

# Cloud. Pure and simple.

A closer look at performance



# IBM PureApplication System hardware is expertly integrated

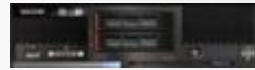
## Chassis

14 half-wide bays for nodes



## Compute Nodes

Intel x86  
POWER



## Storage

Storwize V7000



## Management Appliances



## Networking

10/40 Gb ET,  
8/16 Gb FC



Shown: PureApplication System W1500 Enterprise

# ...with hardware high availability built-in

## ■ Management Nodes

- Both run in active-passive mode, when a failure occurs the IP address is assigned to the new active one

## ■ Network Controllers

- Switches and cabling are redundant (2 of each).
- Failure of 1 leads to reduced bandwidth, not service

## ■ Storage Controllers

- All storage volumes are accessible from each controller
- If one fails, the other handles all I/O

## ■ Storage

- SSD storage is configured in RAID 5 array + spares
- HDD storage is configured in RAID 5 array + spares

## ■ Compute Nodes (ITE)

- Management system will route around failed DIMMs or cores yielding reduced capacity (server rebalance)
- If entire node fails, VMs can be moved elsewhere (workload evacuation)



# Options in power source give customers flexibility and choice

*PureApplication System provides choice in power source*

## **1-phase power Mini:** Upgradeable from 32 to 128 cores

- Energy efficient for reduced power consumption and cooling requirements
- Lower priced entry point
- Ideal for: emerging markets, medium-sized businesses, application development/test, regional datacenters, departmental use, initial cloud projects

## **3-phase power Enterprise:** Upgradeable from 32 to 384 cores

- Highly upgradeable for Enterprise workload environments

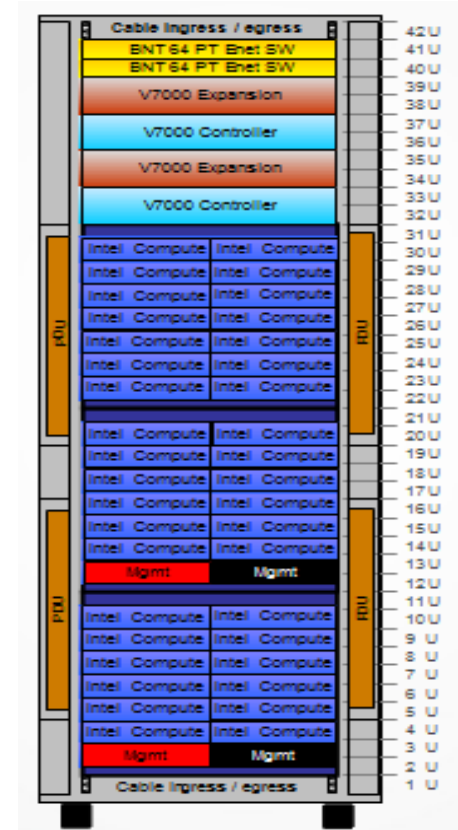
No matter which option is chosen, each:

- Uses the same processors, storage, networking and software
- Have redundant compute, storage, networking, management and power
- Support the same patterns
- Are upgradeable with no down time



# What's physically in the box?

- Top-of-rack switches
  - 320 Gbps out of top of rack
  - 10/1 Gbps Ethernet
- V7000 storage with Easy Tier
  - 2.4 TB SSD, 24 TB HDD (in 1-phase rack)
  - 6.4 TB SSD, 48 TB HDD (in 3-phase rack)
- Compute capacity
  - Flex chassis (1 in 1-phase rack, 3 in 3-phase rack)
  - Intel Ivy Bridge EP 2.6 GHz or (2S/16C) or 4.1 GHz POWER7+ compute nodes
- Networking
  - Choice of: 10GbE Fibre, 1GbE Fibre, 1GbE Copper, (and additional Direct Attach Cabling (DAC / Twinax) choice for Intel system)
- Power
  - 4 redundant PDUs (only 2 required to power full rack)



Based on IBM PureApplication System W2500 and W2700 [announcement](#), April 22, 2014

# PureApplication System runs Intel or POWER

## PureApplication (Intel)



- State-of-the-art management
- Best practice workload patterns
- Fastest deployment
- Dynamic workload management
- Lowest cost of labor for private clouds

