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IBM Technical Support and Enablement for Business Partners

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Agenda

- Objectives
- How do we rate?
- What's our support and enablement strategy?
- What is new?
- What is available?
- What are our new self-support / enablement tools and capabilities?
- Questions...



Objectives

- 1) Provide a clear understanding of eServer technical support and enablement options
- 2) Explain the new integrated PW technical support benefits
- 3) Introduce the IBM Certified Infrastructure Systems Architect for Business Partner
- 4) Describe capabilities of the Virtual Innovation Center for Hardware, including the Virtual Loaner Program and Sales Support Tools
- 5) Promote utilization of these resources and benefits from IBM



How do we (IBM) rate?

Technical Support Questions – BP Satisfaction for PW Systems & Services	WW YE 04 vs YE 03	Over 75% Positive	AG YE 04 vs YE 03	AP YE 04 vs YE 03	EMEA YE 04 vs YE 03
Overall Satisfaction (not just TS)	1	Y		1	1
Technical Support Index	New	Y	New	New	New
Technical Sales Assistance	J	Y		1	1
Technical Support (HW & SW usage & defect)	1	Y	↓	1	1
Skills Development (Training & Certification)	1	Y	J	1	1
Solution Integration & Application Development	New Q	=	New	New	New
Electronic Support	1	Y	J	1	1



Strategy - End to End Technical Support

Adopt 8	k Enable	Sell & Implement		Support	
Technology Awareness & Adoption	Technology & Skills Enablement	Technical Sales Support	Implementation Support	Post-Sales Service & Support	
Why IBM Technology?	Technology Skills Building & Application Development, Integration and Porting	Supporting the Sale of a Customer Solution	Development & Implementation of a Customer Solution	Product Maintenance, Defect & Usage Support	
	4	Brand & IGS	Services ———	-	

Technical Relationship

Building a Successful Relation between the Business Partner & IBM



What is New!

Integrated PartnerWorld Technical Support

- Support access is no longer dependent on track membership
- Common benefits based on common criteria
- Infrastructure System Architect (ISA) Certification
 - Requested by Business Partners at SGU2004
 - Announced October 22, 2004

