

POWER6 Next Generation in Computing

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POWER6 System Announcement Highlights

IBM POWER6[™] Processor Technology

- ▶ 5th Implementation of multi-core design
- ▶ ~100% higher frequencies

POWER6 System Architecture

- New generation of servers
- New IO Support
 - PCIe, SAS / SATA
- Enhanced power management

HMC Enhancements

Enhanced Virtualization

- Live Partition Mobility (SoD)
- Dedicated Shared Processors
- Integrated Virtual Ethernet

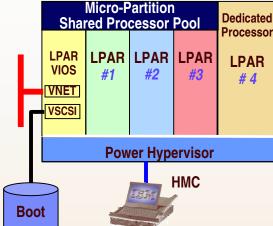
Availability

- New RAS features
- Processor Instruction Retry
- Hot-node Add support, Cold-node Repair support
 SoD

Operating System Preview

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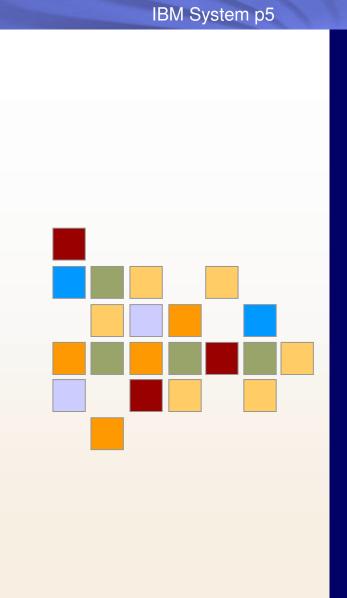












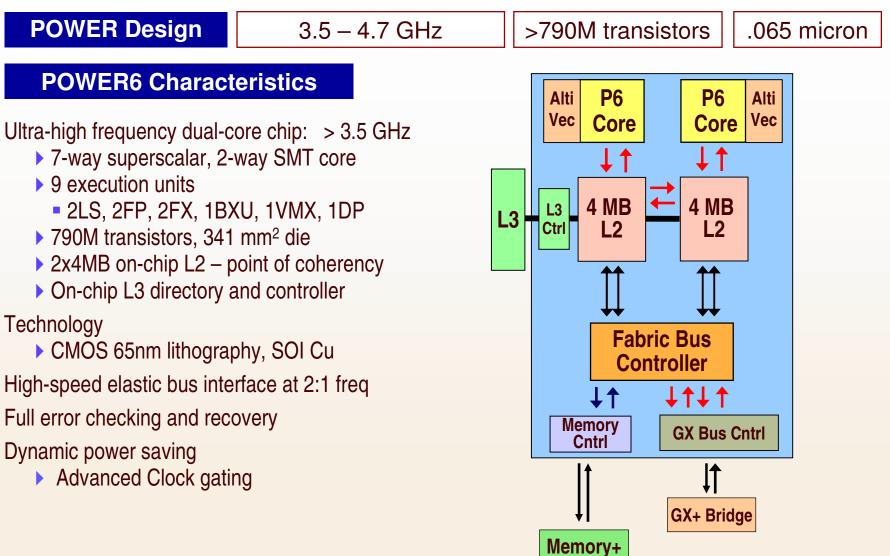
Processors



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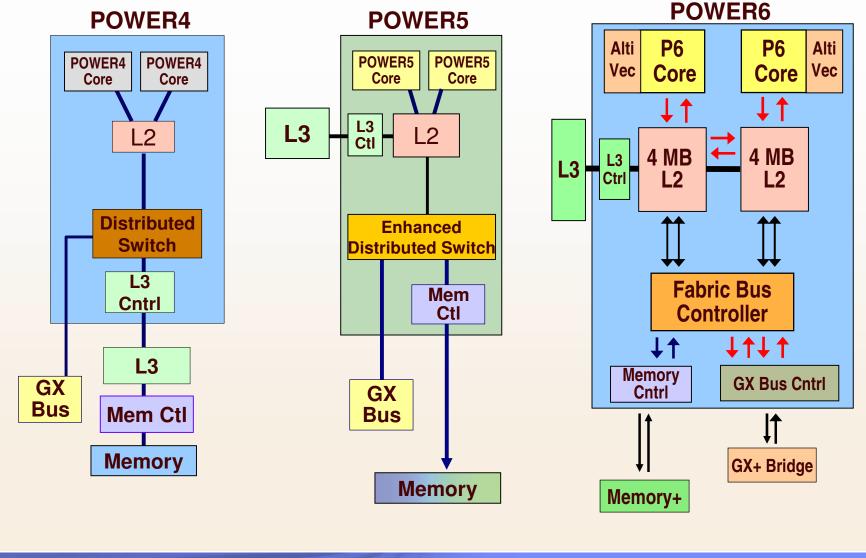
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POWER6 Architecture



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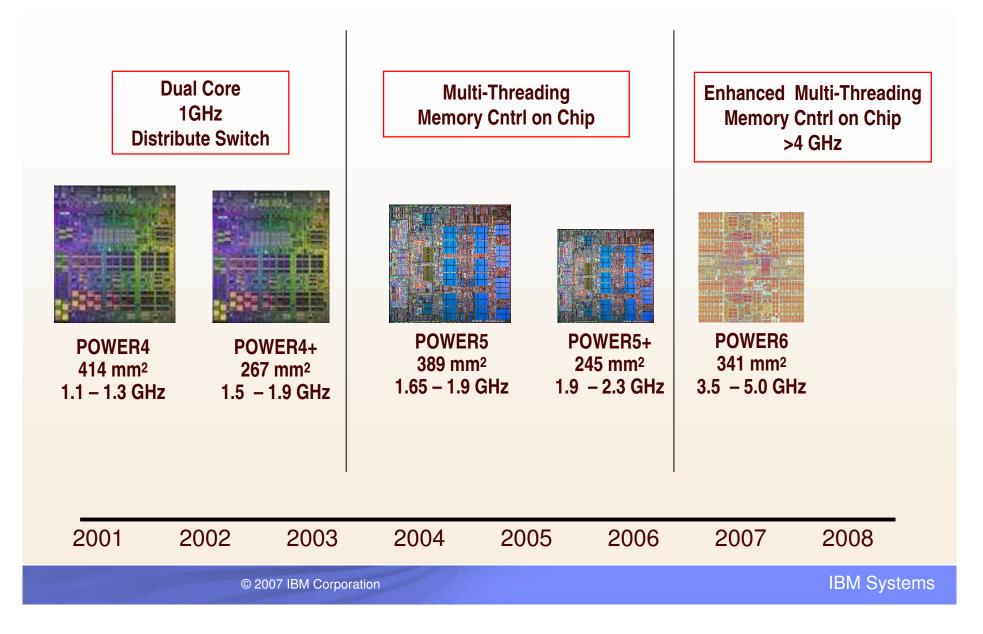
POWER architecture







