

# Migrating and Consolidating Windows Workloads to Linux on POWER



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# **Windows NT Migration/Consolidation:**

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2004; Non-security hot fixes are no longer available

Beginning on Jan. 1 2005; Pay-per-incident and Premier support will no longer be available. This includes security hot fixes.

Exchange Users will need to migrate from Exchange 5.5 to Exchange 2000 if they choose to go Windows Server 2003

This may be just the opportunity you need to revisit your operating system environment and consider a server refresh

**Results:** 

Simplification



# **Key Factors Driving Linux Implementations**

I don't want to sacrifice any performance and be sure I am making a strategic decision!!!

> Why accept lower levels of security and reliability when I can provide higher levels of service to my customers?

I don't want to be locked into any single operating system, platform, or solution technology. It's about choices.

Why pay more when you can get the same or better function for less with more flexible licensing?



# e-Infrastructure - Mail / Messaging

#### Simple, robust, scalable, cost effective, and reliable collaborative Mail Server





## Should I Move to Linux or Stay on Windows?

### **Consider Windows if:**

- 1) Windows security or licensing costs not a critical factor.
- 2) Use only Windows-based applications such as Exchange Server and SQL Server.
- 3) Have invested primarily in Windows skills and has little or no Linux/Unix skills.
- 4) I am a total Windows shop

### **Consider Linux if:**



- 1) Looking for ways to reduce licensing costs
- 2) Desire a more reliable environment
- 3) Uncomfortable with recent security exposures in Windows
- 4) Would like to reduce the number of different architectures and operating systems.
- 5) Have or will create Linux/Unix skills

.....and when you choose Linux, which platform is best??



## Which Platform....Intel based or POWER based?

Decision criteria for Linux server selection:

- Application selection -- is the application enabled for multiple Linux distributions
- Application characteristics -- capacity, performance, transaction rates, I/O, floating point, integer
- Encumbent system -- do you prefer to run on your existing strategic platform for skills reasons
- Reliability -- application availability requirements
- Integration -- how do you plan integration, on single system or multiple architectures
- Virtualization -- dedicated system or virtual servers
- Device Requirements -- are all devices supported as needed
- TCO -- does solution offer favorable total cost of ownership





# **Platform Characteristics**

**@server** xSeries



- Primarily 32-bit
  Evolving 64-bit
  Windows or Linux
  Real memory to 32GB
  Scalability to 16 way
  Growth by scale-out
- Virtualization via software

**@server** pSeries



- •64-bit proven architecture
- •Ability to run 32-bit or 64-bit applications
- •AIX or Linux
- •Supports scale-up and scale-out
- •Large memory capabilities to 1 TB
- •High scaling to 32 way
- Hardware virtualization engine
- Defined future growth path
- •Very high reliability characteristics
- Very high performance capabilities
  Surprisingly low TCO



# Linux on POWER – the best choice

TCO for Enterprise Application Workloads RFG 2/04



#### Linux on p650 provides the lowest TCO

-290% less cost than Sun

-60% less than IA-32 Windows cluster & 13% less than IA32 Cluster with Linux

-30% less than clustered Itanium2 systems and 3% less than single Itanium2 SMP

#### PLUS the highest Quality of Service

-Uniques On-Demand features for dynamic growing enterprises

-Expandability for p650 much greater than Itanium – POWER family, memory, disk, etc

-Significantly higher reliability than Intel – cost of downtime not included

-Hypervisor for p650 superiority to VMWare or clusters – more efficient

-p650 also delivers the lowest \$ per operations/sec by over 10%

-TCO advantages only get better with POWER5 and other future products



### TCO Study by Robert Francis Group February 2004 – 3 year analysis – Enterprise Workloads

#### p650 is 3x lower priced than Sun initial p650 h/w cost comparable to other platform solution costs



Cost for administering Windows cluster is 6-7x p650 Administrative Cost



#### HP x86 systems require VMWare for partitioning - \$0 for p650 Software Cost



Cost for applying security patches is 4-5x for Windows and over 10x for Clusters Security Cost



#### Cost for cluster support is 4-5x p650

#### **Support Cost**



space 2-3x less than others

Utility Cost



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# Linux in IBM @server pSeries

### - Top to Bottom Linux Leadership in Performance and Price



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# JS20 POWER-based Blade - LINUX High-volume Linux on POWER product



**Power Blade** 1 BladeCenter slot

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BladeCenter 7 EAI x 17.5"W x 28"D



