

Give more Power to SAP!

- combine the power of SAP® business solutions with IBM Power System[™] and AIX[™] strengths

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... combining our strengths



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- IBM Power System[™] News
- Remarks on POWER[™] virtualization
- Benefits of POWER for SAP landscapes
- AIX for SAP Business Applications
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POWER7 Is Another Building Block in a Lasting Partnership

- A successful cooperation and technology integration between SAP and IBM
- New AIX JVM (J9) improves SAP NetWeaver environment
- POWER Live Partition Mobility (LPM)
 - Move running SAP instances from one server to another
- AIX Workload partitions
 - A lean and fast approach of OS virtualization
- Integration of PowerVM[™] / AIX virtualization metrics into SAP CCMS
- Integration of PowerVM and Systems Director with SAP Landscape Virtualization Manager for Cloud like operations
- Optimized SAP NetWeaver Kernel (PBO, profile based optimization) for POWER platforms (ships 3Q2012 w/ NW 7.31)





The New SAP NetWeaver 7.31_EXT PBO kernel

- Additional capacity and/or performance for existing SAP systems for free!
 - -Consistent improvements have been monitored in controlled environments.
 - -Customers may experience different gains per their individual workload profile.
- Newer AIX and compiler options can increase efficiency of executables running on the POWER platform.
 - -Tangible result of IBM SD benchmark leadership expertise
 - -Supported for AIX Version 6.1 TL2 or higher, not restricted to POWER7(+)
 - -NetWeaver 7.31_EXT can replace older NW 6.x and 7.x kernels
- Installation of PBO Kernel can be as easy as a simple SAP Kernel switch
- Improvements may result in tangible customer benefits:
 - -Faster processing of ABAP based SAP transactions and batches
 - -Have seen improvements on DB-Servers , too
 - Less system utilization driving an identical workload
 more capacity per server







Power Systems Top Others in SAP Sales & Distribution Benchmarks



(1) Configuration and results of the IBM Power 780 on the two-tier SAP SD standard application benchmark running SAP enhancement package 4 for the SAP ERP 6.0 application (Unicode): 12 processors / 96 cores / 768 threads, POWER7+, 3.72 GHz, 768 GB memory, 56,832 SAP SD benchmark users, running AIX® 7.1 and DB2® 9.7. Certification #: 2012033. Results valid as of 09/11/2012. ; Source: http://www.sap.com/solutions/benchmark/sd2tier.epx Additional details on next page.



Dynamic Platform Optimizer DPO

Automatically aligns virtual machine resources to the optimal resource topology

• Eliminates performance affects of dynamic resource changes or mobility

- Key Features
 - Partition placement (memory, virtual CPUs) optimized dynamically to improve affinity
 - Available for Power 770,780, and 795 at no charge
 - Operating system agnostic
 - OS adjusts to new affinity properties after optimization operation. Full supported with
 - AIX: 6.1 TL8+, AIX 7.1 TL2+
 - IBM i: 7.1
- Client /SAP Application Benefits
 - Improved performance in a cloud environment
 - Consistent transaction dialogue times
- As of 10/2012 we have not yet tested DPO in an SAP application environment.
 - As a native POWER feature does not require formal SAP certification
 - We expect DPO to behave transparent and improve system behavior, in particular for large Power Systems and instances
 - During Re-Allocation of LPARs, SAP performance will be impacted, not apply during prime shift





TWO partners for mission critical SAP Business Applications

- IBM Owns Systems and much of the Stack:
 - I/O drawers / memory management unit
 - Processors
 - Other required chips
 - Hypervisor and VIOS
 - Device drivers
 - PCI adapters (validated)
 - Operating system
 - Middleware
 - Clustering software (PowerHA SystemMirror, System Pools)
 - Management Software (IBM Systems Director)
- Significantly improves availability
- Reduces problem determination complexity



Dedicated Service Processor does most CEC error determination/fault isolation OS and Hypervisor Independent



PowerVM is the Starting Point for SAP Cloud Computing

Cloud-Computing



Dynamic IT landscape



The Power Ecosystem is Extended for Cloud Computing

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Elastic Capacity (CoD) for Power System Pools	PowerVM Live Partition Mobility improvements	PowerVM Virtualization Performance Advisor	Dynamic Platform Optimizers	IBM Systems Director / Flex System Manager	
Provides resource lexibility and usage based accounting of a public cloud for on-premise clouds	Offers faster response to changing business needs	Proactively provides performance optimization recommendations	Consistently monitors and optimizes allocation of High End Systems' workloads	Enables automated, workflow oriented infrastructure operations	
Enables agility for adapting SAP nfrastructure to project and LoB needs. Fits well to SAP's non CPU related icensing model.		Autonomous and interactive ways of establishing and maintaining optimal SAP application performance and system utilization		Integration with SAP Landscape Virtualization Management enable end-to-end Cloud operations.	
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PowerVM V2.2.2 Enhancements, 4Q2012