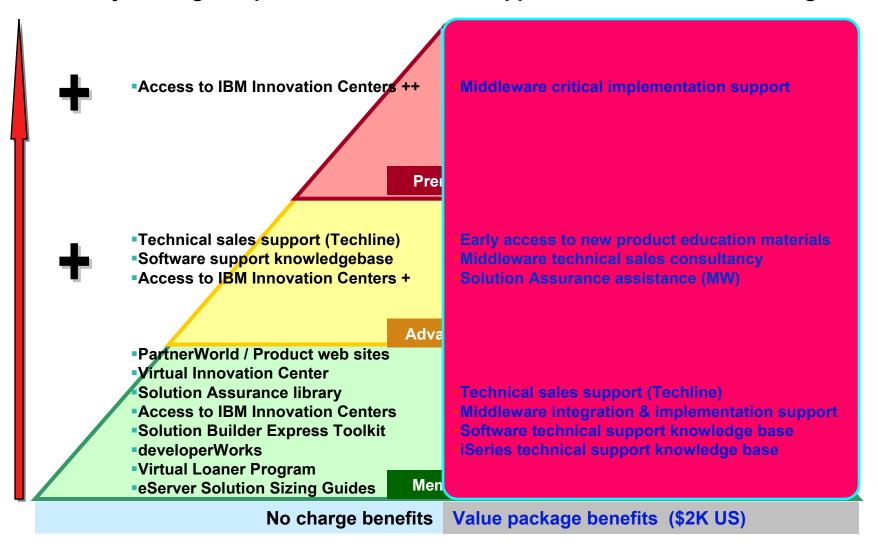
Self-Service Enablement Capabilities

- Virtual Loaner Program
- Tools / Roadmaps
- Web site



PartnerWorld Technical Support Benefits – No Charge and Value Package

Industry leading comprehensive Technical Support and Enablement coverage





PartnerWorld Technical Support Benefits – Value Options

Value Options (individually priced)	Descriptions
IBM eServer & middleware support for developers	Technical support for Business Partners developing applications on IBM servers or middleware. Includes access to IBM monitored forums where available. This benefit will typically be used by ISVs or other Business Partners developing repeatable applications
IBM eServer iSeries early release code	Early evaluation copy of i5/OS software (incl. licensed program products) approximately four to six weeks before planned availability w/support for 30 days after the release becomes available.
IBM Express middleware support for developers	Technical Q&A support for Business Partners developing applications on IBM Express middleware
IBM Innovation Centers for BP Porting & enablement	Additional porting and enablement support services available from the IBM Innovation Centers for BPs
SW Deployment Assist Pack	Incidents that can be purchased for assistance with Passport Advantage SW products for pre-sales opportunities. This offering covers product support during usage, defect and installation during enablement, evaluations, demos and proof of concept



PartnerWorld End to End Support



Available for a fee (value package or option)

Available at no charge

Adopt 8	& Enable	Sell & In	nplement	Support
Technology Awareness & Adoption	Technology & Skills Enablement	Technical Sales Support	Implementation Support	Post-Sales Service & Support
Why IBM	Porting & enablement support	Supporting the	Development &	Product Defect
Technology?	Developer support Early access to new education materials	Sale of a Technical Sales Consultancy	Implementation of a Customer	& Usage Support
	Implementation & Integration Support			
SECTION STATE				
	eServer Solutio	eServer Solution Sizing Guides		
	Virtual Loaner Program	Solution Assurance Assistance		
	developerWorks	Techline		
IBM Innovation Centers		Solution Assurance Library	Critical Implementation Support	
	Virtual Innov	vation Center		
	iSeries &	Software support knowled	dge bases	
	Part	nerWorld and Brand Web	Sites	



PartnerWorld Technical Support Benefits Descriptions

Benefit	Delivery	Description
Product and Technical Support Web Sites	Web	Access to Product and Business Partner community web sites for product and technical information
Early access to education materials	Web	Access to IBM "train the trainer" materials on or close to day of announcement for new products.
Virtual Innovation Center	Web	Self-enablement capabilities for specific products and SMB solutions through web based education, content / tools and support
Technical Sales Support	Web Email Phone	Voice and electronic (where available) access to IBM Techline services for Business Partners requiring pre-sales technical support for a sales opportunity
Middleware Tech Sales Consultancy (Tech Mentoring)	F2F Phone	On-site or telephone middleware solution design assistance or technical mentoring for Business Partners with large or complex opportunities > \$100K
Solutions Assurance Enablement Tools	Web	Tools to enable Business Partners to assure customer solutions
Solutions Assurance Assistance (Middleware)	Phone	Telephone support for Business Partners requiring assistance in assuring customer solutions with over \$50K of IBM middleware
Middleware Critical Implementation Supt	F2F Phone	On-site assistance for complex/critical implementations with over \$250K of IBM middleware
Middleware Implementation & Integration Support	Email Voice	Support for Business Partners integrating or implementing IBM middleware. Typically used to support a customer sale. (voice where available)
Secured Content Access - iSeries	Web	Access to secured iSeries Knowledge bases
Secured Content Access - SW	Web	Access to secured SW / MW Knowledge bases



Infrastructure Systems Architect Certification Program

- Goal Enhance Business Partners <u>technical sales and solution design</u> <u>skills across platforms/solution areas</u> so as to be able to recommend better and more comprehensive solutions to customers
- Requirements (within one year):
 - Successful completion of 3 IBM Certification tests:
 - On-Demand Business Solution Designer plus two additional Tech Cert tests
 - Successful completion of Consultative Selling Framework / Discovery Series (CSF / DS) WLS modules and Mastery Test
 - Successful completion of The Open Group Application Framework (TOGAF) course and certification
- More information at <u>www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/education/isaprogram.html</u>
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What is available?