## PureApplication (POWER)



Same capabilities as Intel version, but adds:

- POWER7+ processors for superior performance and price/performance

# Why is PureApplication with POWER so fast with great price/performance?

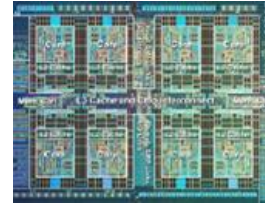
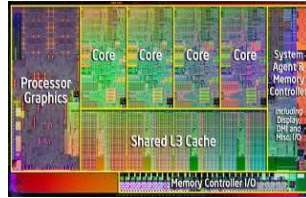
Higher performance per core achieved through:

- Massive parallelism (threads) compared to x86
- Higher clock frequencies
- 4-way SMT per core
- PowerVM placement optimization for PureApplication
- Larger POWER L3 on-chip cache
- Storwize V7000 storage with more efficient storage access
- IBM middleware optimizations
  - WebSphere and DB2 optimizations for POWER and AIX architecture
  - Leading SPECjEnterprise2010 publishes on POWER7+ at <http://www.spec.org/jEnterprise2010/results>

Lower cost/performance per core due to:

- No additional software cost for entitled software
  - i.e., AIX, WebSphere V7, V8, V8.5, DB2 V9.7, V10.1

# PureApplication POWER7+ is designed for superior price/performance



	Vblock Intel Ivy Bridge	Exalogue Intel Ivy Bridge	PureApplication POWER7+ Systems
<b>Clock rates per processor</b>	1.7 – 3.5 GHz	2.7 GHz	3.61 GHz [4.1 GHz] <sup>1</sup>
<b>Symmetric multi-threading per core</b>	2	2	4
<b>On-chip L3 Cache</b>	Up to 30 MB	30 MB	80 MB
<b>Max threads per server</b>	Up to 80	48	128

More processing power per core

Faster performing cache intensive workloads

Larger servers for consolidation

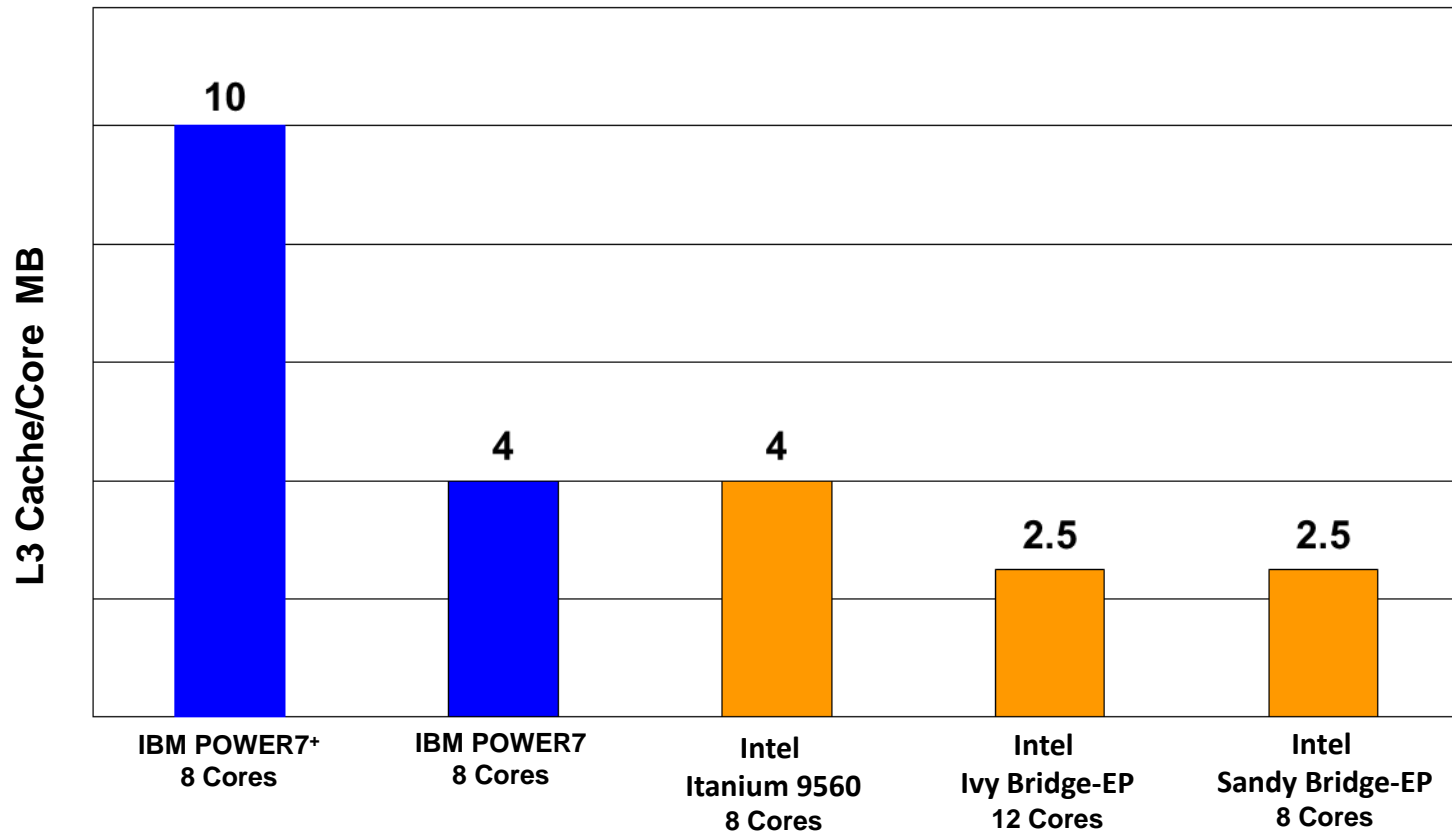
<sup>1</sup> IBM PureApplication System W2700 now with faster clock rate per April 22, 2014 [announcement](#)