<u>Technology</u>		SAP Infrastructure Benefits		
 Support for 20 VMs per Core 		Improved flexibility, by allowing more VMs to be executed on a single core.		
 New VIOS Performance Advisor analyzes VIO Server performance and recommends optimal settings 		Proactively optimize VIOS performance with recommendations provided by the performance advisor. Client benefits from performance experts best practices.		
 Live Partition Mobility performance improvements doubles the concurrency and improves VM movement performance up to 3x 		Accelerates VM movement which allows clients to move VMs faster to balance workload or to evacuate systems for Maintenance. Enables faster dynamic change for the business.		
New VMcontrol support for advanced PowerVM functions Linked Clones IBM i system pool support		Linked Clones accelerate VM deployment by sharing common components saving storage and time to deploy IBM i system pool support optimizes resource utilization and management efficiency		
 Shared Storage Pool Enhancements 		Improved scaling, reliability, availability and serviceability provides better service to clients.		

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Combine functional Integration and Consolidation



- Many SAP applications are integrated from a business and date perspective but not from a workloads point of view
- They are managed as separate servers/LPARs
- Results in low degree of synergy

- POWER processor-based systems and manageability features will allow for workload 'combination' while still keeping applications distinct
 - Improved system efficiency
 - Less TCO
 - Less energy



SAP consolidation without PowerVM Virtual IO





SAP consolidation with PowerVM Virtual IO



The LPARS get access to the data via the Virtual I/O partitions



Active Memory[™] Expansion

- Innovative POWER7 technology
 - For AIX 6.1 or later
 - For POWER7 servers
- Uses compression/decompression to effectively expand the true physical memory available for client workloads
- Advanced Memory Expansion is ordered as hardware feature code (FC). The price is related to the server class.)
- AME has been tested with SAP ERP workload, and delivered excellent expansion factors (as of March 2010).
 - SAP customers can use AME today for non-PROD SAP instances
 - Work is going on to extend support to SAP PROD
 - SAP monitoring (CCMS) integration of AME specific metrics
 - Middleware testing
 - Information and education of support organizations





Active Memory Expansion Value

Enable more LPAR's per server

- Active memory expansion reduces the physical memory requirements of existing LPAR's
- Existing LPAR's physical memory sizes can be reduced
- Free memory capacity can be used to create more LPAR's

→ Supports SAP consolidation scenarios

Increase a LPAR's effective memory capacity

- Active memory expansion can increase the effective memory capacity of a LPAR
- Enabling active memory expansion for a LPAR and keeping the LPAR's physical memory size unchanged increases the memory available to a workload

→ Supports natural growth and new SAP technologies







Active Memory Sharing (AMS)



■ POWER6[™] feature

- Administration comparable to SPLPARs
- No instantaneous memory allocation as with cpu cycles!
- Ballooning" policies for memory loaning
- Not formally supported by SAP for production use.

Not yet thoroughly tested with SAP applications.

- PoCs with small SAP instances work fine

- Scalability for large memory sizes ?

Formal DB vendor support statements pending (DB2, Oracle, MaxDB)

Pilot program (non-production environments) started in 11/09, acquiring additional pilot customers.

• Technical Paper on PW:

http://www.ibm.com/partnerworld/wps/servlet/Content Handler/POW03017USEN



Active Memory Expansion & Active Memory Sharing

Active Memory Expansion

- Effectively gives more memory capacity to the partition
 - *"memory expansion"* Efficiency depends on compressibility of in
 - memory content
- AIX partitions only
- Easy initialization via HMC
- Instantaneous effect when activated
- Potential of HW assistance
- Permanently requires few CPU cycles



Active Memory Sharing

- Moves memory from one partition to another → "memory pooling"
 - Latency of memory availability
 - Best fit when one partition is not busy while another partition is busy
- AIX, IBM i, and Linux partitions
- Comparably complex to setup
- Latency until pooled memory available to application
- N/A
- No CPU cycles required after memory allocation done





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Power Systems' Strategy → Reduce unplanned outages



1. CPU

Processor Instruction retry
 Alternate Processor
 Recovery



- 2. Memory
- Dynamic I/O bit line repair
- Redirect physical connection to DIMMs
- 3. Server Nodes
- Hot node add
- Concurrent repair



