IBM System x3950 M2 server features Intel Xeon MP processors

New IBM® System x3950 M2 server models incorporate high-performance, Xeon® MP processors:

- New models of the x3950 M2 servers powered with Intel® Xeon MP processors at up to 2.66 GHz six-core with 9 MB of L2 cache and 16 MB of L3 cache
- Up to 256 GB of high-speed, lower-power, PC2-5300 ECC double data rate 2 (DDR2) SDRAM per chassis memory with the ability to scale to 1 TB
- Seven 2.5 Gb PCIE x8 I/O slots (two are hot-plug) per chassis with the ability to scale to 28 slots in a 4-chassis configuration
- Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) controller
- Integrated Broadcom 5709 Dual-port 10/100/1000 Gigabit Ethernet
- Four 2.5-inch hot-swap bays for flexible installation of HDDs, supporting up to 1.2 TB internal data storage
- Standard Remote Supervisor Adapter II Slimline, enabling remote, full-band systems management
- Two 1440-watt, voltage sensing, rear access, hot-swap power supplies
- Optional combo and multiburner drive
- Five USB ports (two can be used for USB keyboard and mouse), SVGA video port, one serial port, and two Gb Ethernet ports per chassis

**Warranty**: Three years, Customer Replaceable Unit (CRU) and On-site Service, limited warranty; optional warranty service upgrades available.

**Overview**

These models of the x3950 M2 server are powered with Intel Xeon MP processors at up to 2.66 GHz six-core with 9 MB of L2 cache and 16 MB of L3 cache.
The x3950 M2 server is the fourth generation of the Enterprise X-Architecture®. It delivers innovation with enhanced reliability and availability features to enable optimal performance for databases, enterprise applications, and virtualized environments.

Potential benefits include:

- Increased performance
- Memory reliability and availability
- Scalability up to 16 available sockets (number of usable sockets will vary by OS)
- Low-power cost-effective memory with Advanced Buffer eXecution chip
- Enhanced systems management capabilities
- Power management savings
- High efficiency power supplies

**Power and scalability**

- Fourth-generation EXA chipset powering XpandOnDemand up to 16-socket (64-core) (use of all available cores is OS dependent)
- Active Memory™ with hot-swap support: Memory ProteXion, Chipkill™ memory mirroring, and hot-swap and hot-add memory, for high performance with 256 MB Xcel4v cache per chassis
- Up to 32 DIMM slots per chassis delivering up to 256 GB of high-speed PC2-5300 double data rate (DDR2) per chassis; expandable to 1 TB in a 16-socket (64-core) complex (use of all available cores is OS dependent)
- Serial Attach SCSI (SAS) plus RAID to maximize throughput and ease installation of a RAID card
- Four 2.5-inch SAS HDDs, up to 1.2 TB of maximum internal storage
- High-performance integrated dual Gigabit Ethernet built-in, high-speed networking with support for latest technologies
- Integrated Remote Supervisor Adapter II Slimline
- 4U rack-optimized, tool-free chassis that strikes the balance between rack density and ease of maintenance
- Rear access power supplies for easy access
- High efficiency power supplies

**Fourth-generation EXA features**

- Advanced fourth-generation Chipkill ECC memory controller to help correct single-, two-, three-, and four-bit memory errors
- Memory ProteXion and memory mirroring support
- Active PCIE x8 I/O slots, as well as hot-add and hot-swap adapters
- Four hot-swap drive bays and redundant fans to replace select components without powering down the server
- Two hot-swap, rear access, redundant power supplies
- Predictive Failure Analysis® (PFA) on processors, memory, fans, power supply, and HDD options to help warn of problems before they occur
- Innovative light path diagnostics and top access design; easy to service and configure

1. When referring to hard drive or tape backup capacity, GB stands for one billion bytes. TB stands for terabytes. Total user capacity may vary depending on operating environments.

2. IBM sends a technician after attempting to diagnose and resolve the problem remotely.
For information on the IBM Statement of Limited Warranty, contact your IBM representative or reseller. Copies are available upon request.

**Key prerequisites**

Refer to the Hardware requirements section for details.

**Planned availability date**

August 31, 2009

**Description**

For information on support, visit


These high-speed, DDR2 registered DIMMs are synchronized to the processor. Once addressed, data can be transferred on both edges of the clock signal. This significantly improves performance of the 1066 MHz front-side bus Xeon MP processor.

