



IBM Platform Cluster Manager V4.1 Advanced Edition can consolidate your cluster and grid environments

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At a glance

IBM® Platform Cluster Manager V4.1 Advanced Edition:

- Automates the self-service assembly of multiple heterogeneous high performance computing (HPC) and analytics clusters
- Shares the compute infrastructure for running multiple HPC and analytics clusters for use by multiple teams
- Creates secure multi-tenant clusters
- Manages all components of running infrastructure from a single management pane
- Provides intelligent policy-based provisioning decisions to Extreme Cloud Administrative Toolkit (xCAT)

Overview

IBM Platform Cluster Manager V4.1 Advanced Edition automates the self-service assembly of multiple heterogeneous HPC and analytics clusters on shared compute infrastructure. The cluster manager creates a secure multi-tenant analytics and HPC cloud for users running technical computing and analytics workloads to dynamically create clusters and grids on demand, consolidate a scattered cluster infrastructure, increase hardware utilization, gain access to larger cluster infrastructures, and rapidly deploy multiple heterogeneous HPC environments.

Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition can deliver:

- Increased agility and innovation by enabling self-service provisioning of HPC and analytics clusters in minutes
- Decreased operating costs through increased utilization of existing servers and increased operational efficiency (hundreds of servers per administrator)
- Reduced capital expenditure by reusing existing hardware resources
- Increased utilization of pooled resources by providing larger clusters and grids, and by reprovisioning nodes to meet the needs of the workload

IBM Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition has the following advanced capabilities over IBM Platform Cluster Manager Standard Edition:

- Providing on-demand self-service cluster provisioning
- Managing multiple separate clusters as a single resource pool
- Creating a secure multi-tenant environment

- Provisioning physical, virtual, and hybrid physical-virtual clusters
- Dynamically growing and shrinking a user's logical cluster size based on workload and resource allocation policy

Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition runs on the latest generation of IBM System x® iDataPlex®, Intelligent Cluster™, and other rack-based servers and is also supported on non-IBM industry standard x86_64 hardware. By prequalifying and certifying these platforms at scale, IBM can help you take the risk out of deploying mission-critical grid computing deployments.

Key prerequisites

- A physical computing environment comprised of x86_64 servers
- Cluster nodes that are capable of running the required operating systems
- Cluster nodes that are connected through a fast TCP/IP network infrastructure

Planned availability date

- December 14, 2012: Electronic delivery
- January 11, 2013: Physical media

Description

Typical HPC and analytics clusters are built for a specific purpose. The applications running in these clusters are varied and may require differences in the hardware and software environment. In addition, separate projects may build their own separate clusters, and separate user groups may need to securely separate themselves from each other. If you have multiple clusters, you can benefit by consolidating these clusters. You need a dynamic and flexible infrastructure to support the performance required by these compute-intensive workloads.

By offering self-service capability, Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition enables timelier provisioning of HPC and analytics clusters, and enhances user productivity. It creates an analytics and HPC cloud for users running technical computing and analytics workloads to consolidate their disparate cluster infrastructure. This delivers increased hardware utilization and the ability to meet or exceed your service level agreements (SLAs) while lowering operational expenditures (OPEX). It also enables you to rapidly deploy HPC and analytics clusters and supports multiple heterogeneous HPC and analytics clusters such as IBM Platform LSF®, IBM Platform Symphony®, or Grid Engine. With integrated management capabilities, Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition can deliver a single pane to monitor and manage your entire infrastructure.

With Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition, you can deploy multiple heterogeneous HPC and analytics clusters and grids through self service. Resources are shared across clusters by rapidly re-provisioning to meet the cluster needs. Once deployed, the size of the HPC and analytics clusters can grow and shrink (flex) based on demand and to meet SLAs. Flexing maximizes utilization and reduces performance bottlenecks by allocating the resources where they are needed.

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Product positioning

Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition is part of a family of cluster and grid workload management solutions. Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition is an enabling technology that is used to provision the cluster and grid workload managers. More specifically, it is used to provision multiple cluster and grid workload managers on a shared set of hardware resources. Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition first provisions the HPC and analytics clusters, and then you connect to the provisioned HPC or analytics cluster to run your workload. The cluster manager is also used to manage the running HPC and analytics clusters, and to shut them down when they are no longer needed.

Among the HPC and analytics products that Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition can deploy are:

- IBM Platform LSF
- IBM Platform Symphony
- Most third-party workload managers

Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition is required when customers need:

- To run multiple separate HPC and analytics clusters on a common hardware infrastructure. This means the customer can run multiple, separate Platform LSF and Platform Symphony clusters. This includes almost any combination of IBM and third-party workload managers.
- On-demand self-service provisioning to create HPC and analytics clusters on demand.
- Pooling of existing separate cluster and grid resources.
- Secure multi-tenancy with access controls, policies, and resource limits to enable sharing.
- Rapid provisioning (minutes) of HPC and analytics clusters on physical and virtual resources.
- Elasticity, where the size of deployed HPC and analytics clusters can be expanded and shrunk over time using predefined rules.
- Runtime management, reporting, and analytics of the HPC and analytics clusters.
- Heterogeneous support for other HPC and analytics clusters technologies such as IBM Platform LSF , IBM Platform Symphony , or Grid Engine.

Reference information

Refer to Preview Announcement [212-392](#), dated October 03, 2012 .