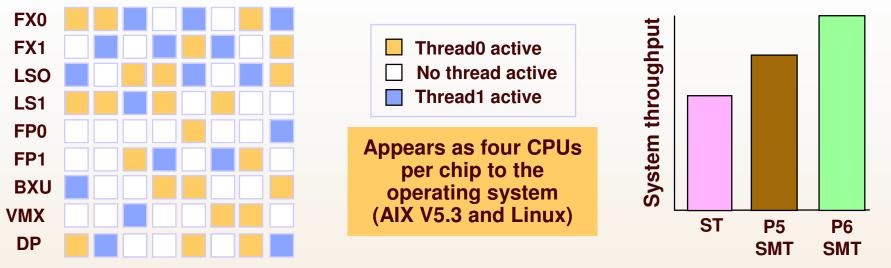
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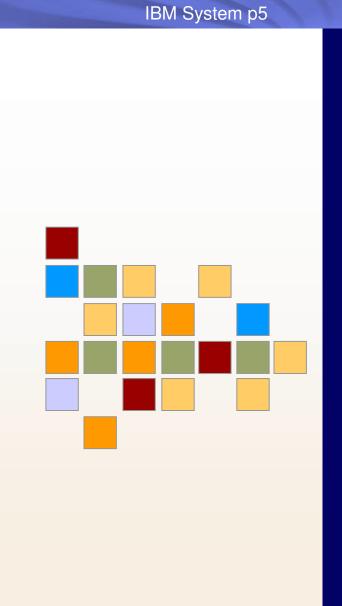
POWER6 delivers improved system utilization through enhanced Simultaneous Multithreading

POWER5 Simultaneous Multithreading



- Utilizes unused execution unit cycles
- Reuse of existing transistors vs. Performance from additional transistors
- Presents symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) programming model to software
- Dispatch two threads per processor: "It's like doubling the number of processors."
- Net result:
 - Better performance
 - Better processor utilization

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System p 570

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POWER6 System p 570





Processor	3.2 / 4.2 / 4.7 GHz POWER6				
L3 Cache	32 MB / Chip				
Redundant Power & Cooling	Yes				
Redundant Server Processor	Optional (Two No	odes minimum)			
Redundant Clock	Yes (Cold Detect) (Tv	vo Nodes minimum)			
Warranty	1 Year,	NBD			
Operating System Support	AIX 5.2 & AIX 5.3 RHEL 4.5 for POWER, SoD RHEL5 SLES 9 or 10 for POWER				
	Per Building Block	System Maximum			
Processors	4	16			
DDR2 Memory (Buffered)	2-192	768			
SAS Disk Bays (3.5")	6	24			
Media Bays	1 Slim-line	4 Slim-line			
SAS/SATA Controller	1	4			
PCI (Internal)	4 PCIe, 2 PCI-X 266	16 PCIe, 8 PCI-X 266			
GX Bus Slots	2	8			
Integrated Virtual Ethernet	Dual Port 10/100/1000 Quad Port 1 Gb (Optional) Dual Port 10 Gb (Optional)	4 Dual Port 10/100/1000 4 Quad Port 1 Gb (Optional) 4 Dual Port 10 Gb (Optional)			
USB	2	8			
Remote I/O Drawers	8 Max	32 Max			
Dynamic LPARs	40	160			

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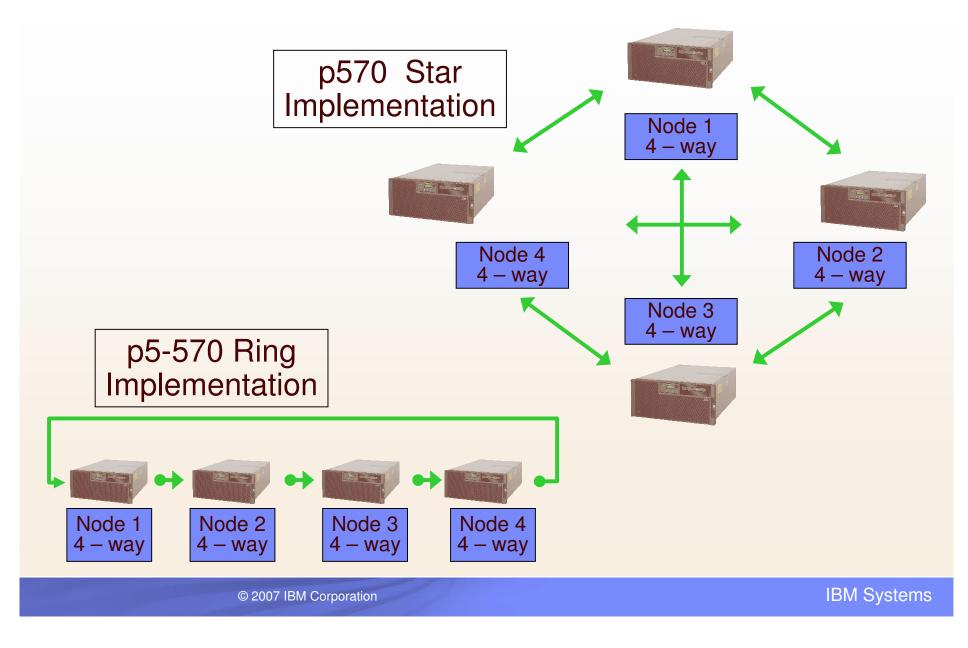
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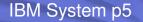
Midrange Functional Differences