**IBM Director CD** with 20 agent license proofs of entitlement includes support for the IBM System x3950 M2 server.

**High-performance server subsystems**

The x3950 M2 server is a high-throughput, scalable SMP-capable Intel Xeon-based network server. It delivers excellent scalability for adding memory, adapter cards, or multiple processors.

EMT64T architecture supports 64-bit extensions. Four sockets for Xeon MP processors are standard on the system board. High-speed PC2-5300 ECC SDRAM provides excellent processor-to-memory subsystem performance.

The x3950 M2 system architecture is fine tuned and engineered to optimize the powerful Xeon MP processors. This architecture consists of the following components:

- Intel Xeon MP processors
- Fourth-generation EXA-64e chipset
- System memory cards
- PCI-E host-bridge controllers

These Xeon MP processors use 1066 MHz common clock speed for external operations. The chipset supports eight 533 MHz buses to the memory controller, for a total of 34.1 GB/s of memory bandwidth.

The memory I/O controller (MIOC) supports:

- Data flow between the processor and memory, and to the PCIE host-bridge controller
- Chipkill ECC memory function

The two PCIE host-bridge controllers reside between the PCI buses and memory controller.

**High-availability and serviceability features**
Many enterprise on demand environments run around the clock to supply information around the globe. These environments require ruggedly dependable servers designed with features that can tolerate a component failure without total shutdown. The System x3950 M2 server packs numerous fault-tolerant and high-availability features into a high-density, rack-optimized package that helps significantly reduce the space needed to support massive network computing operations.

Features include:

- Seven 2.5 Gb PCIE x8 I/O slots (two are hot-plug); hot-add and hot-swap adapters in Microsoft® Windows® and Linux® environments
- Four Serial Attach SCSI (SAS) HDD bays
- ECC DIMMs combined with an integrated advanced ECC memory controller with fourth-generation Chipkill support to correct many single-, two-, three-, and four-bit memory errors to minimize disruption of service to LAN clients
- Memory ProteXion and memory mirroring hot-add and hot-swap memory support
- Memory hardware scrubbing to correct many soft memory errors automatically without software intervention downtime
- PFA on HDD options, memory, processors, power supply, and fans, in conjunction with IBM Director, to help alert the system administrator of an imminent component failure
- Two 1440-watt power supplies that support typical configuration redundancy or full configurations requiring redundancy when operating with 240 V ac
- Six hot-swap, multispeed fans to provide cooling redundancy and enable individual fan replacement without powering down the server, plus one fan in each of the two hot-swap power supplies
- Standard Remote Supervisor Adapter II Slimline enabling diagnostic, reset, POST, and auto recovery functions from remote locations and monitoring of temperature, voltage, and fan speed; alerts generated when thresholds are exceeded without utilizing an I/O slot
- Information LED panel, diagnostics LED panel, and component LEDs for visual indications of system well-being
- Light path diagnostics for an outside view of the potential problem without removing the cover to help reduce downtime and service costs
- Easy top access to system board, adapter cards, and memory
- CPU failure recovery in SMP configurations, allowing a failed processor to be forced offline, the server rebooted, an alert generated, and operation continued with the working processor

**XpandOnDemand scalability**

The x3950 M2 server is designed for complex applications. It features XpandOnDemand scalability from fourth-generation Enterprise X-Architecture technology for future growth potential.

The server includes:

- Massive I/O expansion options supporting up to 28 PCIE x8 I/O card slots with a 4-chassis configuration
- Up to 16-socket (64-core) SMP operations with powerful Xeon MP processors (use of all available cores is OS dependent)
- High-speed PC2-5300 DDR2 ECC memory standard, supporting up to 512 GB of system memory per chassis and up to 1 TB in a 4-chassis configuration
- Two worldwide, voltage-sensing 1440-watt, hot-swap power supplies with auto restart, standard
- Four hot-swap drive bays, supporting up to 1.2 TB of internal data storage (using four 300 GB SAS Hot-Swap HDs)
- Terabytes of external data storage supporting optional storage units, ServeRAID™ SCSI controllers, and Fibre Channel controllers and storage units
Configurations

XpandOnDemand scalability

Modular building-block scalability delivers the flexibility to optimize your system for your business and application needs.

