

Statement of Direction



IBM Power Based Linux

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Introduction

Oracle Database 10g is the first database designed for Enterprise Grid Computing. Oracle Database 10g cuts costs while providing the highest quality of service. It allows IT to rapidly respond to the needs of the business while greatly lowering risk. Above all, it's easy to deploy and manage.

Oracle Database 10g Enterprise Edition is ideal for enterprises that need to support high volume on-line transaction processing and query intensive data warehousing applications. It provides proven scalability on all hardware configurations, and can be used to manage very large amounts of information, with the highest level of security assurance in the industry. Oracle Database 10g Enterprise Edition provides unique availability benefits that protect your data from costly human error, reduce the downtime associated with routine maintenance, and includes self-managing capabilities to help you lower your operational costs. As the first database designed for Grid Computing, you can use Oracle Database 10g Enterprise Edition to significantly reduce your infrastructure costs, through the efficient use of shared pools of low cost, standardized hardware components.

Oracle's Support for IBM POWER – based Linux

Oracle is delivering software to run on IBM's POWER – based Linux systems to provide Oracle customers with increased flexibility in choosing, deploying, and integrating their Oracle on Linux solutions.

Linux for IBM Power (Power/Linux) is a separate Linux port that supports IBM POWER based eServers (iSeries, pSeries, OpenPower, BladeCenter – JS20). Oracle will support the SuSE Linux Enterprise Server and Red Hat Advanced Server Linux distributions for this port.

Current Availability on IBM POWER – based Linux

- Oracle Database 9i Developer's Release
- Oracle Database 10gR1 Developer's Release
 - Superset of a Developer's Release – Adds RAC (Real Application Clusters)
 - Developer's Releases are made available without support
- Oracle Database 10gR1 Client – Production Release
 - No patchsets are planned for this release due to the short interval between availability of Client and Database releases
 - Supported until release of the Oracle Database 10g – Production release

Future Availability on IBM POWER – based Linux

Oracle is planning to expand its Oracle Database offering with the following releases:

- Oracle Database 10g Enterprise Edition – Production Release in CY05

Note: All the above said platform support planning is subject to change.