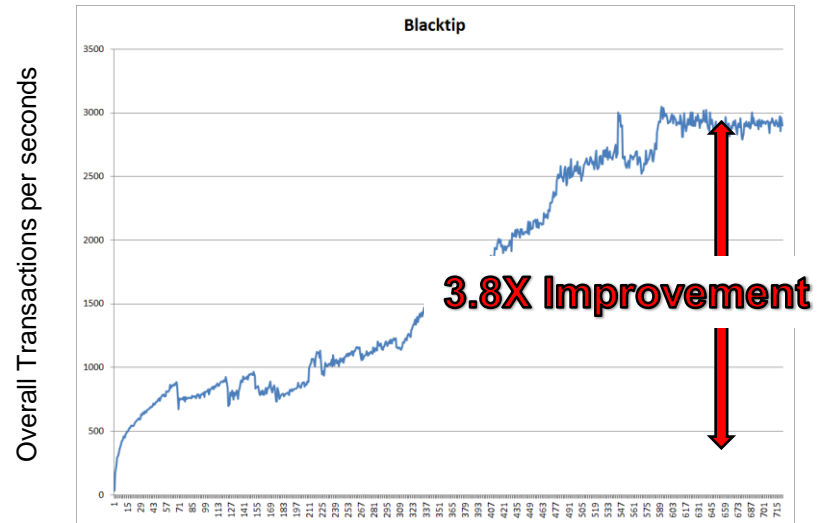
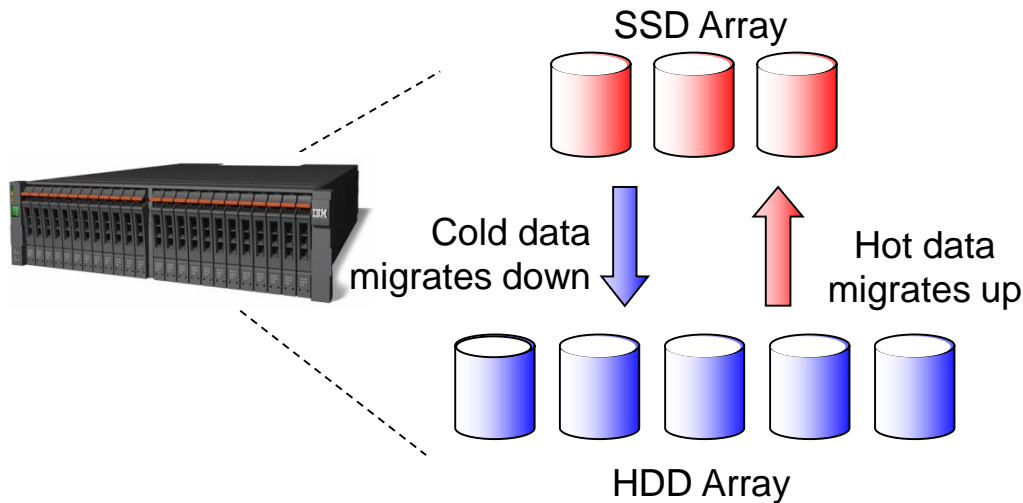
# POWER7+ has 4x more on-chip cache per core than Intel Ivy Bridge

