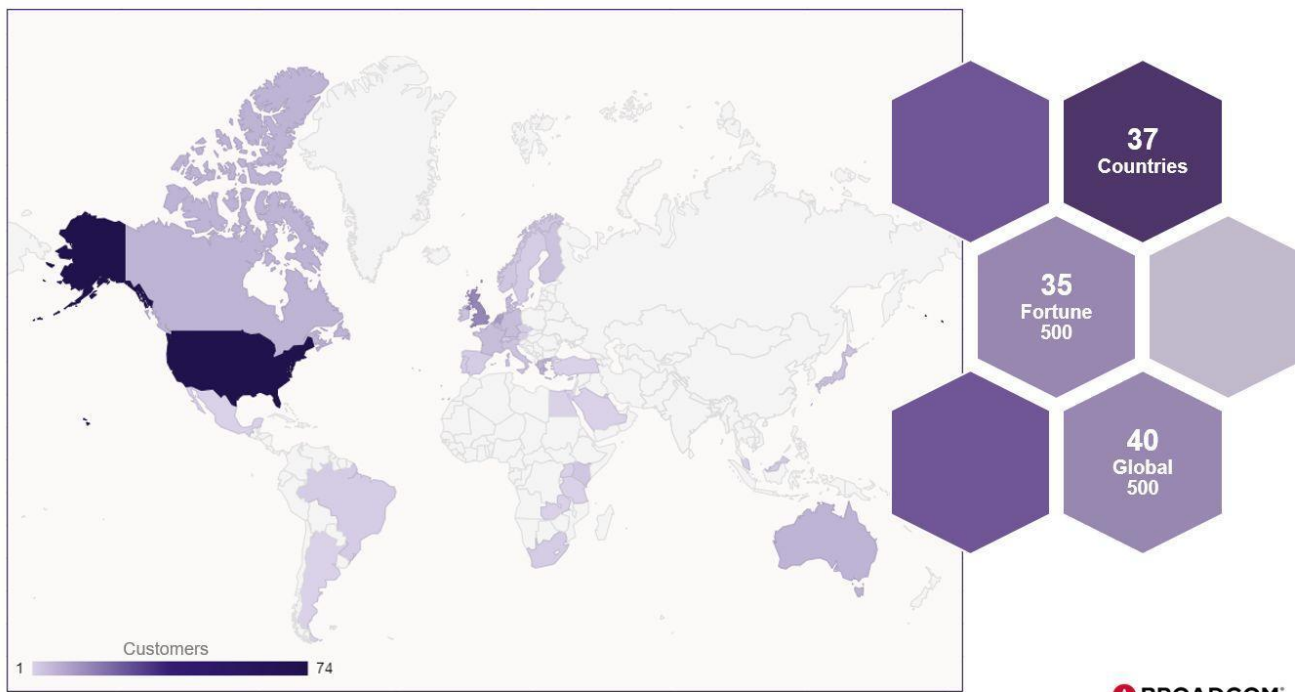   a. Yes, we have a variety of education options for Gen.
    b. Most commonly used is the web-based-training in your Support Portal. Here is a link to the list of courses. https://community.broadcom.com/education/viewdocument/ca-gen-learning-path?CommunityKey=bd92ecf3-d291-44ae-87ef-f17f7697397e&tab=librarydocuments
    c. We also offer Instructor-Led-Training. Contact Su Brude, the Gen Product Manager, for more information: susan.brude@broadcom.com.
    d. A number of our partners also offer custom training all about Gen:
        i. Facet: https://facet.com.au/training/
        ii. EducaGEN: www.educagen.com

2. **Regarding our experiments with a VS Code Extension for Gen:**
    a. **Will you allow generation of .Net code with the VS libraries without VS Studio?**
        i. The short answer is YES.
        ii. I need to look into this a little more. From a product strategy perspective, we are moving in a direction to support more free/open-source products to reduce your operational costs with Gen. Thus, this fits into that goal. I'll need to look closer at the technical implications to figure out when we can open this up.
    b. **Will you be removing the Eclipse GenStudio ?**
        i. We are moving away from Eclipse.
        ii. Our plans are to put all the workstation functionality in VS Code: Toolset, Build Tool, Gen Studio, and Diagram Trace Utility(DTU). This will take multiple years; we're starting with the Toolset functionality.
            1. Some functionality isn't well suited to text-based(typing) editing. Our experiments are revealing we can build custom views in VS Code for those use cases, like Windows Design. Your feedback will determine what sequence we deliver these features in the VS Code extension.
        iii. As users move to VS Code, and off the legacy workstation tools, we'll consider deprecating Toolset/Built Tool/GenStudio/DTU. We won't do that immediately. When we interviewed customers, feedback was clear: Experienced Gen users want to keep using what they are familiar with (like the Toolset). Novice Gen users are excited to have a VS Code extension for Gen.

c. **Will this also be a JAVA ide plugin, for example Eclipse/InteliJ ? Else for a Java user you will be forcing people into multiple IDE's which can be equally painful.**
   i. At this time we are focused on the VS Code extension. We acknowledge that this work can open up additional opportunities with additional IDEs that support LSP(Language Server Protocol). It's too early to predict.

d. **Can we generate the code and build the application from within the VS Code plugin? or it just coding? And how about other Toolset components?**
   i. Yes you can generate the code and build the application from within the VS Code plugin. Generation of Gen code stays the same. The only change is where you can initiate that step. In VS Code you can view your models in text format, make edits, save it, and generate the code.
   ii. We are still experimenting to see what else can be done from within the VS Code extension. Our intent is to create a more seamless user experience for your Gen developers.

3. **Can we get a map of Gen use within the world?**
   a. Due to confidentiality, there are limits to what customer data I can share, but here is what I got approved. Gen is owned by customers in 37 Countries. This includes 35 Fortune500 companies and 40 of the Global500. Here is a heat map of the different countries where Gen is licensed:

Gen Customers Around the World

37 Countries
35 Fortune 500
40 Global 500

Customers
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4. **Can Gen customers post jobs to the community in a job channel?**
    a. I would love that! We don't have a specific job channel, but I have started this thread for posting jobs and resumes. https://community.broadcom.com/mainframesoftware/discussion/gen-job-thread-open-positions-and-available-talent
    b. In addition to the Gen EDGE Community, we now have an active LinkedIn group. That is also a great place to post job openings. Join here: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/139800/

5. **Regarding the new SKU bundles:**
    a. **Relating to Distributed SKU: What about redundant load-balancing server plans, e.g. fail safe and similar for Production systems?**
        i. This is a great question. We'll need to look into that. Email Susan.Brude@broadcom.com to set up a call to discuss your particular needs.
    b. **Our renewal is in the works for next month. Is the SKU automatic or does it have to be requested?**
        i. All renewals going forward should automatically be for the consolidated SKU. If you don't see it on your contract, ask for it.
    c. **Our renewal is a 3-year contract with annual payments. Will it automatically come into play for our year 2?**
        i. No. However, if you want to change to the bundled SKU, talk to your account director and we will help make it happen.