



Statement of direction: IBM LoadLeveler product plans and directions

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Overview

In January 2012, IBM® completed its acquisition of Platform Computing, a leader in cluster, grid, and high performance computing (HPC) cloud management software. In June 2012, IBM released an enhanced technical computing software portfolio based on Platform Computing offerings, including the IBM Platform LSF® Family. Platform LSF is a comprehensive set of intelligent, policy-driven, workload management and scheduling tools that can be used to manage high-performance workloads across a distributed, virtualized IT environment with up to one hundred percent utilization to help keep costs low.

IBM is taking a major step toward integrating and optimizing its technical computing software portfolio by announcing the withdrawal of IBM LoadLeveler® for Linux™ on x86 Architecture from marketing, effective March 15, 2013, with support planned until April 30, 2015.

Refer to Withdrawal Announcement [912-253](#), dated December 18, 2012 .

IBM intends for IBM Platform LSF to be the strategic workload manager and scheduler on the x86 platform. IBM plans to continue to evaluate and integrate key features of LoadLeveler to enhance the Platform LSF offering.

In addition, IBM intends to continue to support LoadLeveler on IBM Blue Gene/Q™ Systems and IBM POWER® platforms. To that end, the following LoadLeveler products continue to be marketed:

- IBM Tivoli® Workload Scheduler LoadLeveler for AIX® , V5
- IBM LoadLeveler for Linux on Power® , V5
- IBM LoadLeveler V5 for Blue Gene/Q Systems, V1

LoadLeveler clients are encouraged to contact their IBM sales representative to request an evaluation copy of Platform LSF and put in place a plan to transition to IBM Platform LSF .

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Description

Platform LSF is positioned as the scheduler of choice for IBM System x® , IBM PureFlex™ System, and IBM Power Systems™ clusters and grids.

The Platform LSF product family delivers powerful workload management for demanding distributed and mission-critical technical computing environments. It includes a complete set of resource-aware scheduling, monitoring, workflow, analysis, and license management capabilities, all designed to work together to address your high-performance and technical computing needs.

Platform LSF includes a comprehensive set of intelligent, policy-driven scheduling features that enable full utilization of compute infrastructure resources positioned to provide a high return on investment. Its highly scalable and available architecture enables you to schedule complex workloads and administrators to manage small clusters of resources while increasing application throughput.

With its easy-to-use job management portal and flexible web and command-line interfaces, you can become immediately productive. In addition, it offers administrators rich virtualization and resource sharing capabilities.

Platform LSF manages and accelerates workload processing for compute- or data-intensive applications across distributed compute environments. With support for heterogeneous compute environments, Platform LSF can fully utilize the infrastructure resources needed for policy-driven, prioritized service levels for always-on access to resources.

Refer to Software Announcement [212-200](#), dated June 4, 2012 .

For more information on the IBM Platform family of products, visit

<http://www.ibm.com/platformcomputing>

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Product number

Type model or Order type number	Part number	Program name
5724-I23	D58CALL	IBM TWS LoadLeveler for Linux
5641-LL1	00D4813	IBM LoadLeveler for Linux on x86 Architecture
	00D4814	
	00D4815	
5641-LL3	00D4816	IBM LoadLeveler for Linux on x86 Architecture
	00D4817	
	00D4818	
5725-G82	D0Q1DLL	IBM Platform LSF V9 - Express® Edition
	D0Q0KLL	IBM Platform LSF V9 - Standard Edition
	D0VBULL	IBM Platform LSF V9 - Advanced Edition

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