- **Benefit of Larger On-Chip L3 Cache**

- Support workloads with larger working sets; improves performance

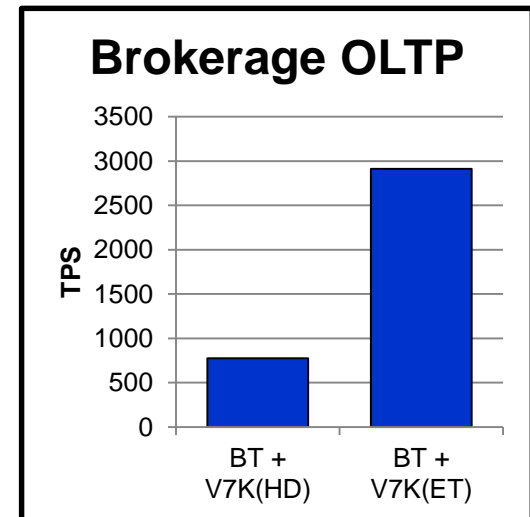


# Easy Tier in Storwize V7000 automatically optimizes use of SSD



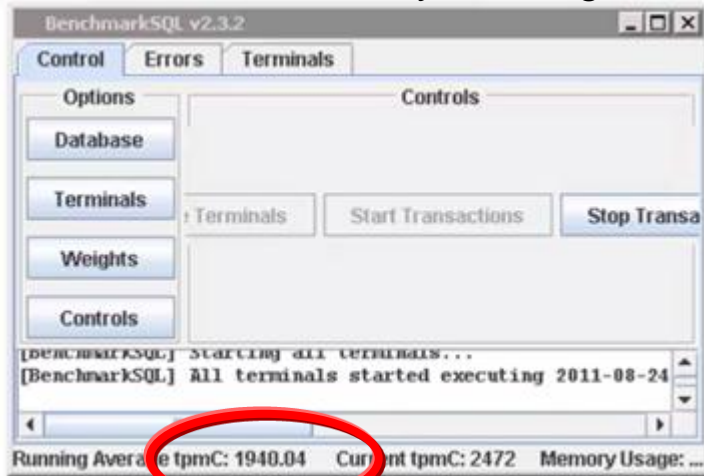
Example: Complex database transactional workload

- Migrates data between SSD and HDD in same pool (auto hotspot detection)
- Virtualized SSD is shared across all workloads using the pool
- More cost effective use of SSD versus ad hoc dedicated assignment
- Transparent to applications, no code changes required



