

Entitled Systems Support (ESS)

New Functionality Provides Client Self-Service License Transfer for AIX and other Systems Software

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ESS - AIX License Transfer Capability

- The IBM [Entitled Systems Support \(ESS\)](#) site has been enhanced to allow clients to transfer software licenses for IBM AIX and other system software between servers. Previously, such transfers within the ESS system had only been possible for IBM i systems software
 - Thus it will work the same for both IBM i systems and AIX starting May 24, 2016
- The ability to transfer SW entitlements from one machine to another helps facilitate machine replacement, server consolidation and load rebalancing while protecting a client's investment in IBM software
 - License transfers for IBM AIX and other systems software are now possible via the [ESS](#)
 - Products eligible for these license transfers, as well as transfer rules can be found [here](#)

Note: It is planned to build a mobile app, so that clients can transfer their licenses via tablet or smart phone as well!

Background - Electronic Software Delivery (ESD)

- Initial orders placed for many Power software products, including IBM i and AIX, are supported for electronic software delivery (ESD)
 - The IBM Entitled Systems Support (ESS) website enables electronic software delivery
- ESS - What's in it and why is electronic SW delivery a good thing for you?
 - You can view your software entitlements
 - You are able to immediately proceed to the ESS "Downloads" web site for program access
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 - You can order updates/upgrades to your Power software through the ESS website without the need to go to your seller to place the upgrade order

FAQs – please Note

- **Can I transfer SWMA (SW Maint.) licenses as well?**
 - No, SWMA transfers will still need to be done manually. Please contact your local TSS/CHIS representative to manually modify existing service agreements
- **Can I transfer PowerVM?**
 - No, license transfers are not allowed for PowerVM, thus it cannot be transferred between servers
- **Can I transfer software between a lower and a higher tier server?**
 - Yes, that's possible. IBM charges for software transfers from lower tier servers to higher tier servers, transfer between like tiers are no charge. Please contact your IBM representative to process the upgrade order if your transfer is to a higher tier server.
- **Which products are transferrable?**
 - Products eligible for license transfers, as well as transfer rules can be found [here](#). In addition the ESS shows software that is not transferable greyed out – so you will not be able to select the checkbox in order to transfer it
- **Can I transfer software from decommissioned servers as well?**
 - Yes, you can transfer licenses without any restrictions, provided its license terms allow it – even if the server itself is decommissioned.
- **What if my software is not supported on the target server**
 - Even if it is not supported, you can still transfer it and then use the configurator to upgrade it to a version that is supported on the target machine. So the general approach is: transfer first – do a base retrieval in Inventory Services – configure an upgrade in eConfig