

CUSTOMER SUPPORT PLAN

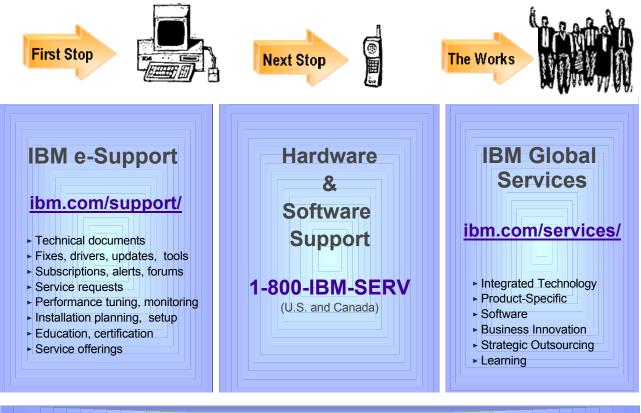
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This document communicates IBM technical support available to you, the procedures for obtaining support, and information on contacting IBM.

You will find information on IBM e-support, hardware and software reporting procedures, escalation processes (including a chart defining severity levels), team members' roles and responsibilities, as well as information available by phone.

Overview of IBM Support Structure

From IBM's very largest customer to the individual consumer, the Web (<u>http://ibm.com/support</u>) is key to enabling e-relationships any time, day or night. Below is a bird's-eye view of IBM's customer support structure:



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"IBM ... continues to leverage its strengths as the most recognized brand in IT and as **the company that can offer the greatest depth and breadth of service to customers.**

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"Gartner Viewpoint" (http://www.cnet.com) 12.10.2001

Your first stop for IBM support . . . e-Support

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Our technical support portal offers you **self-service 24 x 7 x 365**, with its powerful, cross-IBM offering knowledge base.

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You will find important support and reference information such as:

- Planning
- Problem Solving
- Fixes
- Documentation
- Education
- Services
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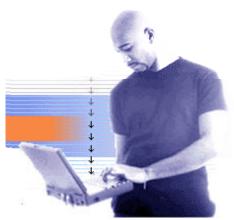
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IBMLink

Electronic Service and Support for your eServers available at http://www.ibm.com/ibmlink/

- InfoLink Sales Manual, announcements, and catalogs
- OrderLink Configurators, prices, and schedules
- ServiceLink Problem resolution, Q&A, and preventive service
- UserFunctions Guide, profiles, notes, and forms

Printing Systems e-Support

Printing Systems Portal

The IBM Printing Systems portal delivers world-class support. The portal also posts hot links to all of IBM offering support Web sites, including Printing Systems support at http://www.printers.ibm.com for:

- Technical content
- Fixes, drivers, updates, tools
- Services requests
- Installation planning, setup
- Education
- Service Offerings
- Publications



IBM Customer Support Plan -- Support for Hardware, Software, and "Don't Know"

Support for Hardware, Software, and "Don't Know"

If you don't find what you need with e-Support, call IBM Service (1-800-IBM-SERV) for hardware support.

Your first call will connect you to your IBM[®] Remote Technical Support Center Representative. This Representative will help diagnose your hardware problem and, if not resolved, will create a plan to resolve it, including recommending parts (if appropriate) to the IBM System Services Representative (SSR) responsible for supporting your IBM hardware. You can reach Hardware Support at **1-800-IBM-SERV**. The Service Delivery Manager or Duty Manager can assist you with any service issues.

It's easier than ever to engage IBM hardware and software support -- just call one handy



number: 1-800-IBM-SERV (1-800-426-7378)

Your stop for Software Support is SupportLine . . . when you need specialized expertise- on-demand . . . 1-800-IBM-SERV

To be eligible for voice support on most software offerings, you must have either a SupportLine or Passport/Advantage contract. Offered by IBM Global Services, SupportLine gives you access to answers from highly-trained IBM technical support specialists who can be your one source for remote software support. We cover most IBM operating systems, as well as the most popular multivendor platforms, including Microsoft [®] Windows [®], Linux, and Linux Clusters. Plus, you can get usage and configuration assistance for selected hardware products. And our customized options make it easy for you to choose what you want covered and the level of support you need. See details at <u>http://www.ibm.com/services/its/us/mus62d1.html</u>

Problem Resolution Using Severity Codes

The severity codes below determine how IBM escalates problems. Report a severity code when placing the initial service request call.