# DEMO: Easy Tier's automated, intelligent data placement improves performance

OLTP DB **before** Easy Tier migration



**Pool: ETDEMO**

*Striped*

Copy Status: **Online**

Easy Tier Status: **Active**

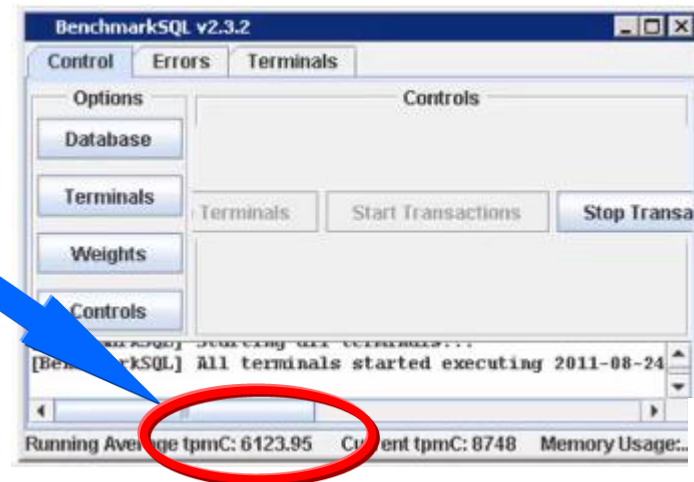
**Capacity:**

SSD Tier: 2.41 GB

HDD Tier: 47.59 GB

Total: 50.00 GB

OLTP DB **after** Easy Tier migration



**> 3X** OLTP  
performance  
increase with  
Easy Tier

# IBM optimizations give PureApplication (POWER) a competitive advantage

## Power7+ Technology

**POWER7+**  
32 sockets/server  
1024 threads



Leading processor  
technology



## IBM Software



Optimized and  
balanced for key  
workloads



## Superior Optimization

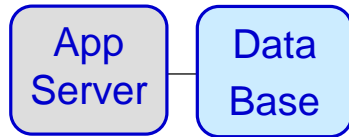


Pre-configured  
Pre-assembled  
Integrated  
management

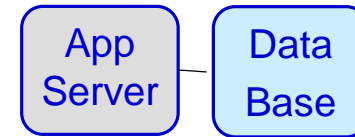
**Best  
performance  
per core**

**Lower cost**

# Run Web and database workloads on the same system with PureApplication System



IBM PureApplication System

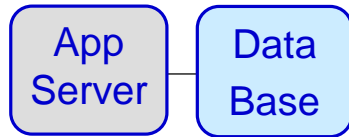


Coalition Competitor

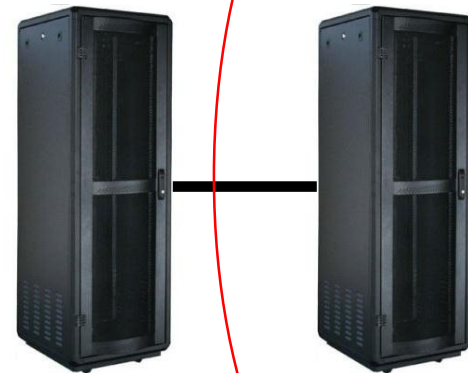
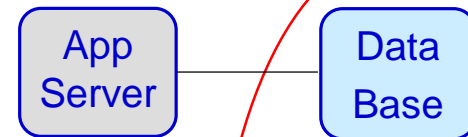
- Optimized for both Web and database workloads
- POWER7+ processor plus efficient virtualization leads to best performance

- Designed to run both Web and database workloads on the same system. However, end to end solution does not deliver optimal performance

# Run Web and database workloads on the same system with PureApplication System



IBM PureApplication System



Engineered Web System Engineered Data System

- Co-location of database on the same system provides the best overall performance
  - Shorter path length
- Leads to lower cost per database workload

- Competitor recommends use of separate system for database workloads
  - Adds more cost to overall solution
- Leads to higher cost per database workload

PureApplication System has great performance, but can I run a lot more workloads on its compute nodes than the competition?



**Developer**

PureApplication with POWER technology can run the most workloads per compute node. Here's what we found...

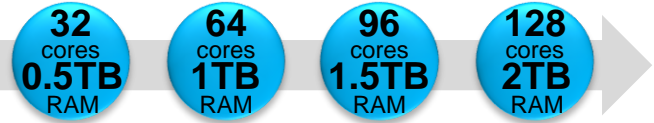


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# PureApplication System: More flexibility and choice to meet your needs

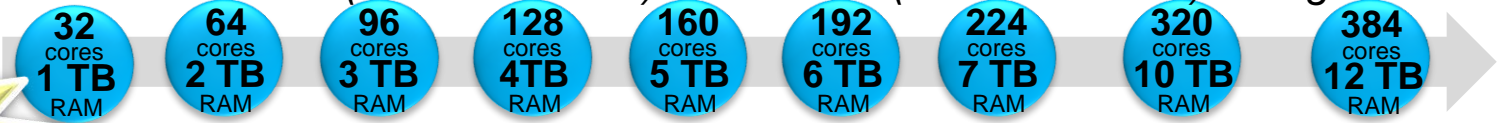
*Upgrade without powering down the installed machine*

