



Statement of direction: IBM Power Enterprise System upgrades to the next-generation IBM POWER9 technology-based servers and Power Enterprise Pools interoperability

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IBM^(R) intends to offer clients with IBM Power^(R) E870, E870C, E880, and E880C systems the following capabilities that are designed to provide a smoother migration path to the POWER9 technology-based systems when they become available.

IBM plans to offer system upgrades from Power E870, E870C, E880, and E880C systems to the next-generation POWER9 systems that will maintain the serial number of the existing IBM POWER8^(R) systems.

IBM intends to deliver the capability for the next-generation high-end system with POWER9 processors to participate in the same Power Enterprise Pool with Power E870, E880, or E870C/E880C systems.

IBM plans to offer the ability for new Mobile Processor and Memory activation features, initially purchased on a POWER8 system, to be eligible to convert and migrate to a POWER9 technology-based system at no additional charge (subject to terms and conditions).

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