IBM i Temporary Licensing Offering for i simplifies ordering and migration

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At a glance

IBM® is simplifying the ordering process of the IBM Temporary Software License for i offering (5733-ITL). Enhancements include:

- Removing the start date from the e-config order
- Providing a single selection for temporary licensing of the keyed IBM i Licensed Program Products (LPPs) or IBM i optional features, rather than individually specifying the products and features
- Changing the allowed migration period for concurrent use of IBM i and LPPs on two systems during system replacements from 15 days to 30 days

Overview

IBM Temporary Software License for i, which offers a low-cost approach to the temporary licensing of LPPs and options, now offers more streamlined ordering:

- The start date no longer has to be specified on the order.
- The activation of temporary keys will now occur at the My Entitled Systems Support (ESS) website. This enables more flexibility for clients when they are choosing the start date of their temporary usage for migration or other purposes.
- When temporary use of LPPs for i or IBM i optional features is ordered, the individual selection of LPPs and optional features no longer has to be specified on the order.
- Previously, when clients were moving their applications from an existing machine to another machine serial number and needed to operate both machines concurrently, the period for which IBM i and LPPs could be used concurrently on both machines was 15 days. With this announcement, the period allowed for concurrent software usage is 30 days.

Planned availability date

September 16, 2016

Description

The IBM Temporary Software License for i offering (5733-ITL) can be used to obtain temporary licensing for IBM i processors, users, optional features of IBM i, and other eligible programs and their program options. Reasons for temporary licensing may include:
A client acquires a replacement machine and needs to run both the original and replacement machine concurrently for more than 30 days (formerly 15 days) to facilitate the migration of applications and test the replacement machine. If additional time is needed for concurrent usage of IBM i and eligible programs and features past 30 days, 5733-ITL is required.

A client has a temporary need to license IBM i, LPPs, or IBM i optional features for reasons like workload increase for a limited time.

What is changing:

• Removal of the start date from the 5733-ITL order in e-config:
  On the 5733-ITL order, the duration in months is still specified on the Product Features tab. The Temporary License Start Date that was formerly on the Product Preference tab is no longer specified. When the 5733-ITL order is fulfilled, the start date will be initiated on the My Entitled Systems Support website. In ESS it will be possible to activate or schedule the activation of the temporary keys based on the duration specified on the 5733-ITL order.

  This change simplifies the choices when placing the order and provides clients greater flexibility in choosing their migration or temporary usage start dates.

• Removal of the individual selection of LPPs and IBM i optional features and instead selecting all LPPs and optional features on the 5733-ITL order in e-config:
  On the 5733-ITL order, on the Product Features tab, instead of selecting individual eligible LPPs or optional features, there will be a new single field entitled "5733-ITL Keyed Licensed Program Products and Optional features." Selecting this field will include all the eligible LPPs and IBM i optional features that are offered with 5733-ITL. When this field is selected, when the 5733-ITL order is fulfilled, ESS will automatically create a temporary license for all LPPs and IBM i optional features, regardless of the software entitlements on the donor or target machine. When the temporary keys are activated, temporary keys will be created for every IBM i version and release to which the machine is entitled.

  With 5733-ITL, the LPPs and optional features are available under one single price, regardless of how many products or features the client needs. Therefore, this change simplifies the ordering process by removing the need to specify which LPPs and features.

• Changing the allowed concurrent use for migrations from 15 days to 30 days:
  This will enable additional time for clients to complete their migrations.

  When transferring IBM i entitlements to a new target machine, the 30-day period begins when an IPL of IBM i is performed for the first time in any partition on the new machine. When transferring IBM i entitlements to an existing target machine, the 30-day period begins as soon as you begin migrating IBM i workload from the donor machine to the target machine; any testing done on the target machine prior to the actual workload movement counts as migration activities included in the 30-day period.

  If additional time beyond 30 days is needed to complete the migration, temporary software licensing is required for one of the machines and can be ordered through 5733-ITL.

For a list of programs that are eligible under the Temporary Software License for i offering, see the Software Maintenance for IBM i website.

The 5733-ITL offering is available in one-month increments for up to 12 months. If more than 12 months of use is needed, an additional 5733-ITL order can be placed through e-config. Order the extension one to two weeks before expiration.

**ESS steps to activate your Temporary License Keys**

A user must be registered to the customer number under which 5733-ITL was ordered in order to activate or access 5733-ITL keys.
The authorization required is "View keys." Follow these steps to acquire authorization:

1. Go to the ESS website.
2. Log in with your IBMid.
3. From the left menu, click My entitled software and then click IBM i software keys.
4. Select the customer number and machine type serial.
5. Go to the ITL tab.

Any existing 5733-ITL orders will be accessible under the ITL tab. From there, it will be possible to activate and to schedule the activation of keys based on the 5733-ITL order or to view the details of already activated 5733-ITL keys.

If you do not have the necessary authorizations to access the customer number for which 5733-ITL was ordered, you need to register for your customer number first:

- On the left menu, in the "My entitled software" category, click Register IBM customer number.
- After entering your customer number, to get keys authorization, you must authenticate using the order number, SWMA contract number, or system number. Using the hardware serial number option will only grant access to software download.
- After completing your registration, the license information will be accessible under "Power i software keys."

To access an in-depth user's guide, go to the ESS website:

- Click Help on the left side.
- Download and open the ESS Registration IBM Customers Guidelines PDF file.

Program number

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