SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications is now available for IBM System x, BladeCenter, and iDataPlex systems

At a glance

SUSE Linux® Enterprise Server for SAP Applications maximizes uptime and availability, reduces costs, and improves performance. It also takes advantage of additional enterprise services, dedicated updates, and maintenance. SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications is based on the newest SUSE Linux Enterprise technology, a highly reliable, scalable, secure, and optimized server operating system that is built to power both physical and virtual mission-critical workloads.

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications is optimized for all mission-critical SAP software solutions. It is validated and certified by SAP, making it the ideal platform for SAP software solutions and appliances.

Priority support from Novell is included in select offerings of SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications giving customers who want to get support directly from Novell the opportunity to purchase Novell support through IBM®. For a details of Novell's support offerings, visit


Overview

IBM and Novell are expanding the convenience of purchasing SUSE Linux Enterprise offerings for IBM System x® and BladeCenter® servers. SUSE Linux Enterprise for SAP Applications is now available for System x and BladeCenter systems. SUSE Linux Enterprise Server is a preferred Linux platform of SAP because it delivers faster installation for shorter time to results, maximizes support to lower the costs of operation and maintenance, and built-in business continuity to protect business operations.

- SUSE Linux Enterprise for SAP Applications offerings are subscription-based, with 1- and 3-year subscriptions available.
- SUSE Linux Enterprise for SAP Application licenses with subscription or support include Novell maintenance and upgrade protection.
- Clients may upgrade to later versions of SUSE Linux Enterprise for SAP Applications at no additional charge during the period of the subscription.
- Subsequent years' license with subscription may be purchased from IBM.
- SUSE Linux Enterprise for SAP Applications is available with priority Novell support. You may also buy SUSE Linux Enterprise for SAP Applications and separately add IBM Support Line.
**Key prerequisites**

- SUSE Linux Enterprise must be ordered with or for usage on System x and BladeCenter hardware.
- SUSE Linux Enterprise is supported on System x and BladeCenter servers running the appropriate version Linux operating system.
- SUSE Linux Enterprise part numbers may be sold only with a new IBM-branded Intel® or AMD processor-based server, limited to the quantity necessary for the server being purchased.
- SUSE Linux Enterprise offerings may also be sold as a renewal subscription, but only if the original SUSE Linux Enterprise subscription was purchased from IBM.
- A SUSE Linux Enterprise Media Kit offering may be sold only if a subscription offering is also being purchased from IBM. The media kits contain both DVD and CD media. It is recommended that an Optical DVD Drive be configured with the server.

**Planned availability date**

April 22, 2011

**Description**

Novell SUSE offerings are subscription offerings. IBM offers 1- and 3-year subscriptions. All subscriptions include access to fixes and updates, and will also allow upgrades to a later release at no charge.

**Novell SUSE Linux Enterprise Offerings**

- Purchase a SUSE Linux Enterprise subscription for each server.
- Choose one of the following subscription offerings:
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 1-32 CPU sockets
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise SAP Business All in One subscription for SAP environments, available with and without Novell Priority Support
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications subscription for SAP environments, available with and without Novell Priority Support
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise Real Time for time sensitive, deterministic workloads
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server HPCC 8 Pack for high performance computing (HPC) workloads running on HPC compute nodes
- Purchase a SUSE Linux Enterprise subscription that will allow SUSE Linux Enterprise Server to run on each x86 blade server in the IBM BladeCenter Chassis.
  - For IBM BladeCenter Chassis, run up to fourteen x86 based blade servers
  - For IBM BladeCenter T Chassis, run up to eight x86 based blade servers
- After registering with Novell, download SUSE Linux Enterprise from Novell for x86 servers. An x86 media kit for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 may also be purchased. Media kits will not be available from IBM for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (and later) and other subscription offerings, including SUSE Linux Enterprise for SAP Applications.
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Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements

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http://www-03.ibm.com/servers/eserver/serverproven/compat/us/
Software requirements
The program’s specifications and specified operating environment information may be found at

http://www.redhat.com

Compatibility
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Planning information

Cable orders
Not applicable

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SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 for x86 kits are also available from IBM. These kits contain all required DVDs or CDs. For SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11, and later, or for other subscription offerings, including SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications, you will need to download the images from Novell.

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