Faster Memory Bandwidth ideally fits growing demand by SAP applications





POWER7 Multi-threading Options

• Certain SAP workload characteristics benefit from different SMT modes

–Always differentiate "system capacity" = SAPS and "performance" of a single thread = response time

- SMT1: Largest unit of execution work
- **SMT2:** Smaller unit of work, but provides greater amount of execution work per cycle
- **SMT4:** Smallest unit of work, but provides the maximum amount of execution work per cycle
- •Can dynamical shift between modes as required: SMT1 / SMT2 / SMT4

•Mixed SMT modes supported within same LPAR

- Requires use of "Resource Groups"





IBM SAP Customer experiences

SAP Systems in a Customer Datacenter on a virtualized IBM POWER5 Environment

- Large European Bank
- 62 SAP "systems" + HA
- Classic sizing = 189 CPUs
- Virtualized = 48 CPUs
- Consolidated to 4 p570 systems using Shared Processor LPARs and MicroPartitioning
- One system ran 21 LPARS, peak usage, 11.5 physical CPUs
- Another ran 18 LPARS, peak usage 11.7 physical CPUS







Factors pro CPU Virtualization

- Multiple SAP or other application instances can be consolidated to a Power based system
- Their workload peaks are statistically well distributed

-At least Micro-Spikes and/or long term distribution

• You can use less time critical application instances for cpu pool buffering

-E.g., non Production systems like DEV, EDU, TEST etc.

• Automated priority based capacity adjustment during out-of order situations

–HA take overs

–Unplanned load peaks

- Customer has a high demand for immediately deployed (temporary) systems
 - -E.g., test, demo, migration environments



Sample SAP ERP Workload behaves well

Single Partition in use by DB and AppServer



- Test configurations held total memory constant at 14.25 GB, varying mix of real and gained memory by AME.
- Number of cores was kept constant at 4 cores.
- SAP application throughput was kept constant → increase in cpu load caused by AME
- Individual load results will vary depending on expansion factor of the SAP applications and data and available CPU resource



Active Memory Expansion benefits for SAP instances





 In cases, when server resp. LPAR throughput is limited by insufficient memory allocation, AME can help to fully utilize the available CPU power.

> OS paging is avoided or shifted to a higher utilization rate

→ new SAP technologies, natural growth

- LPARs can be deployed with fewer real memory
 - -Allows for more LPARs per server and thus even more compact consolidation scenarios

→ SAP system consolidation

• Depending on SAP memory requirements, customers may be able to stay with smaller or less DIMMS per box:

-Less TCA

-Headroom for future growth



Potential real memory savings by AME for SAP customers



- Real live memory gains by SAP implementations depend on the workload mix
- Internal and customer tests show an potential expansion factor of factor 2x for ABAP based workloads, about 1,6 for DB-loads.
- See presentation at TechDocs for details: <u>http://w3.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atsmastr.nsf/WebIndex/PRS3879</u>



AME on POWER7+ offloads compression from SAP Application LPARs



- Less CPU for the same amount of memory expansion
 - Can then run more partitions or work per partition
 - If fewer cores needed, may result in lower software licensing
- OR more memory expansion for the same amount of processor
 - Better able to relieve memory shortages and improve performance
 - May be able to do more work



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Required SW-Levels for POWER7 Systems – all SAP certified

- AIX 5.3 with the 5300-11 Technology Level and SP2, or later
- AIX 6.1 with the 6100-04 Technology Level and SP3, or later
- IBM i 6.1 with 6.1.1 machine code, or later. IBM i 7.1 plan mid 2010
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 with SP3 for POWER
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 for POWER, or later
- RHEL SoD
- VIOS 2.1.2.12 with Fix Pack 22.1 and Service Pack 2, or later



- Migrate partitions between POWER6 and POWER7 Servers
 - -Multiple SAP customers have successfully applied this method
- Leverage POWER6 / POWER6+ Compatibility Mode
 - –Forward and Backward
 - -Does not allow to run SAP on POWER7 in SMT4 mode



AIX - most reliable OS for mission critical SAP Apps



Operating System	Critical and High	OS Vulnerabilities
Microsoft	73%	27%
Apple	9%	29%
Linux	16%	31%
HP-UX	2%	1%
Sun Solaris	0%	4%
BSD	0%	4%
IBM AIX	0%	2%
Others	2%	4%

Table 9: Operating systems with the most critical and high vulnerability disclosures, 2010 H1.



AIX Dropped off the list due to low vulnerabilities!