Scalable Partition Web Interface

The Scalable Partition Web Interface, an extension of the Remote Supervisor Adapter II (RSA II) Slimline Web interface, is used to create, delete, control, and view scalable partitions. This Web interface is in the RSA II Slimline service processor.

The scalable partition defines a multinode configuration that interconnects two, three, or four servers for up to 16-way operation. With this configuration you can individually power on and power off each node. The multinode configuration uses a single, contiguous memory space, and provides access to all associated adapters. Each multinode configuration can have one or more scalable partitions.

Systems management

The System x3950 M2 server features IBM Director, a powerful, highly integrated, systems-management software solution built on industry standards and designed for ease of use.

With IBM Director, a network administrator can perform the following tasks:

- View the hardware configuration of remote systems in detail
- Monitor the usage and performance of critical components such as microprocessors, disks, and memory
- Centrally manage individual or large groups of IBM and non-IBM Intel-based servers, desktop computers, workstations, and mobile computers on a variety of platforms

IBM Director provides a comprehensive entry-level workgroup hardware manager. It includes the following key features:

- Advanced self-management capabilities for maximum system availability.
- Support for multiple operating systems, including Microsoft Windows 2003 Server, Windows XP Professional, Red Hat Linux, SUSE Linux, and Novell NetWare. For a complete list of operating systems that support IBM Director 6.1, visit http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/director/v6r1x/topic/director_plan_6.1/fqm0_r_os_supported_by_ibm_director_611.html
  The list is updated periodically.
- Support for IBM and non-IBM servers, desktop computers, workstations, and mobile computers. (Not all IBM Director features are supported on non-IBM servers.)
- Support for systems-management industry standards.
- Integration into leading workgroup and enterprise systems-management environments.
- Ease of use, training, and setup.

IBM Director also provides an extensible platform that supports advanced server tools that are designed to help reduce the total cost of managing and supporting networked systems. By deploying IBM Director, you may achieve reductions in ownership costs through the following potential benefits:

- Reduced downtime
- Increased productivity of IT personnel and users
• Reduced service and support costs

For more information about IBM Director, refer to the CD that comes with the server or the IBM Director documentation on the CD, or visit


IBM Director includes IBM Director Extensions, a portfolio of server tools that integrates into the IBM Director interface and works with the Remote Supervisor Adapter II Slimline or other systems-management monitoring functions contained in IBM System x3950 M2 servers. Typical functions and monitoring capabilities can include:

• PFA-enabled critical hardware components
• Temperature
• Voltage
• Fan speed
• Light path diagnostics

The IT administrator gains comprehensive, virtual on-site control of IBM System x3950 M2 servers through the ability to remotely:

• Access the server, in many cases regardless of its status
• Inventory and display detailed system and component information
• View server bootup during POST
• Browse and delete logs of events and errors
• Reset or power cycle the server
• Run diagnostics, SCSI, and RAID setup during POST
• Monitor thresholds on server health, including:
  – Operating system load
  – POST time-out
  – Voltage
  – Temperature
• Set proactive alerts for critical server events, including PFA on:
  – Processors
  – Memory
  – Fans
  – Power supplies
  – HDDs
• Define automated actions such as:
  – Send an e-mail or a page to an administrator
  – Execute a command or program
  – Pop up an error message to the IBM Director console
• Flash BIOS
• Monitor and graph the utilization of server resources such as:
  – Memory
  – Processor
  – HDDs
• Identify potential performance bottlenecks and react to prevent downtime
• Monitor, manage, and configure RAID subsystems without taking them offline

IBM Director Agent provides integration into leading workgroup and enterprise system management environments, via Upward Integration Modules. This enables
the advanced management capabilities built into IBM System x3950 M2 servers to be accessed from:

- Tivoli® Enterprise and Tivoli NetView®
- Computer Associates Unicenter TNG
- HP OpenView
- Microsoft SMS
- BMC Patrol
- NetIQ

**Active Energy Manager tools and programs**

The IBM Active Energy Manager tool is available on the System x3950 M2 server and allows direct power monitoring through IBM Director. This tool helps you monitor power consumption to allow better utilization of available power resources.

For more information see


**World-class support tools and programs**

The System x3950 M2 server includes tools and programs designed to make ownership a positive experience. From the start, IBM programs help you purchase servers, get them running, and keep them running. IBM can help your company maintain ownership of technology leadership network servers.

