

# IBM i: P30 and P20 Bundles and Subscription Update

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# Topics

- Why subscriptions and why now?
- New IBM i subscription bundles for P20 and P30 customers
  - What's included in each bundle
  - How to work with Expert Labs on assets and Advisory Connect
- Links for July 8, 2025 IBM i announcements
- Ordering notes

# Why subscription bundles and why now?

## IBM i Client Needs:

- Modernize infrastructure to better manage mission critical workloads and enable faster innovation
- Streamline how to acquire new technologies to address their top IT concerns

## Industry Trend:

- Shift to subscription licensing is happening across the software industry

## IBM i: Listening to the Market

- Create subscription bundles to simplify the purchase of value-added IBM i enterprise capabilities
- Launch IBM i subscription bundles with Power11 to make it easy for you to innovate and modernize

# Subscription update – 2025 and beyond

- IBM i licenses for Power11 will only be available via subscription
  - Exception: Serial number upgrades from E1080 to E1180 require no change in licensing
- P20/P30 purchase options for 2025 and beyond
  - Subscription bundles – get more value
  - Standalone (a la carte) subscriptions
  - Transfer or new non-expiring licenses for new Power10 purchases (only until Dec 31, 2025)
    - Purchase/transfer of additional licenses for existing Power10 is allowed after Dec 31, 2025
  - For existing Power9 and Power8 servers without subscription offerings: new purchases/transfers of non-expiring licenses and SWMA is available
- P05/P10 tiers: Subscription only for new purchases and transfers (started in 2024)

## Announcement:

- License Transfer Price: Increase to \$8,954 (USD list price).  
Announced June 1, 2025  
Effective July 1, 2025
- Withdrawal of non-expiring P20 and P30 IBM i licenses announced on July 8, 2025 and effective on Jan 1, 2026

# IBM i Subscription on Power10 P20 and P30 Software Tiers

- From now until 12/31/2025: if you purchase new Power10 P20 and P30 software tiers, purchase subscription standalone, subscription bundles, or purchase non-expiring and/or transfer non-expiring to this new machine.
- Starting 01/01/2026, upon purchase of new Power10 P20 and P30 software tiers, then the IBM i choices are...
  - Subscription standalone
  - Subscription bundle: upon purchase of bundle, there's an option to convert IBM i non-expiring on a donor to IBM i P20 or p30 subscription bundle at conversion price
- Starting 01/01/2026, if you have an existing Power10 (or earlier Power generation) with non-expiring licenses, purchased before 01/01/2026, keep your non-expiring licenses: i.e., after 01/01/2026, you can add more perpetual licenses or transfer perpetual to the existing Power10 P20/P30

# Introducing ...

## Simplify Licensing:

Streamline purchase decision, simplify license compliance, and **increase flexibility** to deploy capabilities

## Accelerate Innovation:

Gain access to more capabilities right out of the gate to modernize your infrastructure

## Reduce Total Investment:

Bundles provide **more value at a lower price** than purchasing ala carte.