*X-Force report – Mid-year 2010 http://www-935.ibm.com/services/us/iss/xforce/trendreports/



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AIX Workload Partitions

- SAP supports WPARs for production systems.
 - Shared system WPARs
 - No resource control
 - DLPARs (Monitoring)
- SAP-Note 1105456 describes supported WPAR environments, prerequisites and restrictions
 - System WPARs only
- WPAR Application Mobility not supported
- Benefits for SAP customers
 - Less administration efforts for AIX maintenance in LPARs
 - Fast to deploy
 - Single memory space = real-time memory virtualization, no DLPAR operations
- Customer testimonial April 2012
 - "Savings up 2,8GB per SAP system, in sum 60GB for landscape"
 - "Down from 21 to only 2 OS environments to be maintained"
 - "Still own environments from SAP application side"!





SAP Solution Package for IBM PowerHA SystemMirror 6.1

• Motivation

- Standardized toolset around the globe
- Support for replicated enqueue scenarios
- Align implementation to SAP recommendations
- Provide SAP specific Best Practices and recommendations

Supported SAP scenarios

- ABAP, JAVA and Double Stack w/o ERS and App (optional)
 - Tested for NW7.0, 7.20, ECC6.0, EP6, PI7.1
- 2-tier and 3-tier installations
- Multi-node clusters
- DB2 and Oracle DBs
- HA + DR (PowerHA/XD and SystemMirror Enterprise)
- Solution
 - Set of documentation covering Storage, VIOS, AIX and PowerHA for SAP HA installation & configuration
 - PowerHA configuration
 - PowerHA start, stop and monitor scripts
- Limitation
 - manual setup (not automated) of PowerHA accordingly to Documentation



Public PowerHA Best Practices WIKI



- Link at ISICC-WIKI <u>http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/SAP+and+PowerHA</u>
- Co-Authors and contributors welcome

- could be established as central SAP with PowerHA repository



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IBM Systems Director provides a cross-platform management tool





PowerVM and AIX SAP Monitoring Transaction (ST06, OS07)

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PowerVM behavior shown in SAP NetWeaver Administrator Console

 Consumed "entitlement" of an LPAR over time

➔ history data



SAP NetWeaver Administrator Console showing the percentage of consumed entitlement over time



POWER Specific Memory Metrics in CCMS

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• The memory monitoring capabilities are introduced with saposcol version 12.46.

- See SAP-Note #710975 for more details and updated SAP-Note #1464605 titled "POWER7 Active Memory Expansion".



IBM SmartCloud Entry for Power

Entry cloud solution that focusses on virtual machine and OS provisioning and operations.

Independent from SAP stack, but can complement SAP Cloud solutions.

- ✓ Fast time to value with a solution that is simple deploy, easy to use and works with existing infrastructure
- Accelerate infrastructure delivery and speed service deployment to quickly respond to changing business needs
- ✓ Increase IT efficiency with standardization and lower operations cost
- Scale as needed to improve quality and meet demand with continuous availability
- Enable self service with a simple interface that provides oversight





IBM entry cloud configuration for SAP solutions on Power

The entry cloud solution for SAP landscapes.

Lifts IBM Power Systems Cloud capabilities to SAP software layer by integrating with SAP NetWeaver Landscape Virtualization Management.

- Huge time savings for base virtualization and cloud administration tasks in a SAP environment, by maintaining transparency between all SAP and IBM layers
- Offered integration and simplified deployment allows customers to respond to business needs much faster
- Easy implementation of base use case scenarios, such as SAP instance provisioning, SAP rename, and SAP post-processing
- Improved responsiveness with automation for key operations like SAP System Copy, SAP System Cloning
- Better insight with capacity management and monitoring of all SAP and IBM layers
- ✓ Enables self service with a simple interface that provides oversight

The solution is upgradeable and expandable to advanced cloud offerings



PowerVM and Systems Director Integrate with SAP Cloud Technology



POWER7 Technology Value for SAP Applications...

- Technology
 - Roadmap
 - Processor Leadership
 - Green Technology built in
 - Common architecture from Blades to High-end

• Performance

- Power Systems scalability
- Performance leadership in a variety of workloads
- Best per core / per system performance
- Memory and IO bandwidth

Virtualization

- Consolidate to higher levels
- Virtualize Processors, Memory, and I/O
- Dynamic movement of Partitions and Applications
- Reduce infrastructure costs

• RAS

- Power Systems mainframe inspired RAS features
- Hot Add support / Hot Maintenance
- Alternate Processor Recovery
- Operating Systems Availability Leadership











Single SMP Hardware System







Integration: The Power Systems advantage







x86 Competitors' approach:

- Start with generic motherboard
- Insert third-party CPU
- Install third-party hypervisor

- IBM Power Systems approach:
 - Start with leadership CPU
 - Design industrial-strength server
 - Integrate world-class virtualization



Conclusion – Why Power Systems for SAP?