Severity 1— CRISIS

- The system (or a major application or component) goes down, critically impacting a customer's ability to do acceptable business.
- No bypass alternatives are available.
- Severity 1 requires total commitment of equipment and personnel by the customer and vendors to resolve the problem. The respective management groups are responsible for assigning personnel.

Severity 2 — MAJOR

- A problem that causes a severe operational impact.
- Bypassing the problem is possible but not feasible.
- Severity 2 requires that the failing component be made available for repair.

Severity 3 — MINOR

- Any problem causing restricted function or minor impact on performance.
- Bypassing the problem is both possible / feasible.
- Deferred maintenance may be acceptable.

Severity 4 — BYPASSED

- A circumvented problem.
- The problem's impact is non-critical and does not affect operation.
- Deferred maintenance is acceptable.

IBM Customer Support Plan -- Support for Hardware, Software, and "Don't Know"

You can **take advantage of both telephone and electronic access** to IBM services specialists who can address a wide variety of questions and concerns, including:

- Usage and installation
- Product compatibility and interoperability
- Interpretation of product documentation
- Diagnostic information review to help isolate the cause of a problem
- Configuration samples
- IBM and multivendor database searches
- Planning information for software fixes
- Assistance with problem source identification and problem resolution

How SupportLine Works (on standard offerings)



Step 1: One of your designated callers encounters an installation or operational problem on eligible software and places a toll-free call to IBM SupportLine (during normal business hours, Mon. - Fri., excluding holidays).

Step 2: The call is directed to the IBM technical support specialist with the expertise to resolve the problem. Maximum response time is two hours, but more than 90% of calls are answered live.

Step 3: IBM identifies remotely whether the cause is due to a custom configuration, a defect in the software, an interoperability issue, or other operational problem.

Step 4: IBM answers questions and provides planning information for software fixes.

Step 5: Your caller contacts IBM again on this problem, and/or adds another. He or she has unlimited access to support on covered software.

For storage hardware support on the following products, call the numbers below:

Brocade:	1-800-IBM SERV (2109 SAN Fibre Channel Switch)
INRANGE:	1-800-657-6897 (2042 INRANGE Fibre Channel Director)
McDATA:	1-800-752-4572 (2031 McDATA Fabric/Loop Switches; 2032 McDATA Fibre Channel Director)

For Printing Systems support, call the number below:

IBM Printing Systems Service and Support: 1-800-358-6661

- Service agreements and quality issues
- Supplies and maintenance
- Printer Selection Center for pre-sales assistance
- Technical support for IBM Infoprint Family of printers and printing solutions

IBM Customer Support Plan -- Support for Hardware, Software, and "Don't Know"

When you're not sure, call 1-800-IBM-4YOU

If you encounter a problem of unknown origin, contact your Remote Technical Support Specialist by calling the Hardware and Software Support number listed above or call our general information number-- **1-800-IBM-4YOU.** Call between 7am - 10pm EST.

You are a valued customer. If, for any reason, we are not meeting your expectations, please call us.

- Duty Manager -- (US and CAN) 1-800-IBM-SERV
- Integrated Technology Services Sales -- (US) 1-888-426-4343 (option 3) or (CAN) 1-800-426-2255

The Works ... the full range of Support and Services from IBM Global Services (IGS)

We recognize that you need support that goes beyond resolving hardware problems. To succeed, your e-business needs support that offers solution optimization, maximum availability, proactive care, and access to experts. IBM service and support does all that -- including quick response throughout your systems' life cycle. Visit <u>http://www.ibm.com/services/fullservice.html</u>



For IBM eServers and Storage -- the Technical Support Advantage helps you keep your business up and running for years

For more than 25 years IBM has been a leader and innovator in electronic technical support and in designing products for serviceability. The Technical Support Advantage is a comprehensive set of resources (tools and technologies in four key areas) all focused on helping you learn about, choose, implement, and use the right IBM @server solution for your IT infrastructure needs. Visit http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/eserver/techsupport.html Each key area gives you powerful reasons for buying and using IBM @server systems:

- **Configuring tools and technologies** -- for creating, installing, and managing your infrastructure day to day
- Optimizing tools and technologies -- to help maximize resource utilization and high availability
- Healing tools and technologies -- for seeking help, locating and applying problem fixes and diagnosing unusual situations or problems
- **Protecting tools and technologies** -- to help avoid intrusions and provide security to an infrastructure

The Technical Support Advantage helps you gain competitive advantage and allows for extendibility as you grow, whether you have a small or large IT shop. It helps provide for things like supportability, serviceability, reliability, availability, trust -- peace of mind.

