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Latest revision October 23, 2024: clarifications in blue text.

This notice has an important update regarding IBM i and Dell storage attachments which is effective on November 1, 2024.

Overview

Dell has elected not to renew a licensing agreement to attach Dell storage to the IBM i platform.

Effective November 1, 2024

- Support Calls: IBM i clients should call Dell for all issues involving Dell storage attached with the IBM i D910 device driver.
- IBM i D910 Device Driver: the existing IBM i D910 device driver will not be enhanced going forward.

Planning

- For the release after IBM i 7.5:
 - IBM i clients who have existing Dell storage devices on or before November 1, 2024 will be entitled to obtain a key from IBM to enable attachment with the IBM i D910 device driver. This key will allow the existing device driver to attach Dell storage, but it will not include new enhancements. [This key will allow current IBM i Storage or I/O to attach to current Dell storage using the device driver. As stated above, the existing IBM i D910 device driver will not be enhanced.](#) There will be no guarantee that common IBM i storage or I/O path code will continue to work [with Dell storage devices in the future](#). Dell will be responsible for any required changes if IBM i storage or I/O evolves in a way that becomes incompatible with Dell storage devices. [Only customers who have used the IBM i D910 device driver for connecting Dell storage devices to IBM i by November 1 will be entitled to receive the key; this entitlement applies regardless of future expansion or upgrading of Dell storage devices.](#) Information regarding how to acquire the key from IBM will be available upon announcement of the release after IBM i 7.5.
 - IBM i clients purchasing Dell storage for the first time after November 1, 2024 that requires the IBM i D910 device driver for attachment will not be entitled to the storage attachment key.

Option

Existing or new Dell storage can be attached to IBM i via an [IBM Storage SVC \(SAN Volume Controller\)](#).