

IBM i 7.1 offers clients more time to migrate to a current release

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Overview

For clients that need additional time to migrate to a current release, IBM^(R) offers these options for IBM i 7.1:

- IBM i 7.1 is offered in IBM Power^(R) Systems Virtual Server.
- IBM i 7.1 Service Extension is extended.
- IBM i 7.1 is available in Power Enterprise Pools 2.0 environments.

Key requirements

ARCAD RPG Converter for IBM i, 1.1.3 and ARCAD Observer for IBM i, 1.1.3:

- IBM i 7.3, or later, for 5733-AC1 and 5733-AO1

For additional hardware, software, storage, and other key requirements, see the [Planning considerations](#) topic in IBM Knowledge Center.

Planned availability date

February 23, 2021

Description

IBM i 7.1 in Power Systems Virtual Server

Power Systems Virtual Server is rolling out IBM i 7.1 to their data centers. Previously, only IBM i 7.2 and later were available in Power Systems Virtual Server. For IBM i 7.1, IBM i Service Extension pricing is automatically added to the IBM i subscription pricing in Power Systems Virtual Server.

For information on availability in the Power Virtual Server data centers, see [Deploying a custom image within a Power Systems Virtual Server](#), "Before you begin".

For additional information on the offering, see [Power Systems Virtual Server](#).

IBM i 7.1 Service Extension

The IBM i 7.1 Service Extension is extended, starting May 1, 2021, through the following dates:

- Service is extended on the IBM POWER9™ servers that support IBM i 7.1 and in Power Systems Virtual Server through April 30, 2024.
- Service is extended on IBM POWER8^(R) servers through April 30, 2022.
- Service is extended on IBM POWER7^(R) +, IBM POWER7, and earlier servers through December 31, 2021.

The extended IBM i 7.1 Service Extension is usage and known defect support. Some software components are not included in the extended IBM i 7.1 Service Extension. For details, see [Service Extension for IBM i 7.1 and IBM i 7.2](#).

IBM i 7.1 is available in Power Enterprise Pools 2.0 with Utility Capacity environments

In Power Enterprise Pools 2.0 environments, IBM i 7.1 is available on Power Systems servers that are supported both in the Power Enterprise Pools 2.0 environment and available with IBM i 7.1. Previously, only IBM i 7.2 and later releases were available in Power Enterprise Pools 2.0 environments. For details and requirements regarding IBM i 7.1 on POWER9 servers, see [IBM i 7.1 on selected Power S922 and E980 servers](#).

In Power Enterprise Pools 2.0 with Utility Capacity, clients can use capacity credits for IBM i 7.1 operating system usage in the same way they use credits for IBM i 7.2 and later releases. IBM i 7.1 Service Extension is not included in capacity credits. Contact your IBM representative or IBM Business Partner for information on acquiring IBM i 7.1 Service Extension.

For more information, see [Power Enterprise Pools 2.0 with Utility Capacity](#).

Reference information

For additional information on the IBM i 7.1 Activation that is available for Power S922 and Power E980 servers, see Hardware Announcement [120-084](#), dated November 10, 2020. For requirements and other details, see [IBM i 7.1 on selected Power Systems S922 and E980 servers](#).

Program number

Program number	VRM	Program name
5770-SS1	7.1	IBM i 7.1
5733-AC1	1.1.3	ARCAD RPG Converter for IBM i
5733-AO1	1.1.3	ARCAD Observer for IBM i

Offering Information

Product information is available on the [IBM Offering Information](#) website.

Publications

None

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Specified operating environment

Software requirements

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Planning information

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Packaging

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Ordering information

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System i Software Maintenance applies

No

Variable charges apply

No

Educational allowance available

Yes. A 15% education allowance applies to qualified education institution clients.

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Corrections

(Corrected on March 25, 2021)

Corrected the Service Extension link in the Description section.