Use this site -- <u>http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/eserver/techsupport.html</u> -- as your starting point. You'll find tools and resources that streamline the technical planning and support for your servers -- from planning to education, installation, maintenance, and everything in between.

Choose your platform and find out details!

Select your platform -- iSeriesTM, pSeriesTM, xSeriesTM, and/or zSeriesTM -- from the pull-down menu at <u>http://techsupport.services.ibm.com/server/support</u>

IBM Learning Services --

http://www.ibm.com/services/learning

or 1-800-IBM-TEACH

 World's largest IT training provider delivering thousands of courses in 55 countries IBM Customer Support Plan -- The Works (IBM Global Services)

IBM Software Services

http://www-1.ibm.com/services/its/us/servicesbyproduct.html

or (US) 1-888 426-4343, option 3 (CAN) 1-800-426-2255

You've made a big investment in IT technologies, and your software is the fuel that drives your hardware engines. To protect that investment and meet your business goals, you need reliable, high-quality software support.

IBM gives you access to a wide array of services for hardware and software products that address a variety of IT issues. Our services are designed to be flexible, making it easy for you to choose the support you need. And, if our standard offerings don't address your specific needs, we can customize a solution that will.

Operational Support Services for Software

In addition to SupportLine (see "Hardware, Software, and "Don't Know" section of the Customer Support Plan for more information), IBM Global Services also offers the following software services:

- Account Advocate
- Advanced Support
- Consult Line
- Direct Support
- End-user Support
- On-site Technical Advocate
- On-site Technical Assistant

Visit<u>http://www-1.ibm.com/services/its/us/swsupport.html#operational</u> for details.



SupportLine enhancements:

- SupportLine now offers just two procurement options:
- User-selected "Support Groups," which provide support for from one to several collections of products, usually centered around operating systems.
- "Enterprise Support," which covers all designated products across the enterprise.
- Some support groups now contain both selected hardware and software products.
- Any of your IS technical support personnel may contact IBM for support, eliminating the need for named callers.
- Support procurement is simplified with fewer SupportLine procurement options and elimination of product groups.

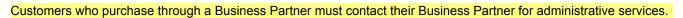
A summary of IBM Services available to you . . .

If you would like details on any of the services below, reference the services list at

http://www.ibm.com/services/fullservice.html

Business Consulting Services	 Application Management for Applications Business Intelligence Buy and Supply Solutions Customer Relationship Man Dynamic Workplaces e-business Integration Solut Enterprise Application Servite 	agement/CRM	 Portals, Knowledge, and Content Procurement Services Management Product Lifecycle Management Security and Privacy Strategy and Change Consulting Supply Chain Management Wireless e-business Solutions
Infrastructure Services	 Application Management IBM Business Consulting e-business Hosting Integrated Technology Networking 		 Security and Privacy Storage Strategic Outsourcing Wireless
On Demand Services	 Business Process On Dema 	and	 Infrastructure On Demand
Integrated Technology Services	 Infrastructure and Systems Business Continuity and Re 		 Technical Support Maintenance
Product-Specific Services	 eServer Services for zSeries, pSeries, iSeries, and xSeries Servers Business Intelligence E-mail and Collaboration Customer Relationship Management (CRM) e-business Enterprise Application Solutions / Supply Chain Management (EAS/SCM) Life Sciences Product Llfe Cycle Management (PLM) Scientific and Technical Server Consolidation 	Storage Servi Assessment Planning and Migration and Implementaid Managed Op Support Security Testing Performance Connectivity Networking/N Integration Tivoli Infrastructure	 Enhanced Software Services Support Line SmoothStart Database and Data Management e-commerce Network Operating Systems Systems Management Web Application Servers
Strategic Outsourcing Services	 Application Management Desktop Outsourcing e-business Hosting 	 Network Out Data Center 	
IBM Training Solutions	 World's largest IT training provider 	 IT Certification Mindspan Service 	ons ervices (LearningSpace Virtual Classroom)
IBM Global Financing	 TOTAL Solution Commercial Business Partners 	 IT Products a Financing To 	

Customer Support Operations (CSO) Overview for the US



- ✓ Are you a commercial customer (i.e., not an individual consumer), a state, local, or US federal customer? an IBM Business Partner?
- ✓ Do you ever have questions about an invoice from IBM or want to check on the status of an order?
- \checkmark Do you have other administrative questions about your account and inventory?