By Business Model Software Developers / ISVs



Systems Integrators



Solution Providers / Resellers



By Product Line











By Support Needs

Adoption & Enablement

Selling & Implementation

Support

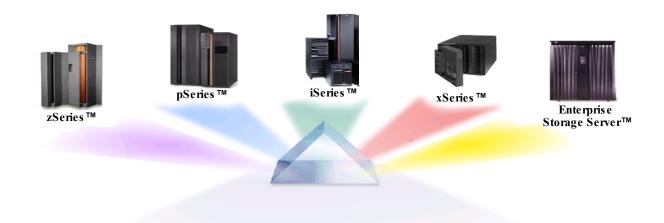


What is available? By Business Model

	Software Developers / ISVs		Solution Providers / Resellers	
Technical Support & Enablement				
PartnerWorld	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Virtual Innovation Center	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IBM Innovation Center for BPs	Yes	Yes		
IBM Advantage Programs	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Brand / Sector Programs	Available	Available	Available	



What is available? By Product Line



Technical Support Resource Guides

- New IBM eServer and IBM TotalStorage Technical Support Knowledge Bases and Electronic Support (v1.0)
- An electronic support guide with link access to the key technical knowledge bases to help you enable, implement and support IBM eServer and IBM TotalStorage solutions. Includes links to the latest fixes, APARs, FAQs, installation tips and service planning
- Updated IBM eServer and IBM TotalStorage Business Partner Technical Sales Support (v4.3)

 An electronic brochure with botlinks to the resources for solling, installing and supporting IBM, and IBM TotalStorage solution.
- An electronic brochure with hotlinks to the resources for selling, installing and supporting IBM and IBM TotalStorage solutions
- Updated IBM TotalStorage Technical Support Resources

An electronic guide with link access to the resources for selling and supporting IBM TotalStorage solutions.





What is available? By Support Needs / Role

	Technology Adoption	Technology Enablement	Skills Enablement	Selling / Pre-sales	Implement- ation	Customer Support
PartnerWorld	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	
Technical Sales Supt	Υ	Varies	Υ	Y	Varies	
developerWorks	Υ	Υ	Y			
Virtual Innovation Ctr	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	
IBM Innovation Ctrs	Υ	Υ	Y			
Sector Programs	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	
Brand Programs	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
Briefing Ctrs	Υ			Υ		
Benchmarking Ctrs	Υ			Υ	Υ	
Product Mgmt/Supt					Υ	Y
IGS Svc Offerings		Varies	Y		Υ	Y
Brand Svc Offerings		Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
ITSO			Y			



Technical Support and Enablement

Reviewed:

- The New PartnerWorld technical support benefits and how our Systems Business Partners can now take advantage of the full portfolio of options
- The New Infrastructure Systems Architect role
- The source and the types of support and enablement capabilities which IBM provides



 Describe several new and exciting technical enablement capabilities, now available through....



Innovation Centers for e-business on demand

www.ibm.com/partnerworld/innovationcenters

IBM Innovation Centers for Business Partners

www.ibm.com/partnerworld/isv/iic **Description:** IBM run facilities (25

WW) helping partners build their
skills & increase applications
supporting IBM middleware &
hardware (includes former SPCs) **Users:** ISVs/Influencers/SPs **Goal:** Provide BP access to IBM

technology/resources & reduce

IBM Virtual Innovation Center

www.ibm.com/partnerworld/vic **Description:** IBM online knowledge portal providing technical, sales and product information on IBM Software and Hardware

Users: ISVs/SIs/SMB BPs

Goal: Increase BP Technical & Sales skills. Enablement & support with 24/7 online assistance

Supporting Roles

Software Innovation Teams SWIC/SWIT

development costs

IBM Software Group

Executive Briefing Centers

Benchmark Centers Design Centers

IBM Systems & Technology Group

IBM Business Partner Innovation Centers

www.ibm.com/partnerworld/bpic

Description: BP run facilities showcasing BP solutions/services with IBM on demand technology

Users: IBM/BP customers

Goal: Accelerates sales and deployment of BPs

solution/services with IBM products

Software Centers operated by:

- 1. **VADs** providing recruit/enable/demand generation support for downstream BPs
- 2. **SIs** promoting their solutions/ services to end users.