**Pure Application System**  
Mini and Enterprise)  
(both 42U rack size)



**2.4 TB SSD, 24 TB HDD**

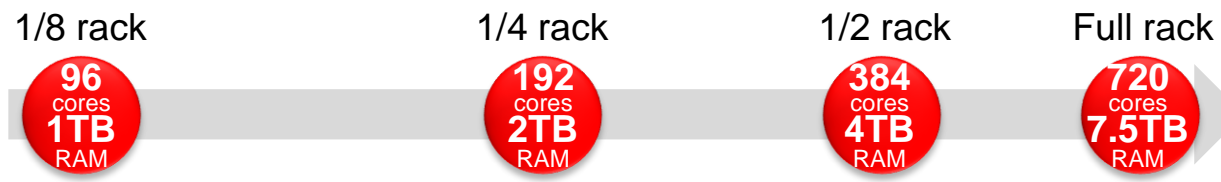
*Available in Intel (W2500 models) or POWER (W2700 models) configurations*



**6.4 TB SSD, 48 TB HDD**

*And at more memory per core*

**Exalogic Elastic Cloud X4-2**



**6.4 TB SSD, 80 TB HDD**

*Minimum of 4 blades, upgrade in increments of 2 blades*

**Vblock System 340 EX**



**1 to 4.2 TB SSD, HDD can be customized**



# PureApplication System has a lower total cost of ownership per core

PureApplication System W2700-96	Vblock System 340EX	Oracle Exalogic Elastic Cloud X4-2	Exadata X4-2
<b>\$42,075/core</b>	<b>\$99,920/core</b>	<b>\$64,415/core</b>	<b>\$111,449/core</b>
Assembly/Installation Included	Assembly/Installation <sup>1</sup> \$2,106	Assembly/Installation <sup>1</sup> \$182	Assembly/Installation <sup>1</sup> \$212
PureApplication Management	Cloud services ** \$1,758	Cloud services Included	
	Cloud Enterprise Software \$2,515	Cloud Software and Management Packs \$14,110	
	Application server & Database Management Pack \$22,410		Storage Cell SW \$14,525
WAS	Application Server EE \$20,750	App Server Suite \$37,350	DB Mgmt Pk \$27,390
DB2	DB EE \$39,425		Oracle DB EE+RAC \$58,515
AIX	Linux \$609	Linux	Linux \$1,563
PowerVM	Leading Hypervisor Included	Competitor Hypervisor \$150	<i>Virtualization Not Supported</i>
Hardware (POWER7+)	Hardware (Ivy Bridge) \$10,347	Hardware <sup>2</sup> (Ivy Bridge) \$12,623	Hardware (Ivy Bridge) \$9,245

23 All prices are list USD prices as of February 2014 and based off of 96 core configurations and 3 year cost of hardware, software license and support plus installation. PureApplication pricing hasn't changed for 96 core system per April announcement.