POWER5 p570	POWER6 Midrange
Ring Cabling Architecture	Point to Point Cabling Architecture
2GB to 128 GB per node	2GB to 192 GB per node
8 DIMM sockets / CPU Card	12 DIMM sockets / CPU Card
DDR2 DIMMs	Fully Buffered DIMMs
SCSI DASD / 6 Drives	SAS DASD / 6 Drives
Six PCI-X slots	4 PCIe & 2 PCI-X slots
Media devices = 2	Media Devices = 1
Separate DASD & Media Controllers	Same controller for DASD & Media
Dual DASD Controllers	One SAS & SATA DASD / Media Controller
Two 1Gb Ethernet ports	Integrated Virtual Ethernet <i>One of the following:</i> Two 1Gb Ethernet ports Four 1Gb Ethernet ports Two 10Gb Optical SR Ethernet ports
GX Bus Slots: 1	GX Bus Slots: 2
Integrated RIO ports: 2	Integrated RIO ports: 0

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POWER6 p570 SMP Fabric

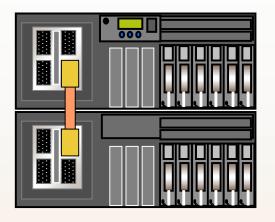


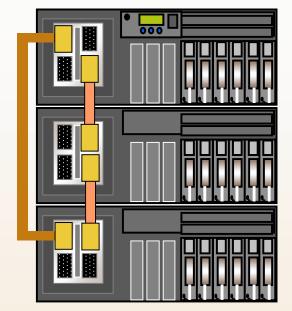


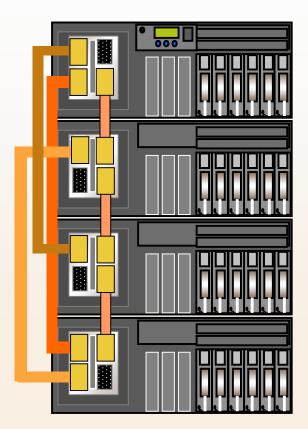


Building Block Modules: SMP Mid-range Server

Interconnect configurations of 8 / 12 / 16-way servers Point to point connections



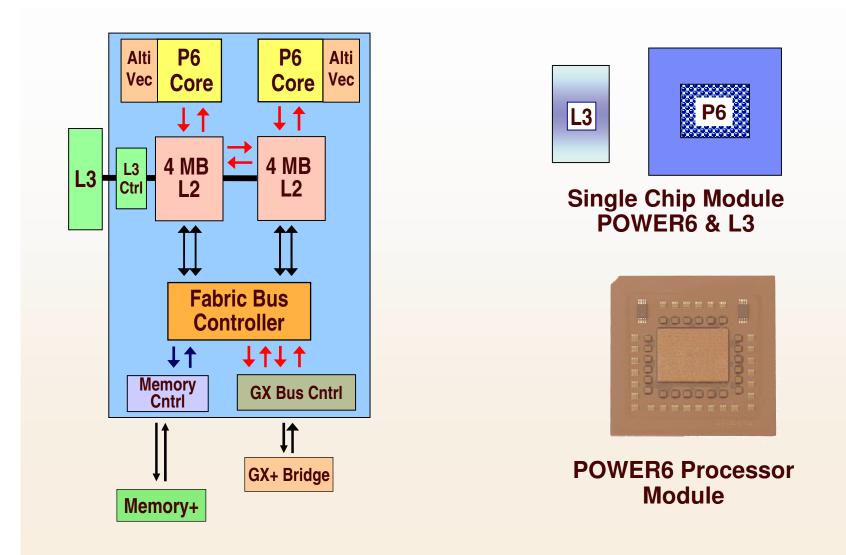








System p 570 POWER6 Processor Packaging



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System p 570 Bandwidth

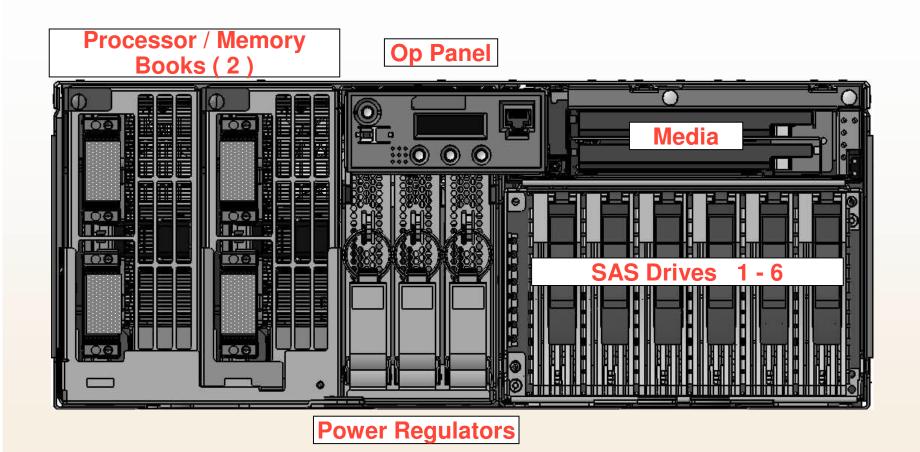
Memory	Bandwidth			
L1 (Data)	75.2 GB/sec			
L2	300.8 GB/sec			
L3	37.6 GB/sec			
Memory	32 GB/sec			
Inter-Node Buses (16w)	75.2 GB/sec			
Intra-Node Buses (16w)	100.26 GB/sec			
Internal I/O Bus GX Bus Slot 1 GX Bus Slot 2 Total I/O Bandwidth	4.7 GB/sec / node 4.7 GB/sec / node 6.266 GB/sec / node 62.6 GB/sec (16w)			