Customer Support Operations (CSO) provides the following types of non-technical support:

- Order entry and order management for hardware, software, and publications
- Scheduling and delivery coordination
- Contract management for IBM maintenance, services, purchases, and software licensing
- Inventory record keeping
- Billing and invoicing reconciliation and customization
- Collection and reconciliation of accounts receivable

Customer Support Online (CSOL) can help you understand and clarify many non-technical queries you may have involving:

- Invoices and payments -- including billing options, payment methods, and terms, plus dispute resolution
- Tracking of hardware and software type/model/serial numbers
- Administrative support for maintenance and service contracts, including billing
- Order information status
- SW order management, contract management, inventory management, billing, disputes, and expiration/renewal management

Make Contact!

For information or to initiate service requests, please visit our Web site at <u>http://www-3.ibm.com/support/operations/worldwide/</u>

You may also contact CSO by phone (see list below):

Commercial Customers	1-877-426-6006
State & Local Government Customers	1-877-426-6006
US Federal Government Customers	1-800-333-6705
Business Partners	1-800-426-9990
We welcome your questions, comments, and feedback.	

If you are calling, depending on the type of inquiry, please have the following relevant information available, which may include your:

- Customer number
- Order confirmation number
- Contract number
- Invoice number

IBM Support URLs

Helpful IBM URLs are organized by category:

- General
- Customer Support Operations
- iSeries
- Printing Systems
- pSeries

- Services (IBM Global Services)
- Total Storage
- xSeries
- zSeries

General Support

Corporate Home Page	
eServer Central	http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/eserver/central/
Global Financing	<u>http://www-1.ibm.com/financing/</u>
Linux	<u>http://www.ibm.com/linux/</u>
Products and Services/Shop IBM	<u>http://www.ibm.com/products/us/</u>
Redbooks	<u>http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/</u>
Software Home	<u>http://www.ibm.com/software/</u>
Technical Support Directory (Global)	<u>http://www.ibm.com/planetwide/</u>
Technical Support Directory (US)	<u>http://www.ibm.com/planetwide/us/</u>
Technical Support and Downloads Home	<u>http://www.ibm.com/support/us/</u>

Customer Support Operations (Administrative Support) - Orders, Inventory, Accounting...more

Customer Support Operations Home Pagehttp://www.ibm.com/support/operations/worldwide/

iSeries -- Midrange Servers

iSeries (AS/400) Home and Hardware .	<u>http://www.ibm.com/eserver/Iseries/</u>
iSeries (AS/400) Software	http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/iseries/software/
	<u>http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/solutions/iseries/index.html</u> <u>http://techsupport.services.ibm.com/server/support?view=iSeries</u>
iSeries Extreme Support Tools	http://www-912.ibm.com/supporthome.nsf/document/23393024
iSeries Technical Support Overview	http://www-912.ibm.com/supporthome.nsf/document/20965550
iSeries Nation <u>http</u>	://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/audience/Homepage.wss?view=ination

Printing Systems

Printing Systems Division Home		
Printing Systems Support Home		
Printing Systems Service Direct [™] , the industry's first automated dispatch system		
<u>http://www.printers.ibm.com/pbin-oasis/rgw/IBM.RBK</u>		

pSeries -- UNIX Servers

pSeries (RS/6000/UNIX servers) Home	<u>http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/pseries/</u>
pSeries Support Home	<u>http://techsupport.services.ibm.com/server/support?view=pSeries</u>

Services (IBM Global Services - IGS)	
IBM Globas Services Home	http://www.ibm.com/services/
Business Continuity and Recovery Services	http://www.ibm.com/services/continuity/recover1.nsf
IBM Business Consulting Services	http://www-1.ibm.com/services/bcs/index.html/
ITS (Integrated Technology Services) Services Catalog	http://www.ibm.com/services/its/us/portfolio.html