<sup>1</sup> Estimated costs based on a single installation

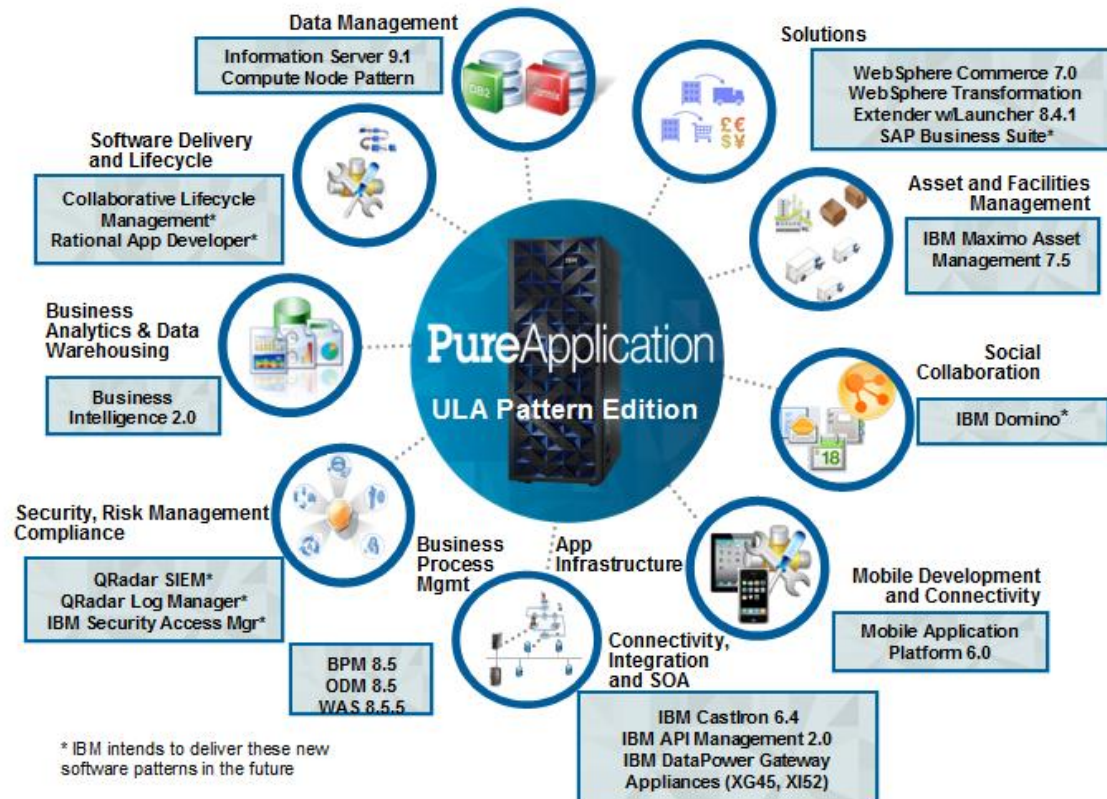
<sup>2</sup> Exalogic hardware includes costs for Elastic Software

# Pre-optimized, pre-entitled software on PureApplication System (POWER)

- “All you can eat” entitlement to run the following software on the full capacity of the System
  - Full stack monitoring (hardware, OS, entitled middleware)
  - Patterns:
    - IBM OS Image for Power Systems (AIX v6.1 Tech level 5 & AIX v7.1)
    - IBM WebSphere Application Server Hypervisor Edition v7 with IMP (WAS 7.0.0.21)
    - IBM WebSphere Application Server Hypervisor Edition v8 with IMP (WAS 8.0.0.2)
    - IBM WebSphere Application Server Hypervisor Edition v8.5 with IMP (WAS 8.5.0.0)
    - IBM DB2 9.7 FP5 Enterprise Server Edition HV\*
    - IBM DB2 10.1 Enterprise Server Edition HV\*
    - Automation Framework HV (for migrating applications)
    - Java Pattern v1 (64-bit Java 7 SDK)
    - IBM Workload Deployer Pattern for Web Applications v1 (with WAS v7)
    - IBM Web Application Pattern v2 (with WAS v8)
    - IBM Transactional Database for Cloud v1.1 (with DB2 9.7 FP5)
    - IBM Data Mart for Cloud v1.1 (with DB2 9.7 FP5)

# PureApplication System Unlimited License Agreement (ULA) gives you even more flexibility

- Flexibility to run any IBM software patterns
- Entitled for the full capacity of the system
- Pay a single price for entire solution



# Oracle Exalogic requires most expensive WebLogic Edition, plus charges premium

- There are multiple editions of WebLogic at various price points
  - WebLogic Standard - \$10 K
  - WebLogic Enterprise - \$25 K
  - WebLogic Suite - \$45 K
- On Exalogic, Oracle requires WebLogic Suite, the most expensive edition
- If a customer has existing WebLogic Standard or WebLogic Enterprise Licenses, then they must acquire WebLogic Suite Licenses
- Exalogic Elastic Cloud Software priced at \$10,000 per core is required when running WebLogic Suite on Exalogic or SuperCluster
  - Represents an **additional 22% premium** that Oracle charges

# North American insurance firm builds private cloud to improve customer experience

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## Increase flexibility

with PaaS capabilities enabling quick deployment of new solutions

## Streamline

application consolidation of current workload environment

## Faster time to market

for new business solutions



### Business Challenge:

To build a dynamic and flexible cloud environment that can host thousands of applications across numerous lines of business with a limited IT budget

**Solution components**  
IBM® PureApplication™ System

# PureApplication delivers great performance and best price/performance



- ✓ POWER7+ superiority
- ✓ IBM software optimized to run on POWER7+
- ✓ Great performance for Web applications
- ✓ Lower cost per core
- ✓ Best for price/performance