Calculations for 4.7 GHz processors and 667 MHz memory

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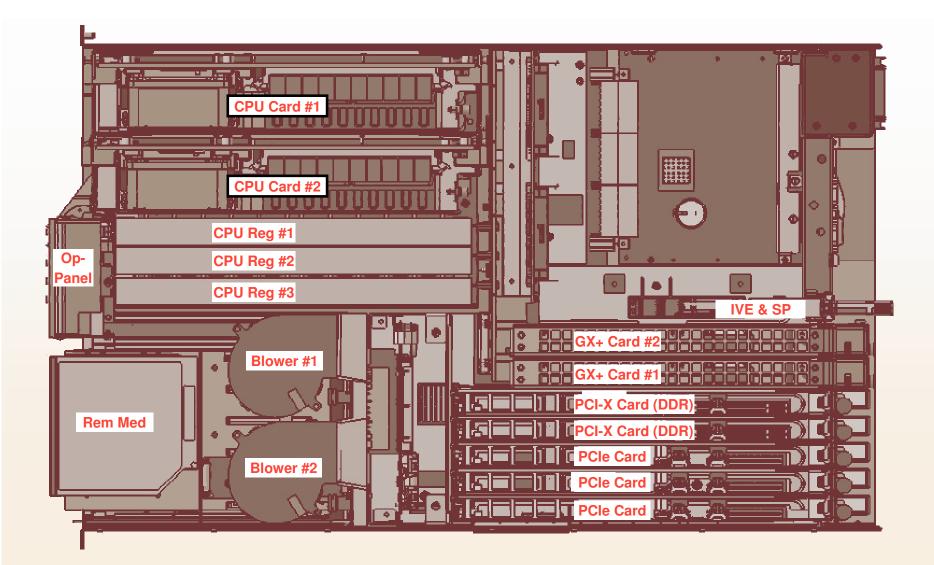
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Top View

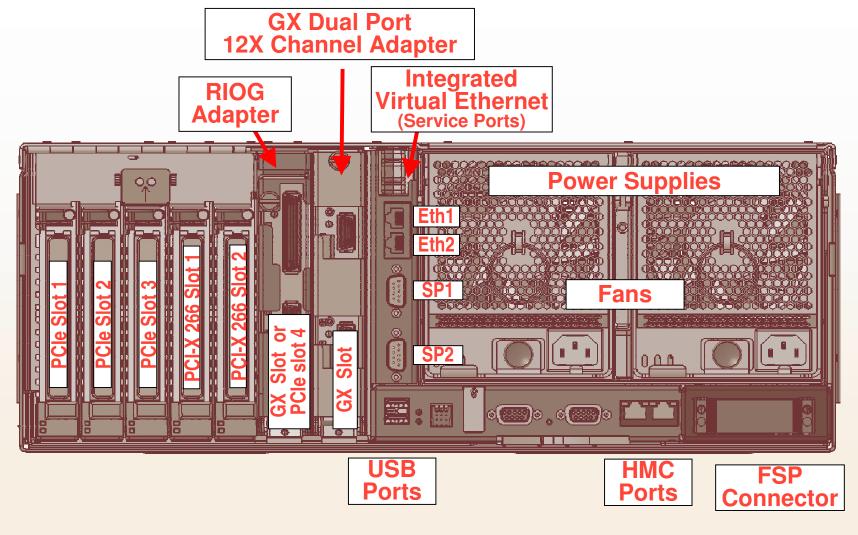


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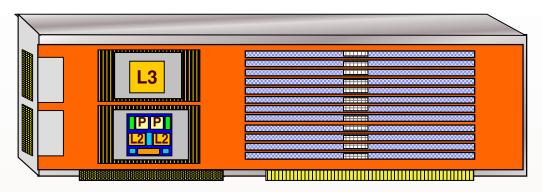
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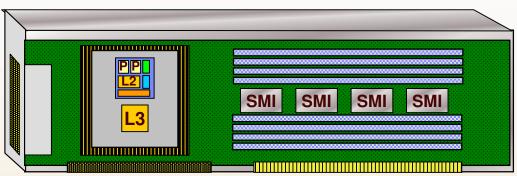


POWER6 / 5+ Midrange Processor / Memory packaging

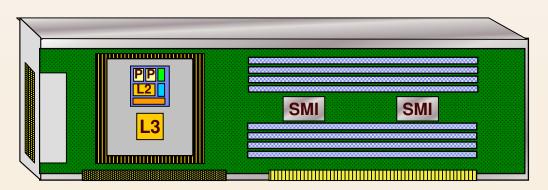
SCM @ 3.5 – 4.7GHz Up to 96 DDR2+ Memory 2 Cores / book



p5-570+ DCM @ 2.2GHz Up to 64GB DDR2 Memory 2 Cores / book



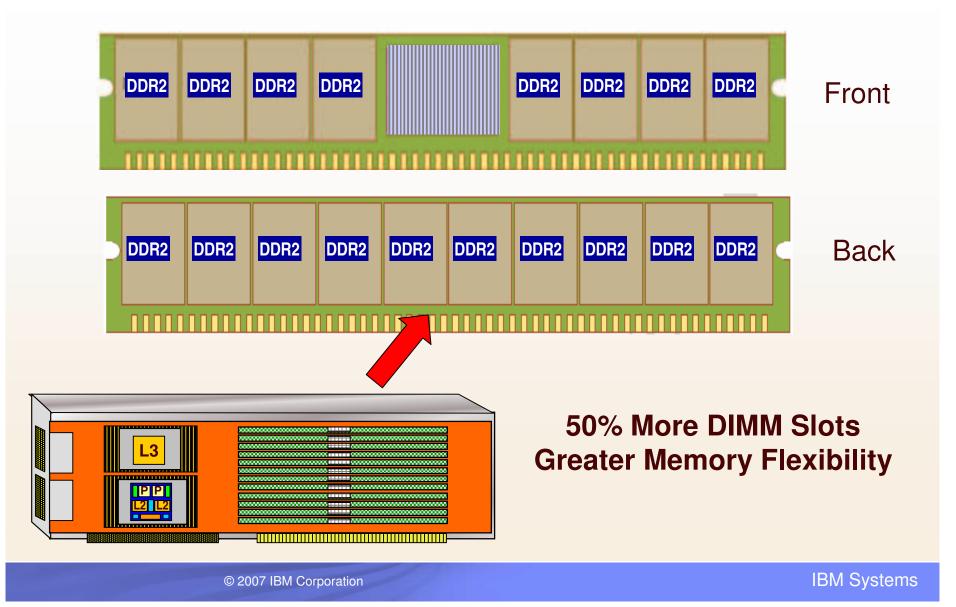
p5-570+ DCM @ 1.9GHz Up to 32GB DDR2 Memory 2 Cores / book



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POWER6 Buffered Memory DIMMs...