Hardware Centers operated by BPs

Promoting hardware solutions through TotalStorage Solution Centers to end users



Virtual Innovation Center - Hardware



Single entry point for "One Stop Shopping" for self-serve hardware enablement.

Linux Test Drive Lease / Purchase



Virtual Innovation Center for Hardware What Are They Saying?

IBM in the News!

CRN: IBM Takes on Microsoft with New ISV/Partner Initiatives

InfoWorld: IBM uses Grid Technology for ISV program

ComputerWorld: IBM Expands Virtual Resources for Business Partners

"It has never been easier to port applications to IBM hardware, than it is now, thanks to the new resources at the Virtual Innovation Center for Hardware."

"By accessing the Virtual Loaner Program, we have the flexibility to tap into the latest IBM hardware and software technologies, whenever we need, to jumpstart our development activities. In the end, this type of support helps speed the development process - and is one of the many benefits that we enjoy from partnering with IBM." "The innovation center is also a demonstrable investment by IBM in its channel and partner ecosystem, an investment that is a 'money where their mouth is' commitment."



User-Engineered Portal



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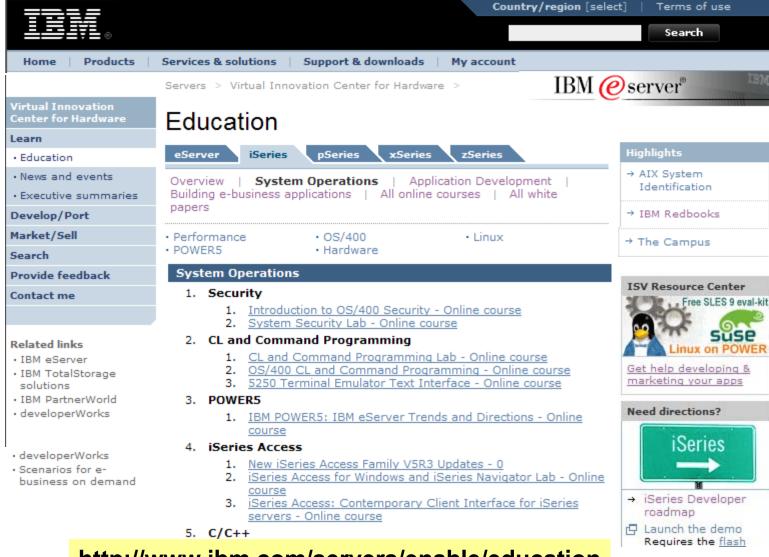
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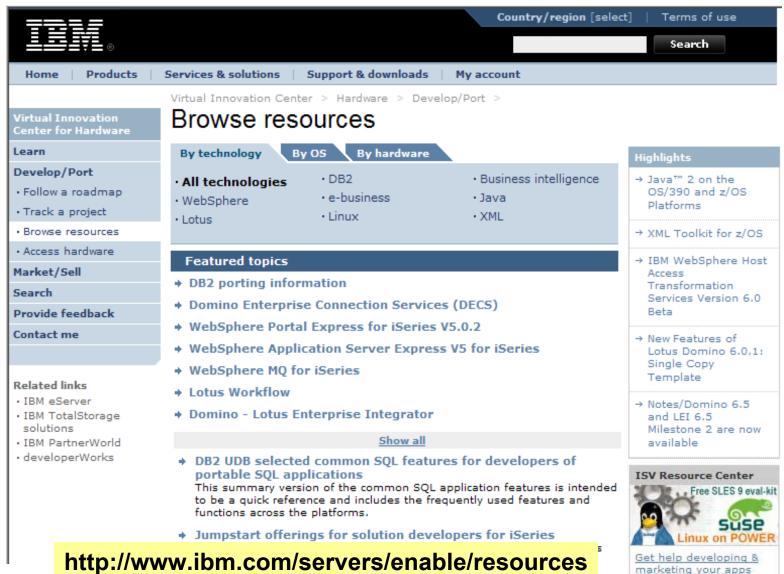
Education Resources



http://www.ibm.com/servers/enable/education



Technical Resources





Linux on Power Resource Center





IBM's most comprehensive resource for Independent Software Vendors interested in enabling and promoting their applications for Linux on POWER

- → Overview
- → Technical library
- → Products
- → Opportunities
- → Training/Events
- → Hardware/Software
- → Market/Sell
- → Getting started
- → Quick links

OpenPower



Introducing the new IBM @server® OpenPower™ Server — an ISV perspective

This robust and scalable server offers POWER5 enterprise class functionality at an entry-level price. Get an ISV perspective of this new line of IBM servers.