Program number

Program number	VRM	Program name
5725-G88	4.1.0	Platform Cluster Manager

Offering Information

Product information is available via the Offering Information website

<http://www.ibm.com/common/ssi>

Also, visit the Passport Advantage® website

<http://www.ibm.com/software/passportadvantage>

Publications

The following publications and documentation are shipped with the product and available on the web:

- Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition, Quick Up and Running Guide
- Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition, Installation Guide
- Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition, Administration Guide
- Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition, Release Notes

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Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements

Platform Cluster Manager V4.1 Advanced Edition is supported on IBM System x iDataPlex , Intelligent Cluster , and other rack-based servers and is also supported on non-IBM x86_64 servers.

The installations are typically large and involve a significant amount of hardware. Because of this, rack-based solutions tend to be the most practical. The choice of hardware is typically dictated by the type of workload that you expect to run in this environment.

Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition installations involve a predefined management node and a large number of compute hosts.

Software requirements

Platform Cluster Manager V4.1 Advanced Edition supports the following operating environments:

- Master node installation:
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux™ (RHEL) 6.3 (x86_64 bit)
- Physical machine provisioning:
 - xCAT 2.7.6
 - IBM Support for xCAT V2 - recommended
- xCAT provisioning node installation:
 - RHEL 6.3 (x86_64 bit)
 - CentOS 5.8 (x86_64 bit)
- Provisions the following operating environments:
 - RHEL 6.3 (x86_64 bit)

- KVM on RHEL 6.3 (x86_64 bit)
- CentOS 5.8 (x86_64 bit)
- Supports the following virtualization environments:
 - KVM on RHEL 6.3 (x86_64 bit)
 - IBM SmartCloud™ Provisioning 2.1
 - vSphere 5.0 with ESXi 5.0
- Provisions the following guest operating environments:
 - RHEL 6.3 (x86_64 bit)
 - Microsoft™ Windows™ 2008 (64 bit)
- Provisions the following storage clients:
 - IBM GPFS™ client node V3.5
- Manages the following network infrastructure:
 - IBM RackSwitch™ G8000, G8052, G8124, and G8264
 - Mellanox InfiniBand Switch System IS5030, SX6036, and SX6512
 - Cisco Catalyst 2960 and 3750 switches
- The Master node requires:
 - MySQL, stand-alone 5.1.64
 - Oracle 11g Release 2 or Oracle 11g XE

The web console requires Adobe™ Flash Player 10, or later, and is supported on:

- Internet Explorer 8 and 9 on Windows
- Firefox 10 on Windows
- Firefox 3.6 on Linux

Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition supports most workload managers, and supports the following:

- Platform LSF V8.3, or later
- Platform Application Center V8.3
- Platform Symphony V5.2, or later
- IBM InfoSphere® BigInsights™ V1.4

The program's specifications and specified operating environment information may be found in documentation accompanying the program, if available, such as a readme file, or other information published by IBM, such as an announcement letter. Documentation and other program content may be supplied only in the English language.

Companion products

Typical use of this product is in conjunction with HPC workload managers such as IBM Platform LSF, IBM Platform Symphony, Grid Engine, PBS, and Hadoop.

Compatibility

Platform Cluster Manager V4.1 Advanced Edition is compatible with most cluster and grid technologies. Compatibility is limited by the operating systems supported.

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Performance considerations

The performance of this product depends upon many factors, including the number of nodes in the cluster, the number of users querying the system, and the frequency of queries. As these increase, the scheduling cycle and user response time will increase.

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Planning information

Because Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition is designed to support various HPC and analytics environments, the requirements of these environments need to be considered when procuring new hardware. HPC and analytics environments benefit greatly from fast interconnects, such as InfiniBand, and should be considered in procurement. The best system should be selected in consultation with IBM System x and IBM Platform product specialists. The optimal configuration will depend on the scale of the HPC and analytics environments and the nature of anticipated application workloads.

Customer responsibilities

Support for xCAT is not covered by the Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition software subscription and support. For production installations, it is recommended that IBM Support for xCAT be purchased (5724-V63 or 5724-V64).

Installability

When installing Platform Cluster Manager V4.1 Advanced Edition, you must follow the instructions in the documents named *Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition, Quick Up and Running Guide* or *Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition, Installation Guide*. These documents provide a thorough explanation of the steps involved in installing the program.

You will need to obtain the software and licenses needed to provision your HPC and analytics environments. For example, if you want to provision multiple Platform LSF clusters, you will need to acquire the Platform LSF software and the licenses suitable for your environment.

Packaging

Platform Cluster Manager V4.1 Advanced Edition is distributed on multiple DVD media options and available for electronic download with multiple eAssemblies. Included are:

- IBM International Program License Agreement (L-ACHG-8YGLBV) in multiple languages
- Release notes

- Installation or User's Guide
- Required files

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Security, auditability, and control

Platform Cluster Manager Advanced Edition uses the security and auditability features of the system in which it is installed. The customer is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communication facilities.

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Product group: IBM Platform Computing
 Product Identifier Description (PID)
 IBM Platform Cluster Manager 5725G88

Product category: Other Software

Charge metric

Program name	Part number or PID number	Charge metric
IBM Platform Cluster Manager	5725-G88	Managed server

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Passport Advantage

Program name/Description	Part number
IBM Cluster Manager Advanced Edition V4.1 Multiplatform English Media Pack	AJ00TEN

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Entitled maintenance offerings description	Part number
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Media packs description	Part number
IBM Cluster Manager Advanced Edition V3.2 Multiplatform	AJ00JEN

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No

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System i Software Maintenance applies

No

Variable charges apply

No

Educational allowance available

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Benefits

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