System p 570 SoD

Redundant Service Processor

For POWER6 based p570 systems with at least two CEC enclosures to have redundant service processor function no later than the end of 2007. This feature will be provided at no additional charge to existing POWER6 based p570 users via a system firmware update.

Hot Add Support

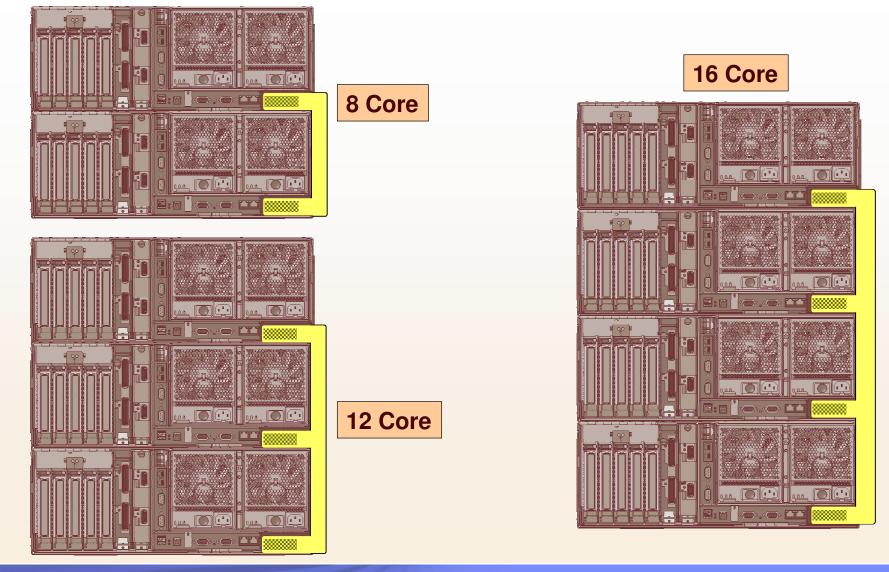
POWER6 based p570 systems will be able to add an additional CEC enclosure (node) to their p570 system, without powering down the system (hot node add). The additional p570 enclosure would be ordered as a system upgrade and added to the original system while operations continued.

The additional resources of the new additional enclosure, could then be assigned to existing applications or new applications as required. This capability will be provided at no additional charge to existing POWER6 based p570 users via a system firmware update.

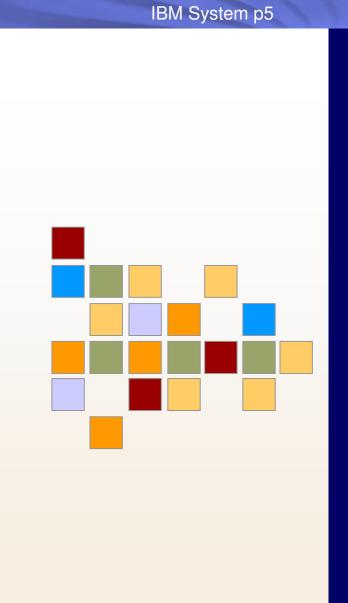
Planned availability: No later than the end of 2007

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Service Processor Cabling Layouts



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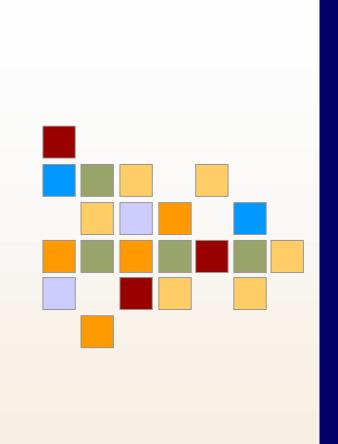
POWER6 Leadership

Number 1 Leadership

- **1**,616,612 @ \$3.42
- SAP
 - 8000 Users
- Oracle Apps
 - 3000 Users
- Other #1 benchmarks
 SPECjbb2005 (Java)
 SPECint_rate2006
 SPECfp_rate2006

Benchmarks for 4 core, 8 core, and 16 core configurations





System p 570 Remote I/O Drawer

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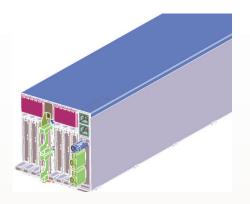
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POWER6 Remote I/O Drawer 19" Rack

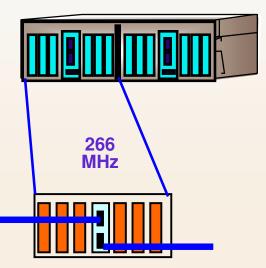
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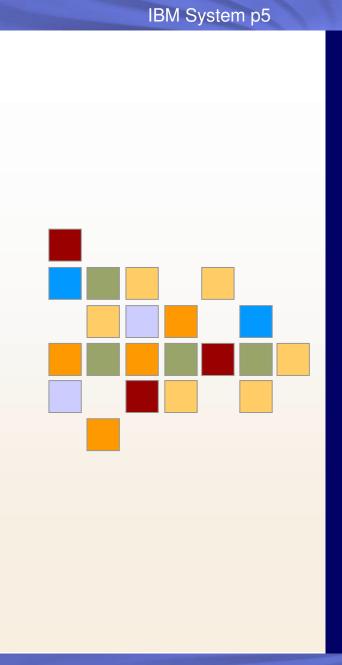
- □ ½ x 19" 4u Rack Mount
- Optional enclosure for 2 individual drawers
- □ 6 PCI Adapter Slots
 - PCI-X 2.0 (DDR)
- 64-bit @ 266MHz (2GB/s)
- "InfiniBand" Host Interface (Loop Architecture)
 - 12x 2.5Gb/s Full Duplex (30 Gb/sec)
 - Short Run (Intra-rack) or Long Run (Inter-rack)
 - 4 cable lengths: 0.6, 1.5, 3.0, & 8.0m
- Customer Setup
- Concurrently Maintainable Redundant Power
- Concurrently Maintainable Redundant Cooling
- Hot Drawer Add
- Blind Swap Cassettes for Adapter Cards
- -Hot Pluggable