- TCO
- Risk

- SAP landscapes often have large #
 of instances both prod & non-prod
- SAP migrations are disruptive, expensive
- Unplanned outage avoidance
- Planned outage avoidance
- Operations simplification

- Business critical nature of SAP, even BI and SCM mean that outages can result in huge business cost
- Multiple shifts, batch workloads and/or global single instance mean that systems operate 24/7/365
- Personnel and facilities often cost 3 to 4 times the cost of the server hardware, skilled employees increasingly hard to find

- Leadership performance per core, virtualization + reduced middleware costs when priced per core
- Minimized due to solid product roadmaps, leadership and growing marketshare
 - Mainframe inherited HW features protect against memory, cpu, I/O failures, z/OS inherited SW features protect against misbehaving applications and device drivers
- Dynamic firmware and OS kernel updates, Live Partition Mobility
- Virtualization reduces number of I/O cards, cabling, numbers of systems, allows for aggregate monitoring, capacity planning, rapid response to changing business demands



Helpful "SAP on IBM POWER" documents





SAP Provided Information

- Almost all technical SAP materials are maintend on the SAP Service Market Place. It requires a one time registration (S-User) in order to get access to the provided links and repositories at SAP.
- NETWORK Welcome Guest SAD Product Availability Matrix (PAM) SDN Community BPX Community Business Analytics University Alliances SAP EcoHub Home [Forums [Wiki [Blogs [Articles [eLearning [Downloads [Code Exchange [Career Center [Events [InnoCentive [Idea Place -http://service.sap.com/pam Home > Application Lifecycle Management > Technical Enablement > Landscape Design Getting Started -Lists all supported OS/DB/SAP stacks Application Lifecycle Management SAP ON AIX Introduction Another technical Source is SAP Developer Network (SDN): IBM AIX® is an open, standards-based operating system that conforms to The Open Group's Single UNIX Specification Version 3. It is designed to deliver outstanding Getting Started scalability, reliability, and manageability. Each of these disciplines is highly important to -http://www.sdn.sap.com/iri/sdn efficiently operate SAP business applications. Technical Enablement The AIX operating system provides binary compatible support for the entire IBM POWERTM Landscape Design AIX Landing Page in SDN based server line starting from 2-core BladeCenter® JSxx blade servers reaching to the high-end IBM PowerTM Systems 595 supporting 64-core scalability Initial Setup The latest version of AIX - Version 6.1 - provides new software-based virtualization Solution Documentation -http://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/aix 0 capabilities known as Workload Partitions (WPARs) in addition to fully exploiting the Solution Implementation advanced PowerVMTM virtualization layer and performance of the underlying IBM Power Public SAP Benchmark Entry Page Systems hardware. Template Management Highly effective resource sharing (CPU, memory, I/O) and capabilities to minimize planned Test Management an unplanned downtime (error prediction, concurrent maintenance for hardware and OS, -http://www.sap.com/solutions/benchmark/index.epx live migration of running SAP instances etc.), make the combination of AIX an IBM Power Change Management Systems an ideal platform to support any kind of SAP Business applications. Application Incident -2 tier is most common one and base for SAPS comparisons SAP Applications on IBM PowerVM New! Technical Operations A new version of the IBM Redbook "SAP Applications on IBM PowerVM" is now available. Besides updates on topics that have been covered Business Process Operations already in the first version of this book, new topics like Active Memory Expansion (AME) and POWER7 are discussed. Another chapter Maintenance Management provides a deep insight in CPU utilization metrics on Power Systems. Additional sections Landscape Transformation cover specifics of the IBM i platform. The Redbook can be downloaded from the following IBM web site Update and Upgrade http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/Redbooks.nsf/RedpieceAbstracts/sg247564.html **Business Intelligence** 09 Sep 2011 Data Warehousing







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SAP	http://www.sap.com/benchmark/				
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Siebel	http://www.siebel.com/crm/performance_benchmark/index.shtm				
Baan	http://www.ssaglobal.com				
Fluent	http://www.fluent.com/software/fluent/index.htm				
TOP500 Supercomputers	http://www.top500.org/	Curront	20 2010		
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TOP500 Supercomputers	http://www.top500.org/							
AMBER	http://amber.scripps.edu/	http://amber.scripps.edu/						
FLUENT	http://www.fluent.com/software/fluent/fl5bench/index.htm							
GAMESS	http://www.msg.chem.iastate.edu/gamess							
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MM5	http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/mm5/							
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