HP VEE (Visual Engineering Environment)
HP E 2120C

Technical Specifications

- HP VEE 3.12 for Windows 3.1
- Cut test development time
- Collect and analyze data quickly
- Modify programs quickly and reduce time to market
- Leverage existing measurement programs with speed and simplicity

The Productivity of HP VEE

HP VEE is a powerful visual programming language.
To develop programs in HP VEE, you connect graphical “objects” instead of writing lines of code. These programs resemble easy-to-understand block diagrams with lines.

Hewlett-Packard’s design creates a productivity paradigm where one HP VEE object accomplishes an entire series of steps in a typical activity (while still allowing low level “peeks & pokes”).

Also, as a full language, HP VEE:
- Provides I/O and networking capabilities that iconic GUI builders can’t handle.
- Develops program logic flow that iconic C code-generators don’t have.

HP VEE is a Better Software Citizen

HP VEE allows you to leverage your existing software, such as C/C++, Basic, PASCAL, FORTRAN, as well as popular database, word processing and spreadsheet programs including MS Word or Excel.

If your main program is in C/C++, you can call HP VEE programs that would be difficult to write in C/C++ (such as instruments tie-ins), or you can create your main program in HP VEE and call C/C++ programs.

Engineers like the short learning curve of HP VEE — the majority see on-the-job results within the first week! Managers appreciate HP VEE because it is easy to understand and maintain, so cross-training is enhanced and maintenance efforts are reduced.
**HP VEE is More Efficient**

HP VEE has a wide array of measurement capabilities that include sensors, PC plug-in cards, standalone instruments or complete systems. HP VEE has over 450 instrument drivers plus the ability to use VXIplug&play drivers from any vendor. HP VEE can control your instrumentation from any vendor. HP VEE is especially suited to fast development and maintenance or user and instrument interfaces and displays, using a wide assortment of widgets.

With the increasing importance of ISO standards in manufacturing, HP VEE includes easy-to-use documentation features for code management.

**HP Test Software**

- Software leader for over 20 years.
- More than 1,000,000 test software customers worldwide.
- Dozens of related patents.
- Developed technology that established numerous industry standards.

Every programming language, whether visual or textual, is evaluated under the same set of rules.

You look for power to help you get your job done. Ease of use to get it done quickly. Open systems, so you can maximize interoperability among different platforms, different languages, and different hardware combinations in a multivendor environment. Choices, so you can decide whether to build your own system or buy a pre-bundled solution. And world-class support, so you can get up-and-running quickly, train new people effectively, and keep your solution running around the world.

Add it up, and you’ll see why companies worldwide call HP VEE “The Productivity Language” for test and measurement.

**The Productivity of HP’s Visual Programming**

In the five years since HP VEE came to test and measurement, visual programming languages have transformed the test industry, growing from a good idea into a key productivity advantage for many companies. In the process, HP VEE has exploded in popularity, capturing a dedicated worldwide user base in all major industry segments and applications.

“The MTC has fully embraced the (visual) programming paradigm as a development standard. We continue to see tremendous productivity and quality improvements over traditional text-based software development, an attribute which certainly points the way to an emerging industry standard.”

Dr. Edmund Baroth  
Technical Manager of the Measurement Technology Center (MTC)  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Leveraging Other Languages

- Leverage your other test programs for use within HP VEE. You can use popular textual languages such as C/C++, Visual Basic, HP BASIC, and FORTRAN.
- Use standard ties to languages such as Dynamic Link Libraries (DLLs) or Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) in MS Windows, and Shared Libraries or Named Pipes in UNIX.
- Extend HP VEE’s capabilities to suit your own application by using off-the-shelf libraries in other languages.

Talking to Any Instrument

HP VEE can talk to a broad range of instruments through direct I/O, the 450 VEE drivers or any industry standard VXIplug&play driver!