12X Channel Connection



Two drawers









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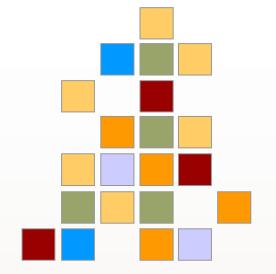


Primary POWER RAS Features

- ✓ Processor Instruction Retry
- ✓ Alternate Processor Recovery
- ✓ First Failure Data Capture
- ✓ DDR Chipkill[™] memory
- ✓ Bit-steering/redundant memory
- ✓ Service Processor Failover*
- ✓ Dynamic Firmware Maintenance*
- ✓ Hot I/O Drawer Add*
- ✓ I/O error handling extended beyond base PCI adapter
- ✓ ECC extended to inter-chip connections for the fabric/processor buses
- Memory and L3 Cache soft scrubbing
 - ✓ Hardware Assisted
- ✓ L2 & L3 Cache Line Delete
- Hardware Assisted Memory Scrubbing
- ✓ Live Partition Migration
- ✓ P570 Concurrent Add & Cold Repair (SoD)

HMC required to enable these functions..

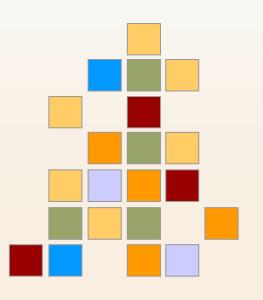
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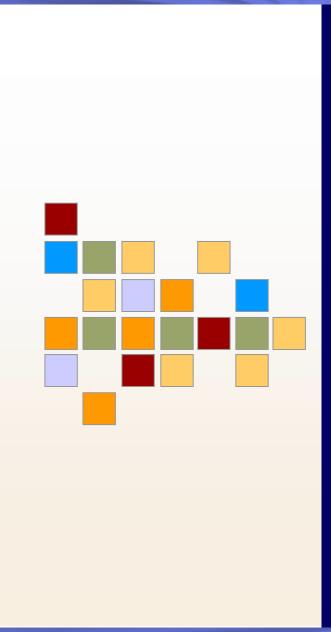
Primary POWER RAS Features con't

Redundant power, fans
 Dynamic Processor Deallocation
 Dynamic processor sparing
 ECC memory
 Persistent memory deallocation
 Hot-plug PCI slots, fans, power
 Internal light path diagnostics
 Hot-swappable disk bays



HMC required to enable these functions..

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POWER6 Hardware Management Console Enhancements

Support for POWER5 and POWER6 on same HMC Updated HMC hardware (Intel® technology refresh) No change: Hardware scaling support

- 7310/7042-C06 (desktop)
- > 7310/7042-CR4 (rack-mount) 32 physical systems
- ▶ Up to 254 LPARS

Native browser access; WebSM no longer required

- Firefox 1.5.0.6 or later.
- Microsoft® Internet Explorer 6.0 or later

Support for modified CSM on HMC Upgrade support for POWER5 HMC to POWER6

- 7310 will support POWER6 environment
- New model type for POWER6: 7042

Internal modem support for rack models

- Available with CR5 models
- Support will vary by geography









New HMC Release – Version 7

To be released as Version (7.3.1.0)

Provides synergy with System Firmware, i.e. 01_SF310_010

Compatibility

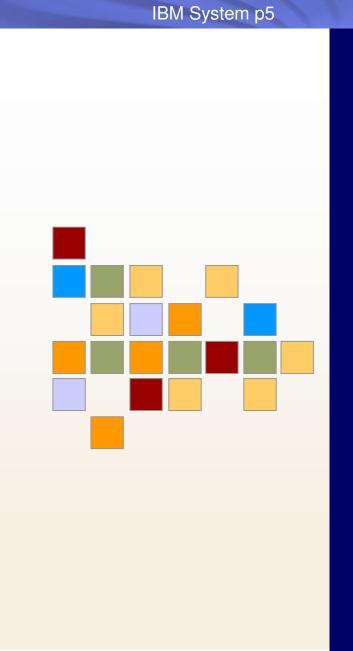
- Command line compatibility preserved
- DHCP usage (essentially) the same as POWER5
 - Required for 24" systems (590 / 595 / 575 and POWER6 follow-ons)
- Upgrade from HMC Version 6 (only)

HMC Hardware Supported

- ▶ NOTE: Oldest Machine Type 7315 ("POWER4" HMC) is not supported
- Older Machine Type 7310 ("POWER5" HMC) is supported
- New Machine Type is 7042 ("POWER6" HMC)

Servers Supported

- Version 7 required for POWER6 Servers
- Also supports all POWER5 Servers
 - Server must be at release 240
 - Testing statement, no enforcement



