



IBM Lotus Foundations Start V1.0 provides essential software for businesses of all types with up to 500 users

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At a glance

IBM Lotus Foundations Start V1.0, the first in a series of Lotus Foundations servers:

- Provides core IT services needed to run any small business including setting up a security-rich network or connecting branch offices.
- Helps save time and costs by automating manual day-to-day IT management with unique self-managing and self-configuring server autonomies.
- Provides the reliability and security you deserve with a small footprint Linux-based server, while being extremely easy to use.
- Protects and stores your electronic data with frequent, automated, highly reliable backups. Eliminates the necessity to buy expensive third-party backup software.
- Quickly executes a full system recovery in the event of a disaster.
- Facilitates the creation and sharing of information, e-mail, and calendars using IBM Lotus Notes and Domino software.
- Helps save cost with IBM Lotus Symphony office productivity tools that enable you to work on spreadsheets, presentations, and documents without purchasing expensive office software and upgrades.
- Protects your business with integrated firewall, antivirus, and antispam software.
- Helps increase productivity with optional business applications that quickly automate critical activities in sales, marketing, and human resources.

Overview

IBM Lotus® Foundations Start V1.0 delivers essential software required to run a small business. Lotus Foundations Start provides a unique combination of reliability, security, and simplicity while helping to reduce cost and complexity.

Whether you need to set up an office network, connect branch offices, protect your data, or provide remote access, e-mail, and collaboration capabilities to your employees, Lotus Foundations Start can help.

- Run your business on a reliable and security-rich server. An extremely small server footprint and a Linux™-based operating system provide high reliability, security features, and business continuity.
- Help save time and costs in manual day-to-day IT management, while adding simplicity and reliability to your IT infrastructure. The unique self-managing autonomies reduces IT complexity, automating

many critical functions including installation, configuration, security checks, and overall system management.

- Facilitate the creation and sharing of information in your company. Easily share calendars and schedule meetings with IBM Lotus Notes® and Domino® collaboration software.
- Help reduce cost of ownership with Lotus office productivity tools. Work on spreadsheets, presentations, and documents without purchasing expensive office software or upgrades.
- Have the peace of mind that your data is reliably backed up with frequent automated disk backups, and in the event of a disaster, usually execute a full system recovery within minutes.
- Protect your business with integrated firewall, antivirus, and antispam software.

Key prerequisites

Refer to the Hardware requirements and Software requirements sections for details.

Planned availability dates

- May 30, 2008: Electronic software delivery and documentation online
- July 30, 2008: Media

Availability of Programs with encryption algorithm in France is subject to French government approval.

Description

Enabling companies to focus on business instead of IT, Lotus Foundations Start V1.0 provides essential software required to run your business with reliability, security, and simplicity — an ideal server for businesses with up to 500 users with limited budgets and IT resources.

Delivering the power of IBM Lotus Notes and Domino, and working as a complete small and medium business infrastructure solution, Lotus Foundations Start provides network security, firewall, data backup, disaster recovery, Web, remote access, file and print and directory services, e-mail, collaboration, and office productivity tools.

Features

Easily set up a security-rich office network or connect your network to the Internet or to other branch offices.

- Is self-managing (autonomic) and quickly gathers information about its network surroundings, allowing you to easily set up your network or auto-configure your firewall and VPN.
- Provides any time and anywhere access to the network with remote access and Webmail capabilities.
- Helps stop viruses and spam at the network level with integrated antivirus and antispam software.
- Interoperates and shares files between Windows®, Macintosh, and UNIX® workstations.

Reduce cost and complexity with unique server autonomics.

- The more complex a system, the more it will cost to manage it.
- The unique self-managing and self-configuring server autonomics help automate many critical functions including installation, configuration, and management of the overall system — ensuring simplicity and reliability in your IT infrastructure, and reducing time and cost in manual day-to-day IT management.

Protect your company data with local and encrypted backup. Integral to Lotus Foundations is a patented intelligent disk backup system that helps ensure safe and reliable data backup.

- Hot swappable disk technology

- Intelligent management of stored data
- Frequent incremental backups
- Additional redundancy options with software RAID

Plan for reliable disaster recovery. In just a few minutes, you can recover from almost any type of system failure into a fully functional state.

- Lotus Foundations Start server has a small footprint — about half the size of typical operating systems with similar features. Because of the small footprint, copies of the operating system as well as the configuration files are stored on every disk on the server. This high level of redundancy helps ensure a quick and full system recovery.

Provide e-mail, shared calendaring, and collaboration with Lotus Notes® and Domino.

- Easily share information and quickly respond to customers. Share calendars, organize e-mail, create, share, and print documents.
- Help reduce cost of ownership with Lotus office productivity tools and work on spreadsheets, presentations, and documents without purchasing any additional software.
- Import, edit, and save work in a variety of file types including Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF).
- Access to reliable Webmail with Lotus Domino Web Access.
- Provide flexibility with a variety of mail clients, including Lotus Notes, Lotus Domino Web Access, and the ability to work with Microsoft® Outlook using Lotus Domino Access for Microsoft Outlook.
- No need to switch between applications — access e-mail, calendars, documents, presentations, spreadsheets, and applications quickly from a single interface. Use business applications, create documents, and search the Web without ever leaving the Lotus Notes software interface.

Benefits

- Run your business on a reliable and security-rich server designed especially for small businesses.
- Get essential software in one highly affordable package.
- Help save time and costs with a unique self-managing and self-configuring server.
- Easily set up a security-rich network or connect your office network to the Internet or to other branch offices.
- Protect your business-critical and confidential electronic data, without purchasing expensive third-party software.
- Rest assured that in the event of a disaster, you can do a full system recovery.
- Connect and collaborate with advanced collaboration capabilities, without the complexities and high price tag. Easily share and communicate information with customers, partners, and colleagues.
- Enable the mobile workforce with offline access to mail folders and Lotus Domino-based business applications.
- Provide any time and anywhere access with Webmail that is intuitive, fast, and scalable.
- Help reduce cost of ownership with access to a variety of mail client options including Lotus Notes 8.0.1 and support for access to Microsoft Outlook with the inclusion of Lotus Domino Access for Microsoft Outlook.
- Help save costs with bundled office productivity tools, and work with spreadsheets, documents, and presentations, without purchasing expensive third-party office software.
- Help boost business productivity with integrated business applications (optional).

IPLA and Subscription and Support considerations

IPLA licenses can be transferred from one machine to another within, but not limited to an

enterprise. Subscription and Support will be available in the country in which the agreement is made.

Statement of direction

IBM is expanding its small and medium business strategy to focus on companies with less than 500 employees.

Lotus Foundations Start is the first in a future family of small business servers that are planned to deliver simple, affordable, and essential software, enabling companies to focus on business rather than IT. Add-on business applications are currently planned to be offered over time, after the initial release of Lotus Foundations Start. A Lotus Foundations communication server is also currently planned. Other offerings may be delivered, over time, according to market demand at IBM's discretion. IBM also plans to allow system integrators and Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) to integrate their new or existing applications into the Lotus Foundations platform, over time.

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