- IBM Customer Replaceable Unit (CRU) and On-site Service (optional warranty service upgrades available) protects your investment if a problem occurs. This service also includes replacement of parts identified through PFA.
- The ServerProven™ program lets you confidently configure your server with various devices and operating systems. This Web-based program provides compatibility information from actual testing of the x3950 M2 server with various adapters and devices.
- The ServerGuide™ CD library includes online publications and utilities and drivers that help you load popular network operating systems.
- Electronic support on the Web offers additional support in an easy-to-use format.

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**System x3950 M2 configurations**

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| System number | Processor | L2 | L3 | Memory | HDD | HDD | Power supply |
| 7233-2Mx | 2 x 2.13 GHz Xeon E7420 | 6 MB | 8 MB | 4x2 GB SAS | Open bay w/2 memory cards | Two |
| | w/2 memory cards | 4 core | | | | |

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Hardware Announcement ZG09-0626
These new IBM System x3950 M2 models enhance the server line by providing new levels of performance and price/performance. The IBM System x3950 M2 server features a high-density, 4U mechanical platform that supports Intel Xeon MP processors, PCI-E architecture, and high-speed DDR2 memory.

The IBM System x3950 M2 server delivers additional processing, expandability, and high-availability features. These features make it ideal for handling complex, business-critical On Demand Business applications that must be supported by space-saving, rack-optimized servers.

The IBM System x3950 M2 server is designed for extremely complex, compute-intensive applications requiring six-socket plus processing power and large memory support.

The IBM System x3950 M2 server provides excellent scalable processing capability supporting high-speed memory, PCI-E bus architecture, and Intel Xeon MP processors at up to 2.66 GHz six-core with 9 MB of L2 cache and 16 MB L3 cache.

This makes the IBM System x3950 M2 server an excellent fit for current and future enterprise on demand applications.

These high-density, Xeon-based servers are designed to handle complex applications requiring high-speed computing power, advanced high-availability functions, and a minimum amount of rack space.

Applications include:

- On Demand Business
- Business intelligence
- Transaction processing
- Enterprise resource planning
- Collaboration applications (Microsoft Exchange and Lotus Notes®)
- Server consolidation
- Internet or intranet front-end serving
- Web content serving
- Database storage as a SAN solution

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Highlights

Memory ProteXion -- Redundant bit steering

- Utilizes unused bits in each memory DIMM (hot-spare bits)
- Doubles the amount of Chipkill memory sustainable per server
- Included at no additional cost, requires no additional hardware, and works independently of operating system
- Similar to the "hot-spare" of a DASD array

Memory mirroring

- Propels Intel-based servers towards continuous operations
- Dramatically helps to increase uptime and allows scheduled maintenance
- Provides capability and reliability approaching a mainframe
- Operating system independent; does not require drivers or operating system support

Chipkill memory

- Integrated XA-64e chipsets for using off-the-shelf DIMMs
- Better memory reliability to support in-memory databases
- Increased availability by detecting and helping to many correct single-, two-, three-, and four-bit memory errors
- Fourth-generation Chipkill design

Publications

The following publications and CD-ROMs are shipped with the x3950 M2 servers.

- **x3950 M2 Installation Guide** contains an introduction to the computer, installation and setup, installing options, reference information, and problem determination. The installation guide has easy-to-use text and illustrations to enable you to quickly set up your x3950 M2 server.
- **ServerGuide** contains online publications and drivers to support the x3950 M2 server. In addition, it includes a set of easy-to-use utilities on CD to help you install several popular network operating systems.
- IBM Director systems-management software is included.

**Note:** Software versions, features, and functions shipped with these systems may change as new releases become available or may be discontinued at any time.

The following publications are available immediately.

To order, contact your IBM representative.