# pSeries Linux RAS --- a major differentiator

- 1. Linux RAS for IBM pSeries white paper and Service
- 2. Serviceability toolkit

https://techsupport.services.ibm.com/server/Linux\_on\_pSeries

Reliability/Availability Features (see Linux RAS whitepaper)	Power Linux	Lintel	Comments
<ul> <li>Automatic First-Failure Data Capture and diagnostic fault isolation capabilities</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Used by Error Log Analysis Tool
<ul> <li>Self-healing internal POWER4<sup>™</sup> processor array redundancy</li> </ul>	Yes	No	ECC, bit steering, memory scrubbing, etc
<ul> <li>Industry-first PCI bus parity error recovery</li> </ul>	Partial	No	Kernel panic - partition vs. system down
<ul> <li>Scrubbing and redundant bit-steering for self-healing in main storage</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	IA64 not as robust
<ul> <li>ECC and Chipkill<sup>™</sup> correction in main storage</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	
<ul> <li>Fault tolerance with N+1 redundancy, dual line cords, and concurrent maintenance for power and cooling</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	
<ul> <li>Predictive failure analysis on processors, caches, memory, I/O and DASD</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	IA64 does not have predictive analysis of I/O
<ul> <li>Processor run-time and boot-time deallocation based on run-time errors (Dynamic Processor Deallocation and Persistent Processor Deallocation)</li> </ul>	Partial	No	pLinux has boot-time processor and memory deallocation; no run-time deallocation
<ul> <li>Fault avoidance through highly reliable component selection, component minimization and error mitigation technology internal to chips</li> </ul>	Yes	No	
<ul> <li>Concurrent run-time diagnostics based on First-Failure Data Capture for power, cooling, and I/O subsystems</li> </ul>	No	No	pLinux concurrent diag targeted for 4Q'04
<ul> <li>Service Processor is a separate, independent processor that provides hardware initialization during system IPL, operation monitoring of environmental and error events</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	IA64 SP is not as robust as pSeries



# **Logical Partitioning**



 Next generation Hypervisor on POWER5 is greatly enhanced to shared resources, virtual I/O, sub processor partitioning, and work load manager support

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### **Performance Comparisons - IA-32/IA-64/AMD/SPARC vs. POWER**

Linux on pSeries performance significantly better than Sun - more balanced in performance than IA-32 and IA-64 - near equivalent to AIX 5L and almost equal whether LPAR or single SMP mode







from http://www.spec.org



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# **Migration Consideration: Application Support**

### •Key application areas that apply to Windows Migration to POWER:

- File and Print Solutions
   Web Serving and Web Application Serving
   Security/Firewall
   Caching/Proxy
   Database
- Directory
  Commerce
  Mail

- => Samba 3
- => Apache, Websphere App Svr TomCat, JBoss
- => Kerbros 5, SUSEfirewall2, StoneSoft
- => Squid, Websphere (integrated)
- => DB2, Oracle (developer release) MySQL
- => Directory Server 5.1, OpenLDAP
- => Websphere Commerce Suite, eOneGroup
- => OpenOffice, SendMail, Bynari Insight Server

## Commercial Solutions:

http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/eserver/linux/power/apps/all.html



### **Migration Approaches to Linux on pSeries:**

- If you already have IBM pSeries installed, you can utilize the partitioning capability of the servers to consolidate your workloads onto these servers using Linux.
  - Simplify the IT infrastructure and reduce cost.
- If you are running mission critical applications on NT or Windows, you should consider running these applications on Linux on POWER based servers (IBM pSeries or BladeCenter JS20) so you can enjoy the RAS of the enterprise platform in a lower price.
  - Simplify the IT infrastructure and increase the reliability



## **Migration Decisions**

For server consolidation opportunities, consider a scale up or scale out solution with JS20 or pSeries models with virtualization engine. This will allow you to run AIX and Linux workloads side by side.

- Consider a pilot on a segment of your infrastructure to get comfortable with migrating Linux.
- Infrastructure, such as File and Print is typically the best first step for Linux.
- Leverage the IGS Linux Application Center Linux application porting
- Consider utilizing the IGS Linux Migration Practice
- Take advantage of the skilled IBM partners for porting or migration help.



### IBM Global Services and IBM Business Partners Can Help in all Aspects of your Linux Solutions



### IEM

## **Getting Started - Migrating to Linux from Windows**

- Speed Start your Linux Applications
  - Learn about the similarities and differences of Windows and Linux
  - Receive free software and assistance with getting started
  - Attend no charge classes
  - Development workshops in person or online
  - Test applications / do Proof of Concepts
  - Get a free T-shirt once your application is done!
- Apply today at: <u>http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/speed</u>
- Get ADDITIONAL IBM HELP with the Linux Integration Center (LIC)
  - Works with customers and partners to deliver deployable proof of concepts
    - Contact your IBM rep to learn more



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## **More Information:**









Linux on pSeries Overview

Linux RAS of IBM pSeries

Robert Francis Group TCO Paper

Applications For Linux on POWER

www.ibm.com/eserver/pseries/linux

www.ibm.com/linux/power



# SUMMARY

# **Migration/Consolidation to Linux on pSeries**





When you need capacity When you need performance When you need choice When you need high performance virtualization When you need high reliability

..... all at a low cost



Choose Linux on pSeries and JS20!



# What Are Your Next Steps?

- Marketing Programs
- Questions