## IBM i P30 Enterprise Edition

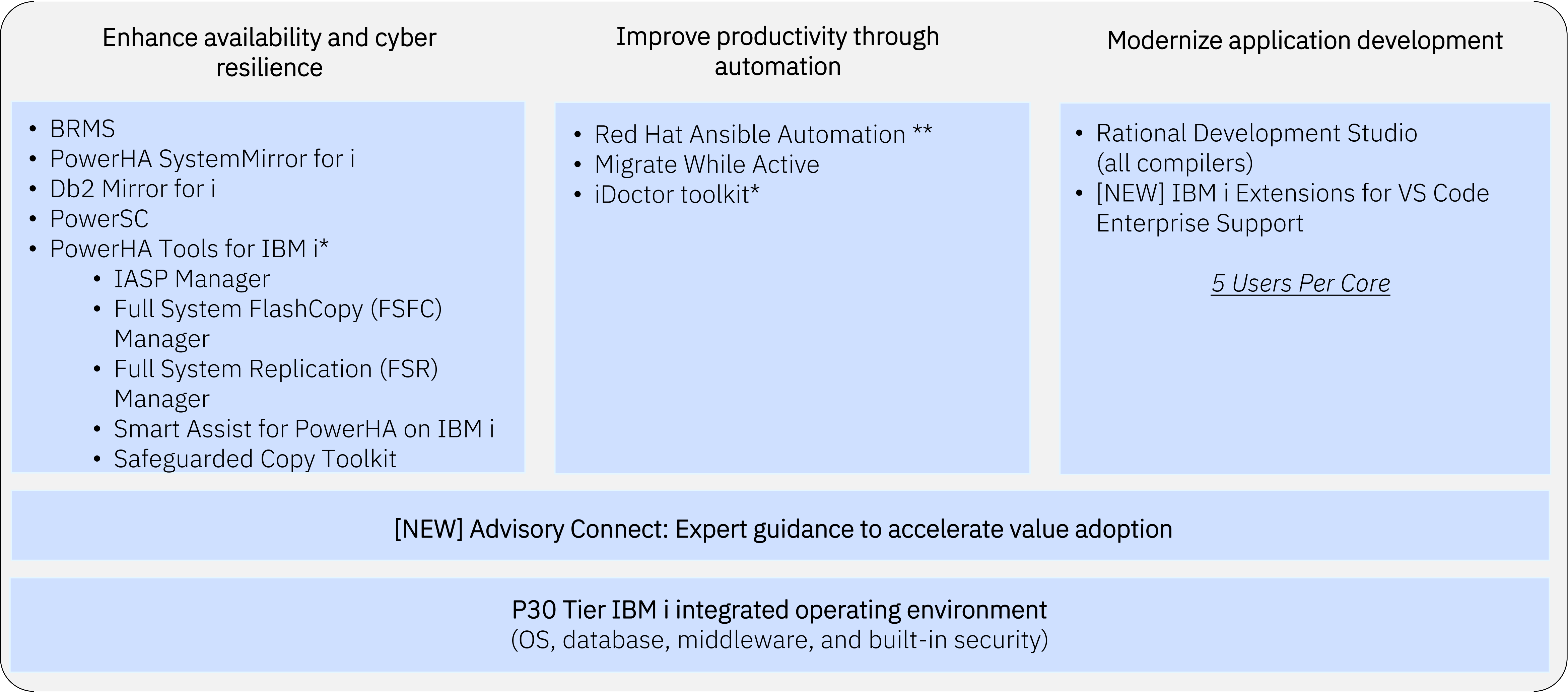
A strategic bundle that offers comprehensive IBM i enterprise capabilities

## IBM i P20 Standard Edition

A simplified bundle with core capabilities

# IBM i P30 Enterprise Edition

Accelerating IBM i infrastructure optimization and application modernization with comprehensive capabilities