What’s New in HP VEE 3.2

- More Open
  - Now HP VEE supports Windows 95 and Windows NT, as well as Windows 3.1, HP-UX Series 700, HP-UX Series 300 and Solaris platforms.
  - Easy-to-use VXIplug&play driver support for all Windows and HP-UX Series 700 platforms assures productivity in multivendor environments.
  - Hard to believe, but HP VEE now offers unlimited Run Time—just order Option RUN under the full development product you’re using. This one-time low cost option lets you sell your solutions or use them throughout your organization without additional purchases and without getting tangled in additional licensing requirements.
  - Now you can use HP VEE as either a client or a server—it’s your choice. Create your own programs in HP VEE, calling C/C++ programs if you need them. Or write in C/C++ and call HP VEE for the tough programming tasks, such as creating instrumentation tie-ins and GUIs.
• HP VEE 3.2 now works even better on PC plug-in cards. Data Translation’s Visual Programming Interface provides menu picks in HP VEE for seamless PC plug-in data acquisition to over 50 cards. MEILHAUS ELECTRONIC’S data acquisition boards, serial interface boards, and intelligent sensor modules deliver comprehensive **PC data acquisition** solutions through HP VEE.

HP VEE is compatible with VXIplug&play. HP VEE runs its current 45+ drivers PLUS all VXIplug&play drivers (3.0) released from HP or other vendors.

**What’s New in HP VEE (3.2) for Windows 95/NT**

- Turn complex HP VEE data into easily understandable world-class graphics for clear visual analysis.
- View HP VEE data as 2D, 3D or 4D images, including plots, graphs, charts, surfaces, and projections.
- Spend more time on actual analysis and problem-solving, and less time trying to decipher data.

**Easier**
- Create, move and **modify faster** with HP VEE’s cleaner, clearer ways to draw and connect lines.

**More Powerful**
- Now you can easily create and print key program parameters, including the information that’s especially important for maintaining ISO 9000 documentation. Print complete transaction details too, not just summaries, with HP VEE.
- Quickly switch programs in time-critical applications thanks to HP VEE 3.2’s **faster load time** (three to five times faster).
- Now you can export HP VEE data to PV–WAVE, and use this powerful **graphics analysis** package to display HP VEE data files.

**More Value**
- And HP VEE is now even more affordable, featuring a **price cut** on HP VEE and HP-UX Series 700 and Solaris.

> “The integration between PV-WAVE and HP VEE is such a natural fit. We’re excited about the prospects of this development, both for what it will allow us to offer our customers here at JPL and elsewhere, and for what it will do to advance the industry in general.”

Dr. Edmund Baroth
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HP VEE data files can be imported into PV-WAVE and displayed for clear visual analysis.
Free Start-Up Support
Hewlett-Packard’s world class support starts when you register your new HP VEE. At that time you’ll receive, at no charge, access to:
- HP VEE WEB site/BBS
- HP VEE Internet Users Group
- HP VEE Monthly Newsletter
- HP’s 24 hour faxback service

- You can contact HP by phone, fax or the Internet to get high-quality service.
- Enjoy a complimentary start-up phone support contract with your purchase of HP VEE for Windows.
- Scan the Internet and bulletin boards for up-to-the-minute information on HP VEE, including current driver lists and application notes.
- Talk to other HP VEE customers over e-mail to share application ideas.

Other HP Support and Services
In addition to free factory support, HP also offers a complete range of support services to give you access to the latest and most complete worldwide technical support available. Call an HP sales representative at one of the numbers listed on the back cover for more information:

- Order the HP VEE Update Subscription Service to get free software updates, software revisions, bug fixes, new instrument driver releases, and application notes.
- Use HP’s long-term phone support contracts available on all platforms to get immediate answers to puzzling questions.
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HP Training
- Learn quickly at your own pace with on-line documentation, HP VEE manuals, or the Prentice-Hall books. All provide practical examples to get you up-and-running quickly.
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Try building your own application at your own pace.

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PC memory requirements:
- **Windows NT:** 16 MB RAM (24 MB recommended)
- **Windows 3.1/95:** 8 MB (16 MB recommended)

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