→ Learn more

ISV spotlight



Random Walk Introduces IBM Power-Based Server Solutions

Random Walk now provides solutions to its financial clients based on the new IBM @scrver® OpenPower™ and eServer p5 systems running WOLF® (Web Order Logic Framework).

- Learn more
- → Past ISV spotlights
- → See what other ISVs are saying. about Linux on POWER

We're here to help



Easy ways to get the answers you



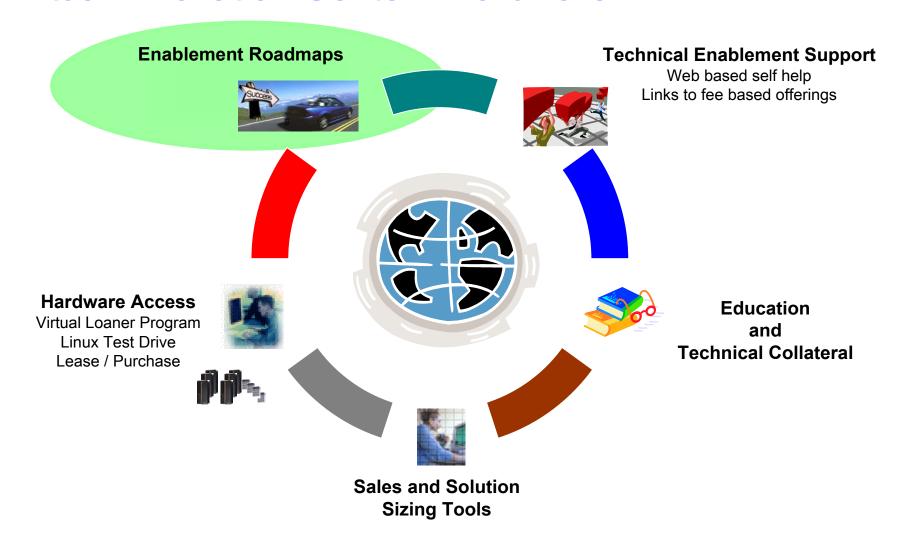
E-mail Linux on POWER team.

- Post to a forum.
- Read FAQ
- Tell us you have a Linux on POWER. app to sell, *Get a free laptop bag!
- Provide feedback or report an error
- → Win a Car, \$\$\$, or other. awards!: Linux on POWER promotions

http://www.ibm.com/servers/enable/linux/power



Virtual Innovation Center - Hardware



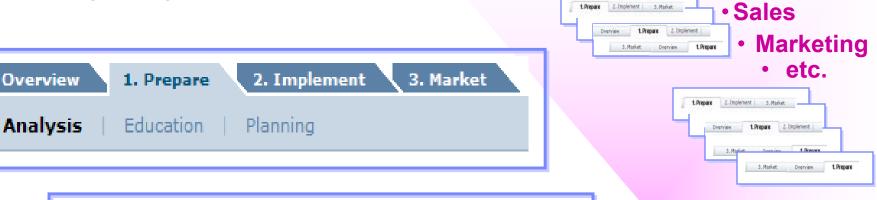
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Enablement Roadmaps Roadmap Steps

FUTURE:

Other task roadmaps



Overview 1. Prepare 2. Implement 3. Market

Hardware access | Software and tools | Configuration |

Development | Validation | Performance

Overview 1. Prepare 2. Implement 3. Market

Go to market



Enablement Roadmaps:

Project tracking









Objective: Assist with enablement project to management efforts



Virtual Innovation Center - Hardware

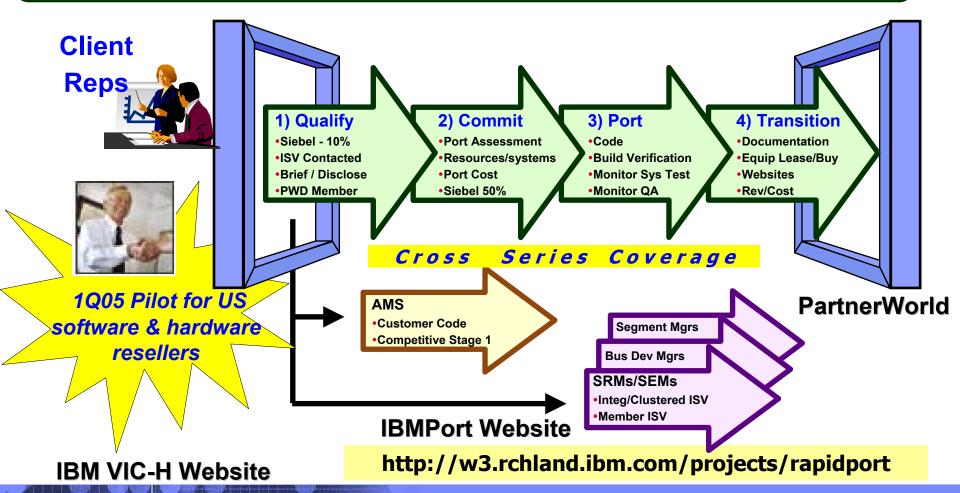


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Sales Tools Rapid Port Process

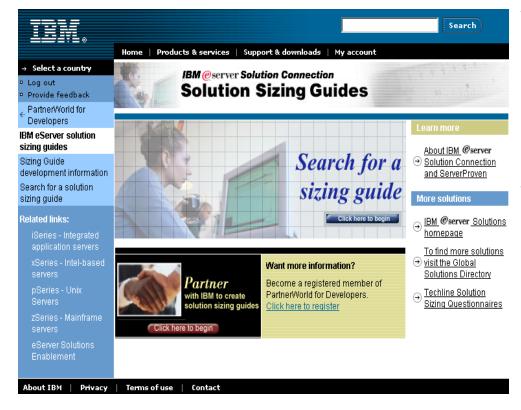
Rapid Port Mission: Port tactical ISVs to eServer platforms in response to significant sales opportunities.





Solution Sizing Tools

 Web based system sizing estimate tool for ISV solution applications



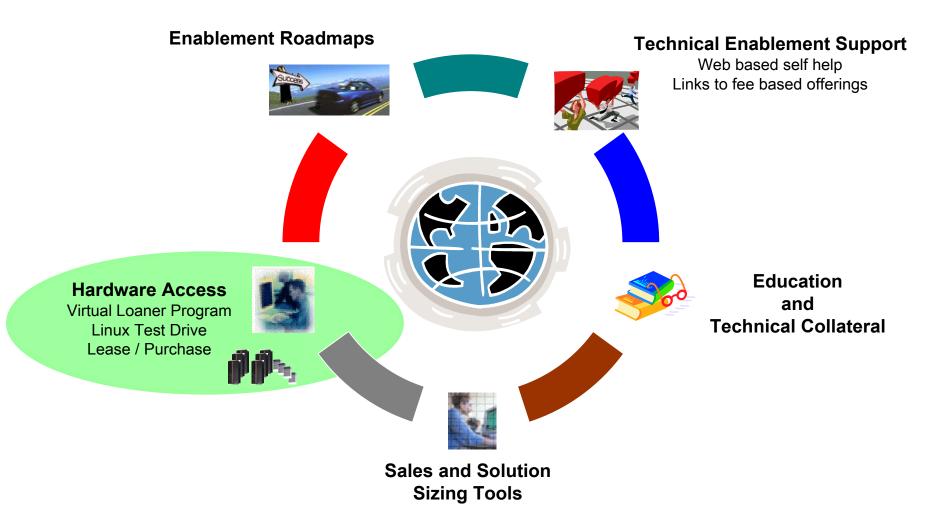
http://ibm.com/servers/sizing

- Development tool to assist ISVs in building solution sizing guides
- Sizing guide produces hardware configurations based on user workloads
 - ✓ Automatically updated by IBM for current hardware announcements & withdrawals
- Sizing guide may be hosted by IBM, ISV, or both – provide links to the ISV's website
 - √ Generates sales leads