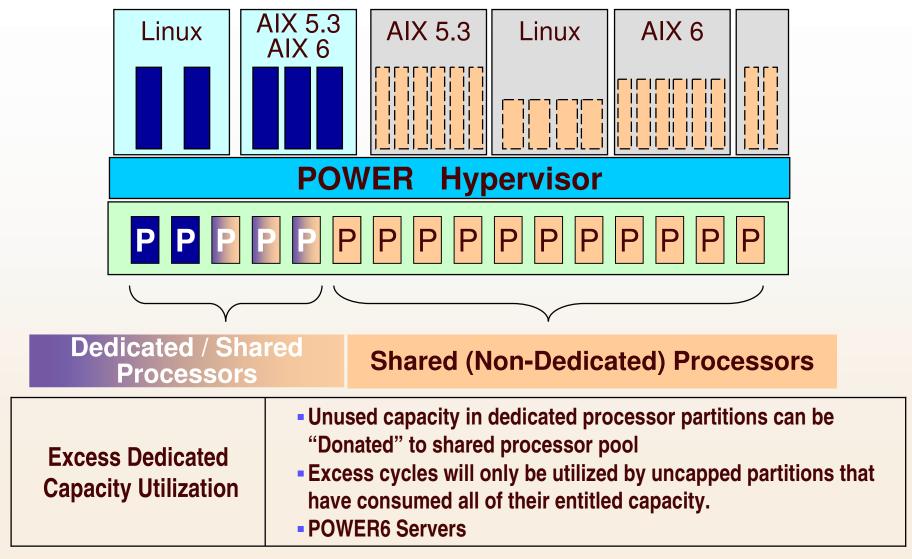


Virtualization

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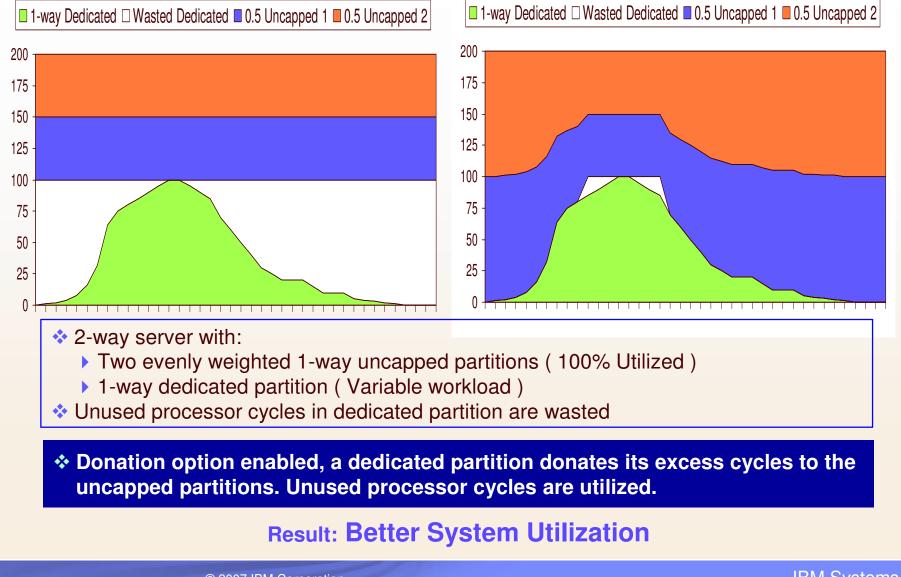
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Dedicated Shared Processors



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Utilizing Unused Dedicated Processor Capacity



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Integrated Virtual Ethernet Overview

Naming

- Integrated Virtual Ethernet External name in marketing & other documentation
- ▶ Host Ethernet Adapter (HEA) Name used on user interfaces

New Hardware capability

- Provides enhanced Ethernet connectivity
 - No TCEs, PCI protocol, etc
 - Several integrated Ethernet adapters, called Logical Ports.
 - Can be assigned to one or more partitions and/or VIOS partitions.

Available on most POWER6 systems

Multiple options of physical, external ports

Dual 1 Gbit copper:
Quad 1 Gbit copper:
Dual 10 Gbit fiber:
10BASE-T, 100BASE-T, 1000BASE-T
10BASE-T, 100BASE-T, 1000BASE-T
10GBASE-SR or 10GBASE-LR

Logical Ports

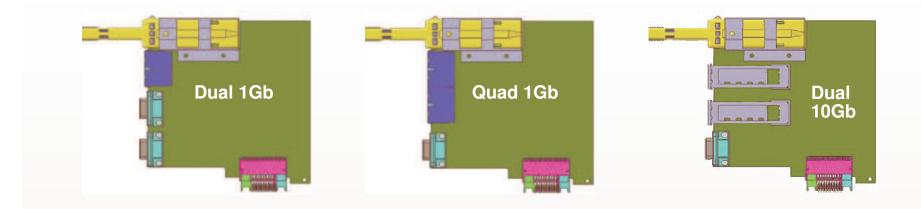
- Up to 32 logical ports, but can also be configured as 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 logical ports
- Logical port / physical dedicated when assign to VIOS partition

Several configuration parameters

- All based on tuning performance to match customer configuration and environment
- E.g. Speed, frame size, duplex

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Integrated Virtual Ethernet Adapter



Address Sharing		
Address Sharing:		
Dual 1GB:	16 MAC Addresses / pair	Total: 10
Quad 1GB	16 MAC Addresses / pair	Total: 3
Dual 10GB:	16 MAC Addresses/ port	Total: 32
Non VIOS Partition	n: Address Sharing (MAC Ad	dresses)
Time Slicing "I	Physical" Ethernet adapter re	sources
VIOS Partitions: IV	/E ports dedicated	

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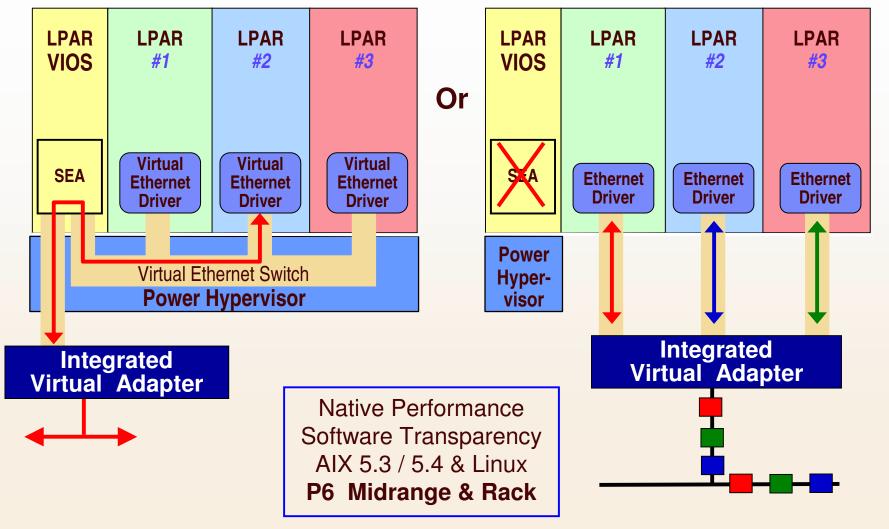
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Integrate Virtual Ethernet How it works.....