The **x3950 M2 Installation Guide** and the **Problem Determination Guide**, in U.S. English versions, are available from

http://www.ibm.com/support

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Technical information

Specified operating environment

Physical specifications

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  L3 cache total: 12 MB
Memory (PC2-5300 DDR2): 16 GB ECC
  DIMMS: 8 x 2 GB
  DIMM sockets standard: 32
  DIMM sockets maximum: 32
  Capacity: 256 GB
Memory Expansion Card
  Number standard: 4
  Maximum: 4
  Video: SVGA
  Memory: 16 MB
SAS SCSI controller: 3.0 GHz
  Ports: 8
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PCIE x8 slots: 7
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  RSA-II: Standard
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Dual Ethernet: 10/100/1000 Mbps
controller
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Power supply: 1440 W
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EMEA x=G

Processor: Xeon X7460
  Six-core
  Internal speed: 2.66 GHz
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Memory (PC2-5300 DDR2): 16 GB ECC
  DIMMS: 8 x 2 GB
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Hot-swap: Yes
Redundant power: Standard
Auto restart: Yes

6 Capacities are based on 8 x 8 GB DIMMs installed in the standard four memory expansion cards.

7 Capacities are based on installation of four 300 GB 2.5-inch SAS HDDs. For the latest information on supported HDD options, visit

Supported video mode capabilities for the SVGA PCI controller:

Microsoft Windows 2000 and Windows 2003

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**Dimensions**

4U rack drawer

- Width: 443.6 mm (17.46 in)
- Depth: 720.2 mm (28.35 in)
- Height: 172.8 mm (6.80 in)

- Weight:
  - Minimum configuration: 31.75 kg (70 lb)
  - Maximum configuration: 43.2 kg (95 lb)

**Electrical**

- 100 to 127 (nominal) V ac; 50 Hz or 60 Hz; System 17.2A (8.6A/PS)
- 200 to 240 (nominal) V ac; 50 Hz or 60 Hz; System 8A
- Input kilovolt-amperes (kVA) (approximately):
  - Minimum configuration: 0.30 kVA (two power supplies)
- Typical configuration: 0.82 kVA (two power supplies)
- Maximum configuration: 1.65 kVA (two power supplies)

- Btu output:
  - Ship configuration: 990 Btu/hr (290 watts)
  - Typical configuration: 2,730 Btu/hr (800 watts)
  - Full configuration: 5,527 Btu/hr (1620 watts)

- Noise level horizontal position: 6.6 bels

**Note:** The noise emission level stated is the declared (upper limit) sound power level, in bels, for a random sample of machines. All measurements made in accordance with ISO 7779 and reported in conformance with ISO 9296.

**Physical specifications**

**Approximate shipping dimensions and weight**

- Single pack dimensions: L 1000 mm (39.5 in) x W 597 mm (23.5 in) x H 302 mm (11.9 in)
- Single pack weight: 43to- 52 kg (95 to 115 lb)
- Quantity per pallet: 8
- Pallet load dimensions: 1219 mm (48 in) x 1016 mm (40 in) x 1346 mm (53 in)
- Pallet load weight: 367 to 439 kg (808 to 968 lb)
- Estimated safe stacking: 4 high

**Standards**

These systems support or comply with the following standards:

- Multiprocessor Specification (MPS) 1.4
- Hardware-enabled to meet ISO 9241, Part 3

In addition to the above standards, they are compatible with the PCI-E specification.

**Equipment approvals and safety**

- CE Mark (EN55022 Class A, EN60950, and EN55024)
- CISPR 22, Class A
- TUV-GS (EN60950-1:2001, 1st edition)
- FCC - Verified to comply with Part 15 of the FCC Rules (Class A) prior to product delivery
- IEC-60950-1, 1st edition (CB Certificate and CB Test Report)

**Operating environment**

- Temperature:
  - 10.0 to 35.0 degrees C (50 to 95 degrees F) at 0 to 914 m (0 to 3,000 ft)
  - 10.0 to 32.0 degrees C (50 to 90 degrees F) at 914 to 2,133 m (3,000 to 7,000 ft)
- Relative humidity: 8% to 80%
- Maximum altitude: 2,133 m (7,000 ft)

**Hardware requirements**

For attended installation of an operating system, this server requires a compatible:

- Keyboard
- Mouse
- Display
Unattended or remote installation may be performed without requiring some or all of these components. Review your unattended software installation program information for specific hardware configuration requirements.

For service, the server requires a compatible:

- Keyboard
- Mouse
- Display

When having the unit serviced, plan to have these components attached to your server either directly or indirectly via a console switch.