TotalStorage

Disk Systems Home Page	http://www.storage.ibm.com/hardsoft/disk/index.html
DFSMS Family of Products	http://www.storage.ibm.com/software/sms/index.html
	<u>http://www.storage.ibm.com/hardsoft/disk/fastt</u>
Global Services for Storage	<u>http://www.ibm.com/services/its/us/storage.html</u>
Tape and Optical Storage Home Page	http://www.storage.ibm.com/hardsoft/tape/index.html
Storage Networking	http://www.storage.ibm.com/snetwork/index.html
iSCI (SCSI over IP)	http://www.storage.ibm.com/snetwork/iSCSI/index.html
Network Attached Storage (NAS)	http://www.storage.ibm.com/snetwork/nas/index.html
Storage Area Networks (SANs)	<u>http://www.ibm.com/services/its/us/san2.html</u>
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TotalStorage Expert	<u>http://www.storage.ibm.com/software/expert/</u>
Tivoli Storage Management Solutions	<u>http://www.tivoli.com/products/solutions/storage/news.html</u>
TotalStorage Home Page	<u>http://www.storage.ibm.com/</u>

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zSeries

zSeries (S/390) Home	<u>http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/</u>
zSeries Resource Link	
https://app-06.www.ibm.com/servers/r	esourcelink/hom03010.nsf/pages/resourceLink?OpenDocument
zSeries Software	http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/software/
zSeries Operating Systems	http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/os/
zSeries Networking	http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/networking/
zSeries I/O Connectivity	http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/connectivity/

IBM Phone Numbers

- A single point of contact if you do not know who to call at IBM
- Assists with information on IBM products and services, seminars and classes, marketing assistance, and more

Customer Support Operations Numbers

US Commercial Customers 1-877-426-6006
US State & Local Government Customers 1-877-426-6006
US Federal Government Customers 1-800-333-6705
US Business Partners
Canada 1-866-880-CSOL (880-2765)

Global Services' Integrated Technology Services (ITS) Sales ... US: 1-888-426-4343 Canada: 1-800-426-2255 • Can help you create systems, networks, and application infrastructures that support e-business on demand networked functionality.

• Includes IT planning, implementation, support, and management services to help you maximize performance/availability, improve productivity, reduce costs, and increase your IT investments value

Hardware Technical Support Center 1-800-IBM-SERV (426-7378) • Serves as the primary contact for hardware problem reporting • Accepts repair calls for hardware covered by an IBM Maintenance Agreement or Support Contract

•Notifies local IBM management if customer requests to contact them

Software Technical Support Center (SupportLine; fee-based) US and Canada: 1-800-IBM-SERV

Now serves as the primary contact for software problem reporting

·Accepts calls for software tech support covered by IBM Licensing Agreement and Support Contract

- •Notifies local IBM assistance if customer requests to contact them
- Remote customer technical support offering for all IBM operating systems & select non-IBM operating systems (Windows, for example).

• This support offering is available for software that is not available through the newly announced Software Maintenance offering.



Why IBM Service?

IBM is uniquely qualified to deliver a caliber of service and support that allows businesses to concentrate on doing business. Why? Because:

- 116,000 people worldwide deliver IBM support and service in 164 countries.
- 2,500 IBM support specialists handle thousands of customer and IBM Business Partner calls each month, in 23 languages from nine HelpCenters around the world.
- Maintenance parts are available from 145 parts-stocking locations (US); 479 locations (worldwide).

You can find more detailed information at <u>http://www.ibm.</u> com/services/its/us/



Parts Order Center (Boulder) • To place a parts order for PCs, typewriters, and some printers, call between 8 AM - 7 PM, EST Monday - Frida • NOTE: Please be prepared to provide the IBM part number.	
Printing Systems Service & Support	
Publication Orders (including Redbooks) and SLSS (System Library Subscription Services) Suppo	S: 1-800-879-2755
xSeries HelpCenter	

•Problem determination, problem source identification

•Hardware warranty dispatch

xSeries HelpCenter's Enhanced Service and Support Center (All Issues) ... US: 1-800-IBM-PROD (426-7763) Canada: 1-866-565-6677 *Serves as the primary contact for all entitled problem reporting*

•Priority access requires ID and PIN

·Diagnoses hardware/software issues

•Notifies IBM Global Services Delivery Center of hardware fix (when necessary) and passes customer over to IBM-SERV for a customer service representative / parts dispatch

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