Option 1

Option 2



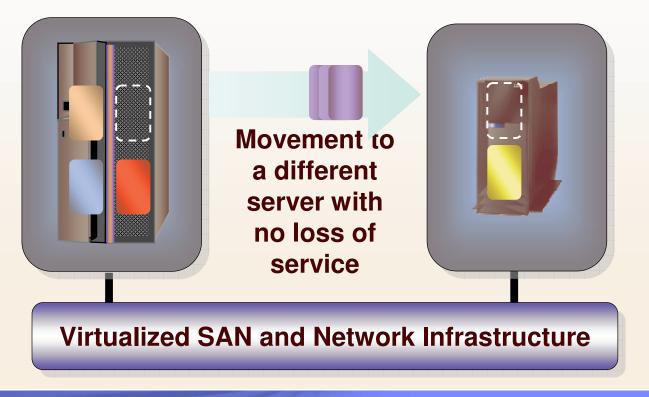
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SoD: Live Partition Mobility with POWER6

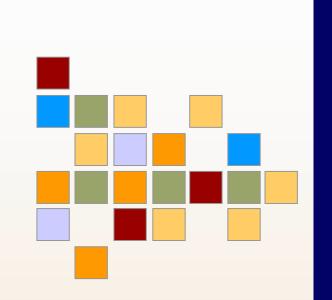
Allows migration of a running LPAR to another physical server

Reduce impact of planned outages Relocate workloads to enable growth Provision new technology with no disruption to service Save energy by moving workloads off underutilized servers



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Capacity On Demand

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CoD Offering Evolution for POWER6



Permanent

CoD

Processors: 1 processor increment Memory: 1 GB increment

Temporary

On/Off CoD

Activations: Manual Utilization Reporting Required (Contract) Post-pay Integrated into Capacity Back Up offering

Capacity Back Up (CBU) CBU offering for p590 / p595

Reserve CoD

Pre-pay usage for blocks of time Charges based on measured workload No Contracts Operates within the shared pool

Trial CoD

Standard Exception Web based distribution

2007 / 2008 POWER6

Permanent

CoD

Processors: 1 processor increment Memory: 1 GB increment

Temporary

On/Off CoD

Activations: Manual Utilization Reporting Required (Contract) Post-pay Integrated into Capacity Back Up offering

Capacity Back Up (CBU) CBU offering for POWER6 High End

Utility CoD

Post pay or pre-pay (1 Processor Minute) Charges based on measured workload No Contracts Operates within the shared pool

Trial CoD

Standard Exception Web based distribution

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Utility CoD: What is it?

Utility CoD

Automatically provides additional processor capacity on a temporary basis within the <u>Shared</u> <u>Processor Pool</u>.

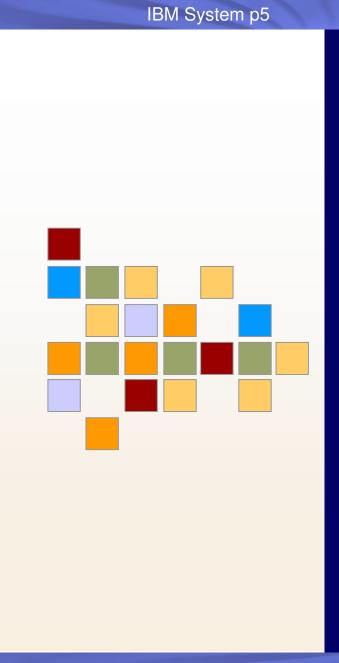
Usage is measured in **processor minute increments** and is reported via a web interface. Billing is based on the reported usage.

Customer Value

Utility CoD will automatically provides additional processor capacity when needed for a short, temporary basis within the shared processor pool.

Charges will only occur when workload requirements require the need for the Utility CoD processors.

Usage is measured in processor minute increments and is cost effective for environments where it is critical to be responsive to short, temporary workload spikes.





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Preview: AIX 6

AIX® 6: Binary compatible* with AIX 5L[™] Reflect unity with POWER 6



The P O W E R of SIX – AIX 6 and POWER6™

Workload Partitions
 Live Application Mobility
 AIX 6
 Live Partition Mobility
 Storage Keys
 Hardware Decimal Floating-Point
 Dynamic Variable Page Size
 *Complete details on AIX binary compatibility can be found at http://www.ibm.com/servers/aix/os/compatibility/

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Smooth Upgrade to AIX 6



AIX 6 is binary compatible with AIX 5L

- Current applications will continue to run
- ▶ Runs on POWER4[™], POWER5[™], POWER6[™] systems
- Open beta will provide early access to AIX 6
- Other activities planned to assure ISVs

No charge upgrade for current AIX 5L clients with SWMA No additional out of pocket expense for clients

Upgrade process

Tools like alt disk installation and multi-bos minimize client risk





AIX6 Processor Support....

AIX6 will not support 32 bit hardware and older 64 bit hardware

Processors no longer supported:

- All 32 bit processors
 i.e. F50, E30, etc.
- RS64 family of servers i.e. S80, H80, M80, etc.
- POWER3 servers

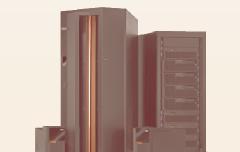
Processors supported:

- PPC970
- POWER4
- POWER5
- POWER6

AIX 6 will support both 32 bit & 64 bit libraries & applications

Full support for 32 bit applications







*Complete details on AIX binary compatibility can be found at http://www.ibm.com/servers/aix/os/compatibility/b

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- i.e. p610, p640, etc.





AIX 6 Beta Program



Select customers & ISVs Tens Physical Media Feedback on functionality Beta Support team Questionnaire, Support interaction



Participants Number of participants Distribution method Goal Support Feedback AIX 6 "Open Beta"

AIX 6 open beta Get a first look at the next step in the evolution of UNIX

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Web feedback only

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New Processor Technology

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POWER6 System Architecture

- New generation of servers
- New IO
- New IO Drawers

Enhanced Virtualization

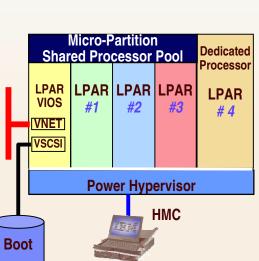
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- Integrated Virtual Ethernet

Availability

New RAS features

Operating System
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