Lenovo XClarity Administrator and Lenovo XClarity Pro help IT organizations deploy physical systems faster and with less effort

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At a glance

Lenovo® XClarity is designed to simplify and automate foundational infrastructure tasks, enabling administrators to deploy systems faster and with less effort. The new solution seamlessly integrates into System x M5 and X6 rack servers and the Flex System converged infrastructure platform, providing a future-proof approach that centralizes and virtualizes resource management across multiple systems. The new solution is available in two editions: Lenovo XClarity Administrator and Lenovo XClarity Pro.

Overview

Lenovo XClarity is a new hardware resource management solution that is designed to simplify and automate foundational infrastructure tasks, seamlessly integrating into System x M5 and X6 rack servers and the Flex System converged infrastructure platform. The new solution is available in two editions: Lenovo XClarity Administrator and Lenovo XClarity Pro. Highlights of the new Lenovo XClarity Administrator solution include:

- Simplified hardware resource management through an intuitive, graphical user interface (GUI) and agentless, virtual appliance architecture
- Automated firmware updates, configuration patterns, and bare metal provisioning of operating systems and hypervisors for more rapid delivery of Lenovo systems into production
- Extensibility to integrate hardware resource management into external, higher level management, automation, and orchestration tools through REST application programming interfaces (APIs)
- Scripting and command-line control over hardware resources using Windows™ PowerShell

Lenovo XClarity Pro is a new suite that includes Lenovo XClarity Administrator and two software plugin modules: Lenovo XClarity Integrator for Microsoft™ System Center and Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter. Additional highlights of Lenovo XClarity Pro include:

- Centrally view and manage virtual and physical resources from Microsoft System Center or VMware vCenter consoles
- Reduce workload downtime in clustered environments by dynamically migrating workloads during rolling firmware updates, rolling server reboots, and predicted hardware failures
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Key prerequisites

Refer to the Technical information section.

Planned availability date

April 30, 2015

Description

**Lenovo XClarity Administrator**

Delivered as an agentless, software virtual appliance that seamlessly integrates into System x M5 and X6 rack servers and the Flex System, Lenovo XClarity Administrator provides:

- Flexible solution setup onto a hypervisor inside or external to the pool of managed systems
- An intuitive, easy-to-use graphical user interface (GUI) to accomplish tasks faster
- Auto-discovery and monitoring of servers and chassis nodes, I/O modules, and components
- Unattended firmware updates and compliance enforcement
- Configuration patterns to define hardware configurations once, and apply repeatedly without errors
- Bare metal provisioning of operating systems and hypervisors to speed delivery into production
- Integration into existing management, automation, and orchestration platforms through open REST application programming interfaces (APIs) and PowerShell support

By simplifying and automating only foundational hardware resource management tasks, Lenovo XClarity Administrator delivers following benefits:

- Improves business agility by enabling rapid rollout of Lenovo System x servers and Flex System
- Saves administrators time through a software-defined approach to system deployment and firmware compliance
- Enables IT teams to manage hardware resources on their terms through an intuitive GUI, through Windows PowerShell scripting, or from external, higher-level tools using REST APIs

**Lenovo XClarity Pro**

Lenovo XClarity Pro is a new suite that includes Lenovo XClarity Administrator and two software plugin modules: Lenovo XClarity Integrators for Microsoft System Center and Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter. The Pro edition provides all the capabilities of Lenovo XClarity Administrator plus the following additional capabilities:
• Centrally manage virtual and physical resources from VMware vCenter or Microsoft System Center virtualization management platforms
• View Flex System chassis maps from within the virtualization management platform
• Ability to apply hardware Configuration Patterns to Flex System and System x servers
• Automated workload evacuation during rolling firmware updates, rolling server reboots, and predicted hardware failures to eliminate workload downtime in clustered ESXi or Hyper-V environments

Lenovo XClarity Pro delivers all the benefits of Lenovo XClarity Administrator plus the following additional benefits:

• Save time with capability that enables administrators to centrally view and manage virtual and physical resources
• Apply server firmware updates and configuration patterns from the virtualization management console
• Reduce planned and unplanned downtime in clustered environments by automatically evacuating workloads during rolling firmware updates, rolling server reboots, and predicted hardware failures

Order handling

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Product positioning

The new Lenovo XClarity solution is ideal for clients who require simplified hardware resource management and faster deployment of Lenovo M5 and X6 rack servers and Flex System into production.
Reference information

Refer to Software Announcement ZP15-0174, dated April 07, 2015.

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License metric definitions

Managed chassis

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Pseudo options

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Publications

No publications are shipped with these programs.
Services

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Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements

Lenovo XClarity Administrator: Managed System x and Flex System infrastructure

- Flex System chassis, compute nodes, I/O modules
- System x3550 M5 machine type 5463
- System x3650 M5 machine type 5462
- System x3850 X6 / x3950 X6 machine type 6241

Support for Lenovo X6 servers will be delivered with the X6 Haswell model announce in May, 2015. Lenovo XClarity Administrator will be supported on all Lenovo X6, 6241 Machine Types; however, non-Haswell models will require a firmware update to the Haswell level system code. Earlier IBM-branded models of X6 will not be supported by Lenovo XClarity Administrator.

Lenovo XClarity Pro: Managed System x and Flex System infrastructure

- Lenovo XClarity Administrator supported hardware systems
- Other System x and BladeCenter infrastructure can be managed directly from the Lenovo XClarity Integrators for Microsoft System Center or VMware vCenter

Software requirements

Hypervisors for installing the management solution virtual appliance

- Microsoft Windows (includes Hyper-V): 2012 r1, or later, with Hyper-V installed
- VMware vSphere (ESXi): 5.1u1, 5.5, and later, operating systems for deploying images onto bare metal servers and compute nodes
- Microsoft Windows (includes Hyper-V): 2012 r1, r2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux™ (includes KVM): 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7.0
- VMware vSphere (ESXi): 5.1, 5.1u1, 5.1u2, 5.1u3, 5.5, 5.5u1, 5.5u2, 6.0

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Field-installable features
Yes

Model conversions
No

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