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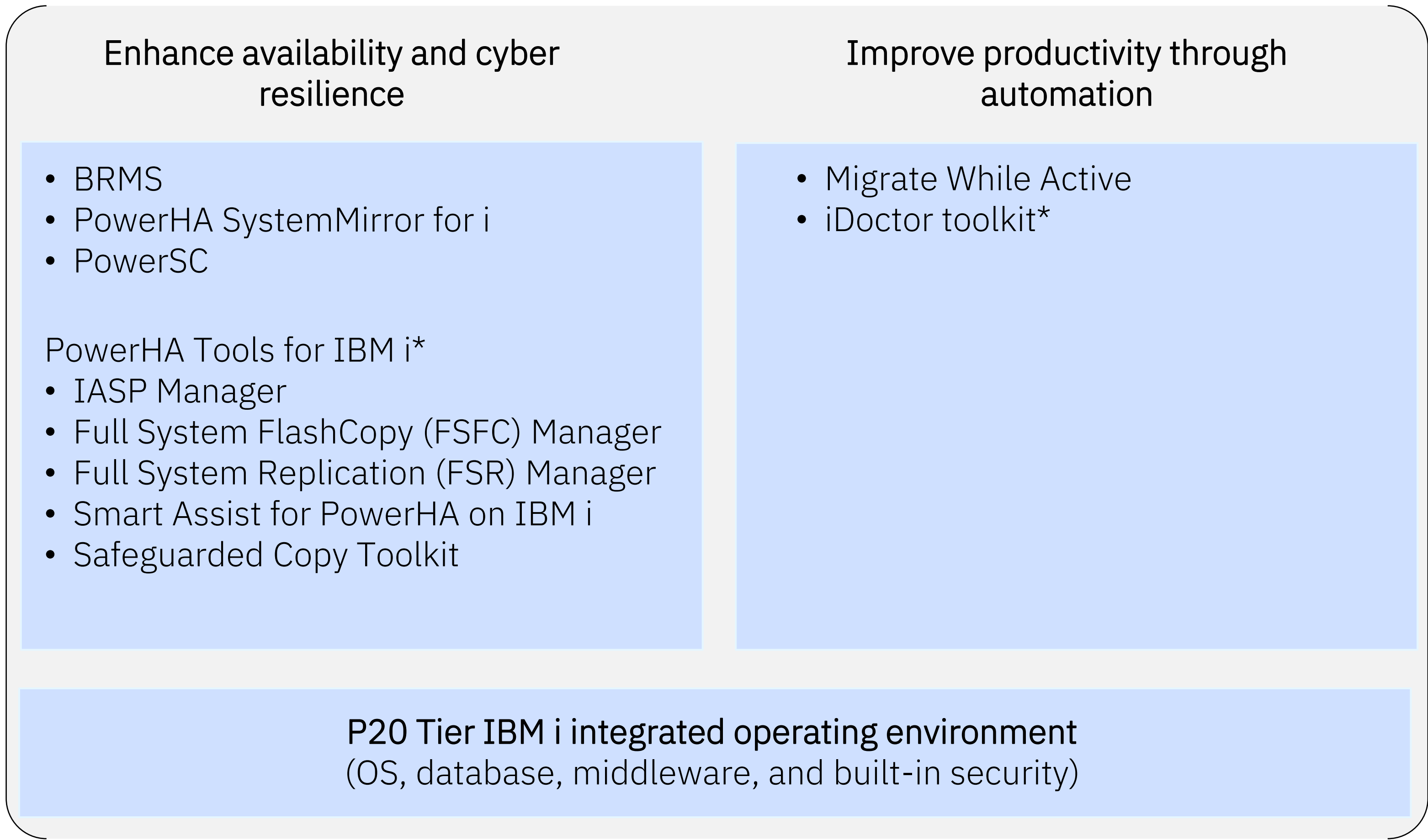
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\*\* RedHat Ansible Automation: 1 year support for 100 managed nodes with a minimum purchase of 10 P30 Enterprise Edition cores



# IBM i P20 Standard Edition

Accelerating IBM i infrastructure optimization with automation, HA/DR and cyber resilience capabilities



- Additional products may be purchased separately
  - Db2 Mirror,
  - RDS,
  - etc

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# Expert Labs Offerings included in IBM i Subscription

## IBM i P30 Enterprise Edition (5770-30E) includes:

- Advisory Connect
- PowerHA Tools for IBM i
- iDoctor

## IBM i P20 Standard Edition (5770-20S) includes:

- PowerHA Tools for IBM i
- iDoctor

**IBM i Advisory Connect** service is designed for large enterprises to provide rapid access to Expert Labs advice and insights on database, performance, resiliency, security, and automation.

*Note: Service is advisory only. No hands-on implementation work*

**PowerHA Tools for IBM i** provides customizable templates for high availability solutions designed to ensure business continuity by minimizing downtime and simplifying HA/DR processes.

*Note: Implementation of PowerHA tools requires a separate Statement of Work from Expert Labs*

**iDoctor** provides a suite of performance tools used by IBM and clients to collect and analyze performance data to quickly solve performance problems on IBM i.

