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Lite Version of OrCAD Products

The Lite version of Cadence® OrCAD® personal productivity tools have certain limitations in the size and complexity of the designs you can use with these products. You might use the Lite versions of Cadence OrCAD personal productivity tools because:

- You downloaded and installed a Lite release version of OrCAD 16.6: Depending upon the Lite release version you have downloaded, you will install Lite versions of different sets of productivity tools.
- You do not have license to installed OrCAD products: OrCAD Products start in the Lite mode if license for these products are not available. You can change to production mode by making the license available.

This document is designed to so that you can quickly find information to get started with the Lite products.

Limits of the Lite Version of OrCAD Products

The Lite version of OrCAD products have the following limits with design size and complexity. If your design exceeds these limits, you will not be able to save your work or take your design through the flow.

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Product	Limits in Lite Version
OrCAD Capture CIS Lite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You cannot save designs that have more than 75 nets, including the hierarchical blocks in the design. You can still view or create larger designs.■ You cannot save a design with more than 60 parts, including the hierarchical blocks in the design. You can still view or create larger designs.■ You cannot have more than 1000 parts in the Capture CIS database.■ The Internet Component Assistant (ICA) tab in the CIS Explorer window opens the About ActiveParts page (www.activeparts.com) and not the component search page.■ You cannot create parts with more than 100 pins.■ The Capture FPGA flow is not available.■ You cannot validate Electrical Csets

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Product	Limits in Lite Version
PSpice Lite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Circuit simulation limited to circuits with up to 75 nodes, 20 transistors, no sub-circuit limits but 65 digital primitive devices, and 10 transmission lines (ideal or non-ideal) with not more than four pairwise coupled lines.■ Device characterization and parameterized part creation using the PSpice® Model Editor limited to diodes.■ No limit to stimulus generation using Stimulus Editor.■ Sample model library named eval.lib (containing analog and digital parts) and evalp.lib (containing parameterized parts) are provided.■ The library nomd.lib is configured for simulations. The nomd.lib file references the set of libraries that can be used with the Lite version.■ You cannot simulate parameterized parts that are not from the evalp.lib library. This library consists of parametrized resistor, source, and diode.■ You cannot use Level 3 of Core model (Tabrizi), MOSFET BSIM 3.2, or MOSFET BSIM 4 models.■ Displays only simulation data created using the Lite version of the simulator.■ Magnetic Parts Editor allows you to design power transformers only. The database shipped with Magnetic Parts Editor cannot be edited and contains a single core.■ The Model Import Wizard supports parts and simulation models that have a maximum of two pins or two terminals, respectively.■ The maximum nodes in a digital circuit can be equal to or less than 250.■ The non-ideal Tline is limited to 4.

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PSpice Advanced Analysis Lite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Smoke Analysis: Can run only on diodes, resistors, transistors, and capacitors.■ PSpice Advanced Analysis Optimizer<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Only Random and MLSQ engines can be used.□ Values of up to two component parameters can be optimized.□ A maximum of one measurement specification and one curvefit specification are supported.□ Only one error calculation method supported for optimizing the curve-fit specification.■ Parametric Plotter<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Can sweep the values of only two design and/or model parameters.□ Only Linear sweep in supported.□ A maximum of 10 sweeps allowed.□ Can evaluate the influence of changing parameter values only on one measurement expression or a trace.□ Display Plot is not available.■ Monte Carlo/Worst Case Analysis<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Only one measurement specification is allowed.□ A maximum of three devices with tolerance are supported.□ Maximum of 20 Monte Carlo runs are supported.■ Sensitivity Analysis<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Only one measurement specification is allowed.□ A maximum of three devices with tolerance are supported.□ Maximum of 20 runs are supported.■ Encrypted parameterized models cannot be simulated.■ The Optimizer Random Engine can make a maximum of 5 runs.

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Product	Limits in Lite Version
OrCAD PCB Editor Lite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You cannot save boards that have more than 50 components and/or 100 nets. However, you can still view larger designs.■ The tutorial and tutorial design files will work with Lite limitations.■ A limited sample library is provided.
OrCAD PCB Router Lite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You cannot save the results of a route session.

Note: OrCAD SigXplorer is not available with the OrCAD Lite release.

Getting Started with OrCAD Lite Products

For an overview of the basic process for designing a PCB using OrCAD 16.6, refer to the OrCAD Flow Tutorial. This flow guide shows you the design cycle for an electronic design, starting with capturing the electronic circuit in OrCAD Capture, simulating the design with PSpice, through the PCB layout stages in OrCAD PCB Editor Lite and OrCAD PCB Router Lite, and finishing with the processing of the manufacturing output and maintaining the design.

Note: You can use the FULLADD design shipped as `flowtut.zip` located in the `<installation>\flowtut\tutorial_example\` folder in your installation directory to work through the design flow as described in this flow guide.

To help you quickly get started with the Lite products, the table below lists the products and the online documents.

Product	Online Documents
OrCAD Capture CIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ OrCAD Capture User Guide■ OrCAD Component Information System Users Guide■ Chapter 2, Creating a schematic design of OrCAD Flow Tutorial
PSpice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ PSpice User's Guide■ Chapter 3, Simulating a design of OrCAD Flow Tutorial

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Product	Online Documents
OrCAD PCB Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Allegro PCB Editor User Guide■ Chapter 5, Board design using OrCAD PCB Editor of OrCAD Flow Tutorial■ Allegro PCB Editor Tutorial
OrCAD PCB Router	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Allegro PCB Router User Guide■ Allegro PCB Router Tutorial■ Chapter 5, Board design using OrCAD PCB Editor of OrCAD Flow Tutorial

Accessing OrCAD Documentation

The user documentation for OrCAD 16.6 is in the form of online help, online books, and tutorials. For more information on OrCAD products, see [Accessing OrCAD Web Sites](#).

See the following topics for more information:

- [Accessing Online Help](#)
- [Accessing Online Books](#)
- [Accessing OrCAD Tutorials](#)
- [Accessing OrCAD Web Sites](#)

Accessing Online Help

You can access online help from the Help menu in a product, by clicking the Help button in a dialog box, or by pressing the F1 key.

Accessing Online Books

You can access the online books for your product using Cadence Help and the documentation page.

To access online books using Cadence Help:

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1. From the Windows Start menu, choose the *Cadence – Release <version> – Cadence Help* command.

The Cadence Help window appears.

2. Expand the product name to display the documents for the product in the Cadence Help window.
3. Double-click a document title to open it in the Cadence Help window.

To access online books using the documentation:

1. From the product *Help* menu, choose *Documentation*.

The product documentation page opens in the Cadence Help window.

2. Choose the appropriate tab and click the hyperlink for a document to view the document in the Cadence Help window.

Accessing OrCAD Tutorials

OrCAD products have self-paced interactive tutorials that you can use to quickly get started with the products. For information on accessing the tutorials, see [Getting Started with OrCAD Lite Products](#).

Note: You may not be able to complete some of the steps in the tutorials because of the limits to the capabilities of the Lite version of OrCAD products. These limits are described in [Limits of the Lite Version of OrCAD Products](#).

Accessing OrCAD Web Sites

The following web sites provide extensive product and technical information on OrCAD products.

www.cadence.com/orcad The main website for OrCAD products. This site contains technical information on OrCAD products. It provides product updates, demos, models, tools, and utilities. There are also technical articles and application notes from OrCAD engineers and users.

www.cdnusers.org The community site where high-speed designers meet to share, contribute, and exchange information on how to best use OrCAD PCB Router.

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