**Software requirements**

The following network operating systems have been tested for compatibility with the x3950 M2 server:

**Network operating systems**

- Microsoft
  - Windows Server 2003 R2 (64-bit)
  - Windows Server 2003 R2 (32-bit)
  - Windows Server 2008 (64-bit)
- Linux
  - Red Hat EL 5 Server for 32-bit
  - Red Hat EL 5 Server for 32-bit (with Xen)
  - Red Hat EL 5 Server for 64-bit
  - Red Hat EL 5 Server for 64-bit (with Xen)
  - Red Hat EL 4 AS, ES for 64-bit
  - SUSE Linux ES 10 for 32-bit
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  - SUSE Linux ES 10 for 64-bit (with Xen)
  - SUSE Linux ES 11 for 32-bit
  - SUSE Linux ES 11 for 64-bit
  - SUSE Linux ES 9 for 64-bit
- Other
  - VMware ESX Server 3.5
  - VSphere 4 (ESX 4 & ESX 4i)

**Note:** For information on additional support, certification, and versions of network operating systems, visit


IBM makes no representation or warranty regarding third-party products, including those designated as ServerProven.

**Compatibility**

The IBM System x3950 M2 server contains licensed system programs that include set configuration, set features, and test programs. IBM system BIOS is loaded from a "flash" EEPROM into system memory. This BIOS provides instructions and interfaces designed to support the standard features of the IBM System x3950 M2 server and to maintain compatibility with many current software programs.
For detailed information about IBM and non-IBM devices, adapters, software, and network operating systems supported with IBM System x3950 M2 servers, visit


Contact your IBM representative or IBM Business Partner, or refer to the IBM Sales Manual for information on the compatibility of hardware and software for IBM System x3950 M2 servers. The Sales Manual is updated periodically as new features and options are announced that support these servers.

**Limitations**

**Memory**

The x3950 M2 servers are shipped with up to 16 GB (8 x 2 GB) of memory. A maximum of up to 256 GB of system memory is supported by adding a 8 GB PC2-5300 CL4 ECC DDR2 SDRAM RDIMM in each of the eight DIMM sockets. This capacity is based on installation of the four memory expansion cards (44E4252) and 4 x 8 GB DIMMs installed in each card. All supported system memory is addressable through direct memory access (DMA). These servers support 1 GB, 2 GB, 4 GB, and 8 GB 1.8 V, 240-pin, PC2-5300 ECC DDR-2 SDRAM RDIMMs. Supported DIMMs can coexist in the same server; however, memory DIMMs of the same capacity must be installed in matched pairs. Refer to the Planning information section or the IBM System x3950 M2 server Web page memory options.

The x3950 M2 has RAID 0 and 1 standard. The optional ServeRAID-MR10k SAS/SATA Controller provides additional RAID levels.

**ServerGuide**

Use the version of ServerGuide that is shipped with the system, or a later version, to load software and drivers. Earlier versions of ServerGuide may not be compatible with the server.

For the configurations, ServerGuide can help you:

- Set up and configure the system
- Set up and configure any ServeRAID adapters as well as the onboard SAS chipset
- Perform an unattended install of Windows 2003 with SP2 integrated CD (32-bit only)


**5709 native support limitations**

5709 support will not be native to RHEL5.0 and network installs would be impacted until RHEL5.1 when native 5709 would be included in the bnx2 driver shipping at the launch of the product. The software updates necessary will be released by the appropriate networking operating system.

**Hot-swap limitations**

- Active-PCI-E currently is not supported by Linux versions that are shipping at the launch of the product. The software updates necessary will be released by the appropriate networking operating system.
- PCI hot-plug support is limited in SLES9.
- For Linux, multifunction adapters (those that use PCI bridges) are currently not supported.

Refer to the Software requirements section for operating system limitations.

**Planning information**
**Customer responsibilities**

**x3950 M2 server and related options**

The x3950 M2 server is designated as customer setup. Customer setup instructions are shipped with systems.

**Configuration information**

**Bay configuration**

The x3950 M2 server contains five customer-accessible drive bays on the front of the server. The top right bay is for the slim combo drive. Four unpopulated 2.5-inch, slim-high, hot-swap drive bays are located beneath this bay.

The combo and multiburner drives are cabled directly to the SATA port. The four hot-swap bays are connected to the integrated SAS SCSI controller through an integrated circuit.