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# IBM i P30 and P20 bundles on Power servers

IBM i P30 Enterprise Edition is available on the following IBM Power11 and Power10 servers at the P30 software tier:

- IBM Power E1180 (9080-HEU)
- IBM Power S1124 (9824-42A)
- IBM Power L1124 (9856-42H)
- IBM Power E1080 (9080-HEX)
- IBM Power S1024 (9105-42A)

IBM i P20 Standard Edition is available on the following IBM Power11 and Power10 servers at the P20 software tier:

- IBM Power S1124 (9824-42A)
- IBM Power L1124 (9856-42H)
- IBM Power S1024 (9105-42A)

# IBM i Announcements for July 8, 2025

- [IBM i P30 Enterprise Edition](#)
- [IBM i P20 Standard Edition](#)
- [IBM adds new capabilities with IBM i 7.6 Power11 GA PTF Group, IBM i 7.5 Hardware Technology Refresh 6, IBM i 7.4 Hardware Technology Refresh 12 and Migrate While Active](#)
- [IBM continues to transform the IBM i business by withdrawing IBM i non-expiring licenses for P30 and P20 software tiers](#)

# IBM i System Support – Details about Supported Releases

Servers	IBM i 7.2	IBM i 7.3	IBM i 7.4	IBM i 7.5	IBM i 7.6
<b>Power11</b> E1180, S1124/L1124, S1122/L1122 (VIOS only except the 2x4C is native or VIOS)			✓	✓	✓
<b>Power10</b> E1080, S1014, S1022s/S1022/L1022 (VIOS only), S1022s (2x4C native or VIOS), S1024/L1024, S1012 (no IBM i 7.3 support)		✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Power9</b> S914, S922 (VIOS only), H922 (VIOS only), S924, H924, E980 S922 Entry (single native I/O partition only)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Power8</b> S814, S822 (VIOS only), S824, E870, E870C, E880, E880C S812 (no IBM i 7.1, native I/O only)	✓	✓	✓		

[Map of IBM i version/releases to hardware](#)

# Ordering

IBM i P30 and P20 subscription standalone was generally available starting in 2023

IBM i P30 and P20 bundle ordering starts July 15, 2025

- Contact your IBM representative or IBM Business Partner
  - IBM reps and IBM BPs can refer to the [IBM i Sales Kit](#)

# Additional Information



# IBM Advisory Connect for IBM i on IBM Power

## Overview

Do you want to get better business outcomes by connecting your team with IBM's most trusted technical advisors?

Designed for large enterprises with an IBM i subscription, IBM i Advisory Connect service provides simple and rapid access to Expert Labs advice and insights on database, performance, resiliency, security, and automation.

With expert guidance and advice on adoption of new technologies, the IBM i Advisory Connect ensures that your technology investments drive measurable business outcomes faster.

## Target Audience

Designed for large enterprise executives and managers responsible for IBM i operations and application delivery that need in-depth advice across multiple technical domains.

## Why Use This Service?

Do you want to ensure your enterprise subscription for IBM i is driving measurable business outcomes faster?

Do you want to ensure you are adopting and optimized to exploit the latest IBM i technologies?

## Benefits

IBM i Advisory Connect is a proactive advisory service with access to the experience and expertise of IBM Expert Labs consultants.

Advisory Connect for IBM i helps you ensure you are maximizing the adoption of new IBM i technologies such as database mirroring, cyber resiliency, advanced SQL methods, Quantum Safe encryption, Ansible automation.

## Activities

- After subscribing to the IBM i Advisory Connect service via your IBM i operating system subscription, you will be paired with a named Expert Labs expert as your primary contact.
- You will be able to request remote advice on new technology adoption from a variety of specialist Expert Labs consultants across the following domains:
  - Database
  - Resiliency
  - Performance
  - Security
  - Automation.
- In addition, you can utilize one remote annual technology assessment for your database, performance, resiliency, security, or automation capabilities and practices.

## Scope

- Provide an IBM i subject matter expert as the primary contact
- Provide remote advice related to the covered technology domains
- Provide one remote annual technology domain assessment
- Make recommendations on best practices.
- Included in IBM i L30 per core subscription

## Contacts

- Contact us at [systems-expert-labs@ibm.com](mailto:systems-expert-labs@ibm.com) or your local Technology Expert Labs team



# IBM iDoctor for IBM i

## Overview

IBM iDoctor for IBM i (iDoctor) is a suite of performance tools used by IBM and clients to collect and analyze performance data to quickly solve performance problems on IBM i.

iDoctor tools may be used to monitor overall system health at a high level or for analyzing performance details within job(s), disk unit(s) and application programs.