Virtual Innovation Center - Hardware



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Hardware Access Virtual Loaner Program



Access to IBM Hardware, when you need it, where you need it...

... Virtual Loaner Program, working in an On-Demand world

- On Demand, High-Function Remote Access to Virtual Servers
 - Dynamically provisioned systems access
 - Flexible and configurable development / test environment
 - Secure VPN connection to your own home build environment
- Targeted to Small and Medium Business (SMB) ISVs and Emerging Markets
 - No Charge, worldwide 24x7 self-service systems access
 - Highly-automated, highly-scalable model
 - Allows IBM to provide services to 1000s of ISVs



Virtual Loaner Program Key benefits

Development Issue	VLP Solution
Limited resources (time, money, people, facilities)	On demand access, only when you need it
New projects wait for equipment	Project start-up in as little as 2 hours
Developers in multiple sites	Easy support of multiple sites
Must support multiple platforms and configurations	Flexible reconfiguration of systems and OS
Spikes in demand near release dates	Capacity expansion as needed for regression / release tests
Long projects, one or more releases per year	Supports ongoing access, with system image save / restore capability



Virtual Loaner Program Where to start...

- VLP is open to any member of IBM PartnerWorld
 - ✓ Access requires IBM ID associated with PartnerWorld membership
 - ✓ Acceptance of clickthrough usage agreement
 - ✓ Download Cisco VPN Client (No-Charge download from VLP web site)
- ISV can be up and running on dedicated VLP system in as little as two hours...