**Internal SCSI cabling**

The x3950 M2 server contains a DASD backplane supporting four hot-swap, SCA-2-compliant drive bays. The x3950 M2 has RAID 0 and 1 standard. The optional ServeRAID-MR10k SAS/SATA Controller provides additional RAID levels.

**Processor upgrade**

The following processor upgrade options are supported:

- Intel Xeon Processor E7420 - 2.13 GHz 6 MB L2 Cache 1066 MHz Intel Four Core Processor Upgrade (44E4469)
- Intel Xeon Processor E7430 - 2.13 GHz 6 MB L2 Cache 1066 MHz Intel Four Core Processor Upgrade (44E4470)
- Intel Xeon Processor L7445 - 2.13 GHz 6 MB L2 Cache 1066 MHz Intel Four Core Processor Upgrade (44E4517)
- Intel Xeon Processor L7455 - 2.13 GHz 6 MB L2 Cache 1066 MHz Intel Six Core Processor Upgrade (44E4468)
- Intel Xeon Processor E7450 - 2.40 GHz 9 MB L2 Cache 1066 MHz Intel Six Core Processor Upgrade (44E4472)
- Intel Xeon Processor E7440 - 2.40 GHz 6 MB L2 Cache 1066 MHz Intel Quad Core Processor Upgrade (44E4471)
- Intel Xeon Processor x7460 - 2.66 GHz 9 MB L2 Cache 1066 MHz Intel Six Core Processor Upgrade (44E4473)

**Memory support**

The following memory options are supported:

- 2 GB (2x1GB Kit) PC2-5300 CL4 ECC DDR2 SDRAM RDIMM (41Y2762)
- 4 GB (2x2GB Kit) PC2-5300 CL4 ECC DDR2 SDRAM RDIMM (41Y2771)
- 8 GB (2x4GB Kit) PC2-5300 CL4 ECC DDR2 SDRAM RDIMM (41Y2768)
- 16 GB (2x8GB Kit) PC2-5300 CL4 ECC DDR2 SDRAM RDIMM (43V7356)

For information on support, visit


The 256 MB Xcel4v cache, in multi-chassis configurations, uses system memory for this function. The total system memory as seen by the operating system is reduced by 256 MB per chassis for configurations of more than four sockets.

**PCI-E adapter installations**
The x3950 M2 server contains PCI-E architecture and seven 2.5 Gb PCIE x8 I/O slots (two are hot-plug).

**Rack installations**

x3950 M2 4U, rack-drawer models are designed to be installed in a 19-inch rack cabinet designed for 26-inch deep devices, such as the NetBAY42 ER, NetBAY42 SR, NetBAY25 SR, or NetBAY11.

If using a non-IBM rack, the cabinet must meet the EIA-310-D standards with a depth of at least 71.1 cm (28 in). Also, adequate space (approximately 5 cm (2 in) for the front bezel and 2.5 cm (1 in) for air flow) must be maintained from the slide assembly to the front door of the rack cabinet to allow sufficient space for the door to close and provide adequate air flow.

**Power considerations**

These x3950 M2 models include two standard 1440-watt, hot-swap power supplies which have redundancy for all configurations when powered at 200 to 240 V ac.

**Cable orders**

The 10/100/1000 Mbps full-duplex, Dual Ethernet PCI-E Controller is standard with the x3950 M2 server. The RJ-45 connectors provide a 10BaseT or 100/1000Base-TX interface for connecting twisted-pair cable to the Ethernet network. Cabling is not included with the server. To connect the Ethernet controller to a repeater or switch, use a UTP cable with RJ-45 connectors at both ends. For 100/1000 Mbps operation, Category 5 cabling must be used. For 10 Mbps operation, Category 3, or better, cabling must be used.

There are no additional cabling requirements, other than for system power, keyboard, mouse, and monitor connections.

**Installability**

The x3950 M2 server requires about 20 minutes for installation. Installation includes unpacking, setting up, and powering on the system. Additional time is required to install an operating system, additional adapters, or features.

**Packaging**

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**Related options**

**Processor upgrades**

- Xeon MP processor
- VRM and heat sink
- Installation publications/warranty

**Supplies**

None

**Security, auditability, and control**

Security and auditability features include:

- Power-on and privileged access password functions provide control of who has access to the data and server setup program on the server.
- A set unattended boot mode allows the system keyboard to be locked to all entries except the password and at the same time allows other computers on the network to access the system disk drive.
- A selectable boot sequence can be used to prevent unauthorized installation of software or removal of data from the diskette drive.
- These models are Winbond Trusted Platform Module V1.2, Trusted Computing Group (TCG) compliant.
  - Secure Boot

**Limitations**

The x3950 M2 server has no security intrusion detection; therefore, it should be installed in a rack environment that provides security through lockable doors or other security measures. It is a customer’s responsibility to ensure that the server is secure to protect sensitive data.