## Target Audience

System administrators managing IBM i operations and IT architects responsible for IBM i application performance optimization.

## Why Use iDoctor?

Do you need detailed insights to optimize resource utilization and improve system efficiency?

Is slow performance of a critical application impacting your business operations?

## Benefits

iDoctor empowers organizations with actionable insights to improve the performance of IBM i workloads.

iDoctor's advanced diagnostic capabilities ensure that organizations can maintain optimal performance for critical applications.

## iDoctor Features

### Wait analysis

- Graphically show waits, identify conflicts, pinpoint causes.

### Monitoring

- Collect data 24x7 so you're ready to start analysis when need.

### Dynamic legend

- Quickly add or remove selected metrics to best suit your needs.

### Situational analysis

- Identify problem areas based on earlier issues and anomalies.

### Report generator

- Automatically create and e-mail PDF reports of valuable graphs.

### Make comparisons

- Compare good and bad runs or review data sets side-by-side.

### Collection Services Investigator

- Visualize data to monitor or investigate performance issues.

### Job Watcher

- Get real-time, detailed views of job/thread/task performance data.

### PEX Analyzer

- Pinpoint issues affecting system and application performance.

## Components

- iDoctor components and extensions include:
  - Job Watcher
  - Collection Services Investigator
  - Disk Watcher
  - Plan Cache Analyzer
  - PEX Analyzer
  - FTP GUI
  - QMGTOOLS

## Scope

- Included in IBM i L30 and L20 per core subscription

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- <https://www.ibm.com/products/idoctor>

# IBM PowerHA Tools for IBM i

## Overview

PowerHA Tools for IBM i provide customizable templates for high availability solutions designed to ensure business continuity by minimizing downtime and simplifying HA/DR processes.

PowerHA Tools leverage IBM i and IBM Storage technologies to provide seamless failover and data replication across systems.

PowerHA tools help organizations protect critical workloads, maintain operational resilience, and reduce the complexity of managing high availability and disaster recovery environments.

## Target Audience

IT Managers and system administrators managing IBM i operations and responsible for IBM i backup, high availability, disaster recovery and cyber resilience.

## Why Use PowerHA Tools?

Do you need a simplified solution for HA/DR and cyber resilience management for mission-critical IBM i workloads?

Are manual processes for high availability causing operational inefficiencies?

## Benefits

PowerHA tools for IBM i deliver robust HA/DR and cyber resilience solutions that ensure minimal disruption to business operations of planned and unplanned outages.

By automating failover and replication, organizations can reduce downtime, protect data integrity, and simplify disaster recovery processes.

## PowerHA Tools

### IASP Manager

- Manage storage, HMC and CSM functions on IBM i with commands and automated scripts for clients with IASP-enabled applications. IASP Manager solutions include FlashCopy, LUN-Level Switching, Remote or Multi-Target Copy, and HyperSwap.

### Full System Flash Copy

- Automates full system flash copy for daily off-line backup with integrated support for BRMS and without IASP-enabled applications. Increases application availability by reducing or eliminating backup window for routine daily backups.

### Full System Replication

- Provides full system replication and automated system recovery for HA or DR without IASP-enabled applications. Enables seamless operation of integrated server and storage operations for two-site HA or DR recovery.

### Safeguarded Copy Toolkit

- Automates and manages the lifecycle of immutable data copies. Used as a base for cyber resilient solutions such as Cyber Vault.

## Additional Required Services

- PowerHA Tools for IBM i provide a range of customizable templates for HA/DR solutions that are implemented with separately chargeable build services from IBM Expert Labs:
  - Build IBM PowerHA SystemMirror for IBM i
  - Build HA/DR Solution with PowerHA Tools for IBM i IASP Manager
  - Build Full System FlashCopy and Replication for IBM i
  - Build Safeguarded Copy with IBM i

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