http://www.ibm.com/servers/enable/site/vlp



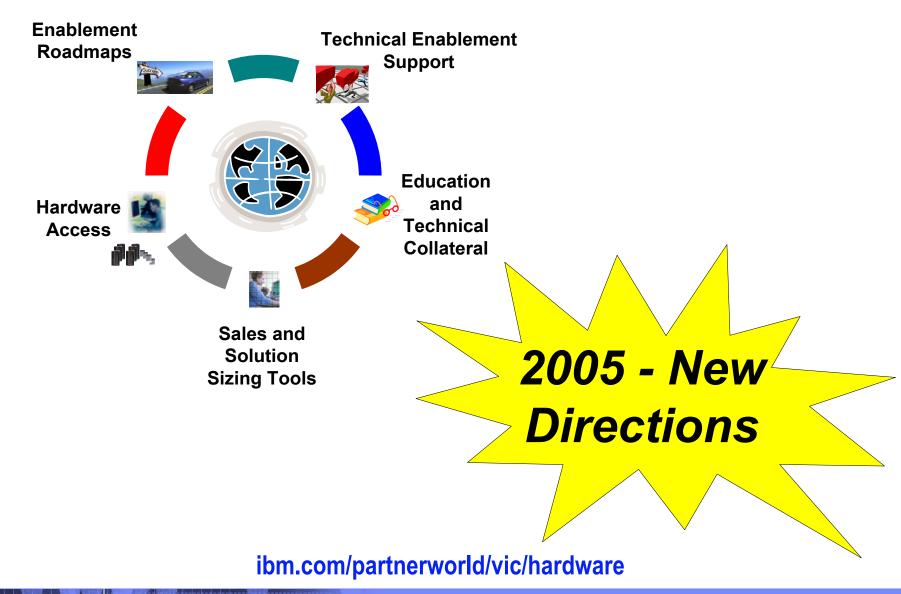
Hardware Access Linux Test Drives

- xSeries
 - www.ibm.com/servers/enable/site/testdrive/xseries/
 - Red Hat or SuSE distributions with 500 MB of user space
 - 14 days -No Charge- access
- iSeries
 - www.ibm.com/servers/enable/site/testdrive/iseries/
 - Red Hat or SuSE distributions with 170 MB of user space
 - 30 days -No Charge- access
- pSeries
 - www.ibm.com/servers/enable/site/testdrive/pseries/
 - Red Hat or SuSE distributions with 20 GB of user space
 - 30 days -No Charge- access
- zSeries
 - www.ibm.com/servers/enable/site/testdrive/zseries/
 - Red Hat or SuSE 1000 MB of user space
 - 30 days -No Charge- Access





Virtual Innovation Center - Hardware





Virtual Innovation Center – Hardware

Directions

User Interface

- Single sign on
- User Customization & Personalization



 Remote technical support functions

- live text chat
- monitored forums
- enhanced technical email support



- Technical sales
- Usage and defect support tools

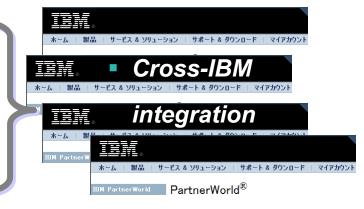
Additional hardware categories





Language translations







Reference URLs:

- Virtual Innovation Center Hardware
 - www.ibm.com/partnerworld/vic/hardware
- Other direct links
 - Enablement Roadmap Portal
 - www.ibm.com/partnerworld/vic/hardware
 - Linux on POWER Resource Center
 - ✓ www.ibm.com/servers/enable/linux/power
 - Hardware Access
 - ✓ Virtual Loaner Program www.ibm.com/servers/enable/site/vlp
 - ✓ Linux Test Drive www.ibm.com/servers/enable/site/testdrive
 - Solution Sizing Tools
 - ✓ www.developer.ibm.com/welcome/e3.pl
 - Education
 - www.ibm.com/servers/enable/education
 - Questions / Feedback
 - www.ibm.com/servers/enable/feedback/index.html?
 - ✓ Please include phone number





Business Partner Technical Support and Enablement Summary

- Understand new technical support and technology enablement options and the new integrated benefits available through PartnerWorld
- Encourage Business Partners to take advantage of no charge and fee-based support options, to drive effective development, sales, and support with IBM solutions
- Maximize our joint effectiveness by clearly understanding support roles and how they complement each other



Reference Charts - backup



Virtual Loaner Program Deployment Model

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VLP provides a "Virtual Loaner" model:

- Self-service Web interface
- No Charge, worldwide 24x7 self-service systems access
- Sessions scheduled up to 14 days, option to extend by 20%
- Multiple systems can be reserved / used as a group
 - Allows for multi-tier, multi-component application porting / testing
- Choice of access modes dedicated or shared

VLP Save / Restore function supports long-term projects

- "Save on Exit" function automatically captures system image at end of dedicated reservation
- Saves all files and work in progress including OS configuration, fixes, ISV-installed software, etc.
- Saved image can be restored on next reservation
- Currently limited to one saved image per user





http://www.ibm.com/servers/enable/site/vlp



Virtual Loaner Program Security, Support

IBM takes commercially reasonable security measures to help ensure confidentiality and integrity of ISV data

- ISV systems on private network behind firewall
 - Virtual Private Network (VPN) Client
 - Secure Shell (SSH) Gateway
- Single-use passwords generated for each reservation session
 - For all reserved LPARs as well as Secure Network Gateways
- After use, all systems are "scrubbed" of ISV data before being returned to idle pool
- Continuous monitoring, periodic vulnerability testing

Technical support available for active VLP sessions

- Ask A Question support provided by Email, 24-hour response time
- Support covers: VLP system, Hardware, Operating Systems, IBM Middleware
- Support is provided in English during business hours -- 7am to 7pm Central time US (GMT -6)

VLP provides access to IBM Power4 & Power5 based pSeries servers

- AIX 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, or previously-saved image
- Linux: Red Hat (AS3) & SuSE (SLES8 & SLES9)
- Coming soon: iSeries (pilot in process)



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