

IBM delivers hardware enhancements for selected IBM Power technology-based servers

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At a glance

Hardware enhancements are available for the IBM^(R) Power9 scale-out family of servers, including:

- A new generation of Enterprise solid-state drive (SSD) Non-Volatile Memory Express (NVMe) U.2 module that provides 800 GB, 1.6 TB, 3.2 TB, or 6.4 TB capacity points

In addition, selected IBM Power^(R) servers with Power9 and IBM Power10 technology-based processors now provide support for the IBM i 7.5 feature indicator.

Overview

The Power9 scale-out server family offers Enterprise SSD NVMe U.2 hardware enhancements.

Enterprise SSD PCIe4 NVMe U.2 module

The Enterprise NVMe small form factor (SFF) U.2 15 mm SSD is a Peripheral Component Interconnect^(R) Express (PCIe) generation 4 (Gen4) drive. The SSD employs NVMe and can be used in any U.2 15 mm NVMe slot in the system. NVMe is a high-performance architecture and command protocol that can read and write flash memory. Compared to a serial-attached SCSI (SAS) SSD or a Serial Advanced Technology Attachment (SATA) SSD, the NVMe SSD provides more read and write input/output operations per second (IOPS) and larger throughput (GB/sec).

This Enterprise SSD is rated at 3 Drive Writes Per Day (DWPD) calculated over a five-year period for 100% (4K bytes or larger) random write workloads. Use for workloads within this rating is fully supported and will maintain high reliability and mean time between failures (MTBF).

The nature of the workload has a great impact on the maximum write capacity. If a high percentage of more sequentially oriented writes is used instead of random writes, the maximum write capacity will be larger. Writes past the SSD's maximum write capacity will continue to work for some period of time, but they will perform much more slowly. Whether the application uses sequential or random reads from the device does not affect the life of the device. A Predictive Failure Analysis message will indicate that it is time to replace the SSD if enabled by the operating system (OS) and system administrator. IBM recommends that you monitor SMART log critical information through the appropriate OS utility to observe drive life remaining information. IBM NVMe SSD failures will be replaced during the standard warranty and maintenance period for SSDs that have not reached the maximum

number of write cycles. SSDs that reach this limit may fail to operate according to specifications and must be replaced at the client's expense. The adapter supports boot on Power with Fcode. Data redundancy on a failed SSD may be provided by OS mirroring or software RAID wherever applicable.

This PCIe4 NVMe device can have 64 namespaces per device.

Multi-OS server feature numbers

Enterprise SSD NVMe U.2	Power9 servers
800 GB	#ES3A ¹
1.6 TB	#ES3C ¹ and #ES3B ²
3.72 TB	#ES3E ¹ and #ES3D ²
6.4 TB	#ES3G ¹ and #ES3F ²

Software requirements, assuming the server supports this software level:

- AIX^(R) supported.
- Linux^(R) supported.
- IBM i - See the Feature description section of the Sales Manual for specific software requirements.

IBM i 7.5 Indicator (#EB75)

Selected Power servers with Power10 and Power9 technology-based processors now support the IBM i 7.5 indicator feature. IBM i 7.5 contains enhancements to many base operating system components and to the Licensed Program Products in the IBM i Portfolio. For technical details for IBM i enhancements delivered with IBM i 7.5, see the [IBM i Technology Updates](#) wiki.

1 IBM i supported

2 IBM AIX, Linux, and VIOS supported

Key requirements

Not applicable

Planned availability date

- May 27, 2022, except for feature EB75 and feature AJPA
- May 10, 2022, for feature EB75
- May 20, 2022, for feature AJPA

Availability within a country is subject to local legal requirements.

Reference information

For additional information about IBM i 7.5, see [AP22-0075](#), dated May 3, 2022.

Product number

The following are newly announced features on the specific models of the IBM Power Systems 7965, 9009, 9080, and 9223 machine type:

Planned Availability Date May 10, 2022

New Feature

Description	Machine type	Model number	Feature number
IBM i 7.5 Indicator	9009	22A	EB75
	9009	22G	
	9009	41A	
	9009	41G	
	9009	42A	
	9009	42G	
	9080	HEX	
	9080	M9S	
	9223	22H	
	9223	22S	
	9223	42H	
	9223	42S	

The following are newly announced features on the specific models of the IBM Power Systems 7965, 9009, 9080, and 9223 machine type:

Planned Availability Date May 20, 2022

New Feature

Description	Machine type	Model number	Feature number
ESS 3500 solution Specify	7965	S42	AJPA

The following are newly announced features on the specific models of the IBM Power Systems 7965, 9009, 9080, and 9223 machine type:

Planned Availability Date May 27, 2022

New Feature

Description	Machine type	Model number	Feature number
ES3A Load Source Specify (800 GB 4K NVMe U.2 SSD PCIe4 for IBM i)	9009	22G	ELYA
	9009	41G	
	9009	42G	
ES3C Load Source Specify (1.6 TB 4K NVMe U.2 SSD PCIe4 for IBM i)	9009	22G	ELYC
	9009	41G	
	9009	42G	
ES3E Load Source Specify (3.2 TB 4K NVMe U.2 SSD PCIe4 for IBM i)	9009	41G	ELYE
	9009	42G	
ES3G Load Source Specify (6.4 TB 4K NVMe U.2 SSD PCIe4 for IBM i)	9009	41G	ELYG
	9009	42G	
Enterprise 800GB SSD PCIe4 NVMe U.2 module for IBM i	9009	22G	ES3A
	9009	41G	
	9009	42G	
	9223	42S	
Enterprise 1.6 TB SSD PCIe4 NVMe U.2 module for AIX/Linux	9009	22G	ES3B
	9009	41G	
	9009	42G	
	9223	22S	
	9223	42S	
Enterprise 1.6 TB SSD PCIe4 NVMe U.2 module for IBM i	9009	22G	ES3C
	9009	41G	

	9009	42G	
	9223	42S	
Enterprise 3.2 TB SSD PCIe4 NVMe U.2 module for AIX/Linux	9009	22G	ES3D
	9009	41G	
	9009	42G	
	9223	22S	
	9223	42S	
Enterprise 3.2 TB SSD PCIe4 NVMe U.2 module for IBM i	9009	41G	ES3E
	9009	42G	
	9223	42S	
Enterprise 6.4 TB SSD PCIe4 NVMe U.2 module for AIX/Linux	9009	22G	ES3F
	9009	41G	
	9009	42G	
	9223	22S	
	9223	42S	
Enterprise 6.4 TB SSD PCIe4 NVMe U.2 module for IBM i	9009	41G	ES3G
	9009	42G	
	9223	42S	

Publications

No publications are shipped with the announced products.

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National language support

Not applicable

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IBM support

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Technical information

Planning information

Cable orders

No cables are required.

Security, auditability, and control

The client is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communications facilities.

Terms and conditions

Field-installable feature

Yes

Warranty period

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Customer setup

Yes

Machine code

The same license terms and conditions as the base machine apply.

Prices

For all local charges, contact your IBM representative.

Regional availability

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