The system supports integrity measurements. The TPM is TCG V1.2-compliant, and is ready for use with software purchased from third-party TPM Ecosystem partners in compliance with the TPM V1.2 specification.

The customer is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communications facilities.

**Global Technology Services**

Contact your IBM representative for the list of selected services available in your country, either as standard or customized offerings, for the efficient installation, implementation, and/or integration of this product.

**General product/system description**

x3950 M2 servers are rack-optimized 4 U enterprise application network servers using industry- standard architectures. These models incorporate powerful Intel Xeon MP processors. Additional standard features include standard ECC Chipkill system memory and the following integrated functions:

- Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) controller
- Seven 2.5 Gb PCIE x8 I/O slots (two are hot-plug)
• SVGA video controller with 16 MB of video memory
• Integrated Broadcom 5709 Dual-port 10/100/1000 Gigabit Ethernet

**System x3950 M2 configurations**

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• The x3950 M2 has scalable SMP capability by adding multiple processors of the same type, speed, and cache size.
• System memory can be expanded to 256 GB by adding an 8 GB PC2-5300 CL4 ECC DDR2 SDRAM RDIMM in each of the 8 DIMM sockets. This capacity is based on installation of the four memory expansion cards (44E4252) and 4 x 8 GB DIMMs installed in each card.
• These models contain four unpopulated, hot-swap bays.

Two 1440-watt, hot-swap power supplies with auto restart capability are standard.

• Seven 2.5Gb PCIe x8 I/O slots (two are hot-plug)

The x3950 M2 standard features include:

• Two Xeon MP processors
• 4 GB of PC2-5300 ECC DDR2 SDRAM
• Two memory expansion cards
• Chipkill ECC memory support on memory controller - corrects many single-, two-, three-, and four-bit memory errors
• An SVGA controller with 16 MB video memory
• ScaleXpander Kit (2-3 Node)
• Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) controller
• Integrated Broadcom 5709 Dual-port 10/100/1000 Gigabit Ethernet
• Time Of Day clock and battery
• Standard device ports/connectors:
  - Keyboard
  - Pointing device
  - SVGA port
  - One serial port
  - Two 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet ports using RJ-45 connectors
  - Five USB ports
  - Remote System Management Adapter port; Ethernet
**AP, LA, CAN, Europe considerations**

NLS support is provided for many of the x3950 M2 components in the following languages: U.S. English, Worldwide English (U.K.), French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Japanese.

The NLS support includes national language keyboard support, multilingual nomenclature, and translated documentation as required by the individual countries.

**Terms and conditions**

**IBM System x3950 M2**

To obtain copies of the IBM Statement of Limited Warranty, contact your reseller or IBM.

**Warranty period**

- Three years

Optional IBM features initially installed in an IBM machine carry the same warranty period as the machine. If installed after the initial machine installation, they carry the balance of the machine warranty or the optional feature warranty, whichever is greater.

The following have been designated as consumables or supply items and are, therefore, not covered by this warranty:

- ServeRAID-MR10k battery pack
- CMOS Battery, 3.0 volt

**Warranty service**

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The following parts have been designated as Tier 1 CRUs:

- Blank filler
- Hard disk drive
- Hot-swap fan
- Hot-swap power supply
- Memory DIMM
- Memory expansion card
- Memory card guide
- Fan cage
- Bezel
- RAID controller
- ScaleXpander Key
- ScaleXpander Cable
- System Label
- Optical drive
- Power cord
- Service label
- Service processor
- Top cover
- Voltage regulator module

**On-site Service**

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Under IWS, warranty service will be provided with the prevailing warranty service type and service level available for the IWS-eligible machine type in the servicing country, and the warranty period observed will be that of the country in which the machine was purchased.

To determine the eligibility of your machine and to view a list of countries where service is available, visit

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**IBM hourly service rate classification**

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**Model conversions**

No

**Machine installation**

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