

# IBM Power HA System Mirror for i

HA Solutions for the 21st Century

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### Session objectives

Understand the basics of the PowerHA on IBM i offering

Understand clustering verses VM restart (full system replication)

Discuss the PowerHA strategic roadmap

Brief discussion on HA for Linux on Power

Note that there are topics that I will cover that are not in the handout



### Power**HA** for i

- ✓ Comprehensive HA/DR solutions for multi-site or data center
- ✓ Shared storage clustering technology
- ✓ Provides automation for ease of use
- ✓ Implemented in IBM i, SLIC, and storage management
- ✓ Data replication is provided by IBM storage
- ✓ FlashCopy enables off line tape backup
- ✓ Designed for regular role swap operations and automated failovers
- ✓ Developed and supported by IBM



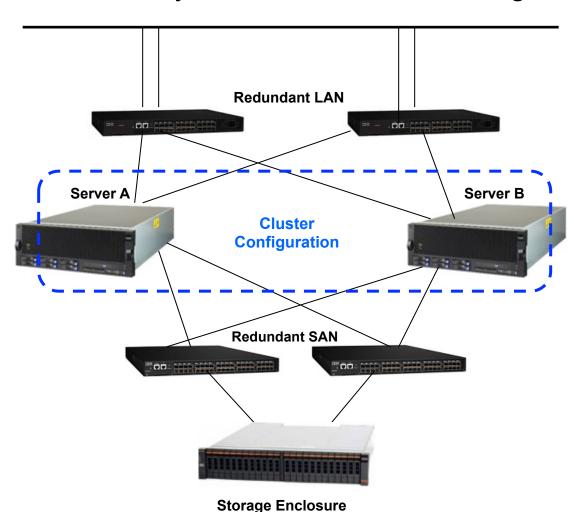








### PowerHA SystemMirror Shared Storage Cluster



#### **Benefits:**

- Automated Fallover
- Non disruptive upgrades PTFs
- Application Monitoring
- Implemented in SLIC
- Event / ERROR Notification
- GUI, CL mgmt

#### **Different Failure Types:**

- IP Loss Detection
- Loss of Storage
- Application Interruption
- Server Crash
- Loss of Power

#### **Configuration Options**

- Active / Passive
- Mutual Takeover



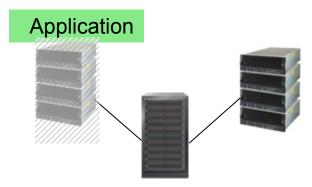
# Solution Approach for High Availability (HA)

- Requirements
  - Near continuous application service
  - Recovery Time Objective (RTO) measured in minutes
  - Recovery Point Objective (RPO) is zero (no data loss)
  - Eliminate affects of planned outages including hardware and software maintenance (upgrades, PTF apply etc)
- Solution Strategy:
  - PowerHA with switchable LUNs
  - PowerHA with geographic mirroring synchronous mode
  - PowerHA with Metro Mirror (synchronous replication)

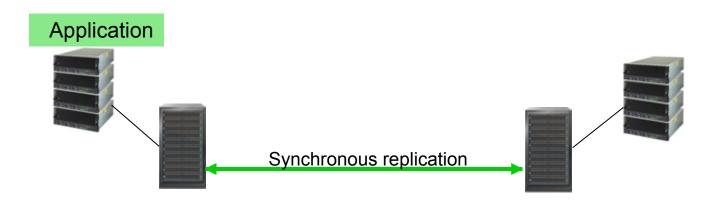




# Power HA clustering solutions for high availability



Example: high availability configuration

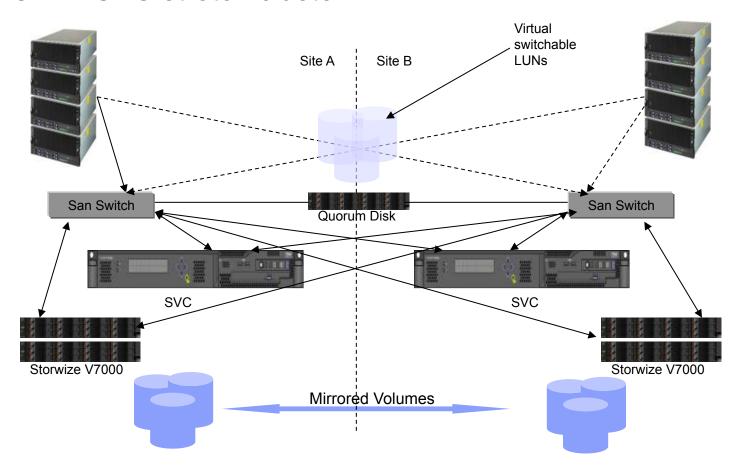


Example: high availability configuration





### PowerHA SVC stretch cluster



- PowerHA Standard Edition (appears as a switchable LUN cluster)
- Site A and Site B volumes are mirrored by the SVC (under the covers)
- Solution provides cross-campus continuously available storage in a PowerHA cluster

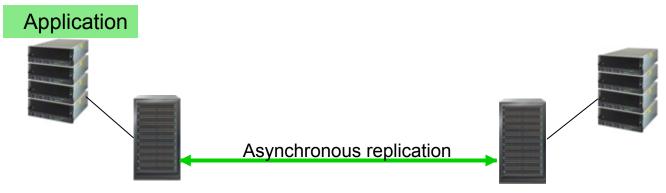


# Solution Approach for Disaster Recovery (DR)

- Requirements
  - Recover operations at a remote location due to site outage
  - Recovery Time Objective (RTO) measured in hours
  - Recovery Point Objective (RPO) ≥ zero (may be minutes)
  - Simplified disaster recovery compliance testing



- Solution Strategy:
  - PowerHA with Geographic Mirroring Async Mode
  - PowerHA with Global Mirroring (asynchronous storage replication)



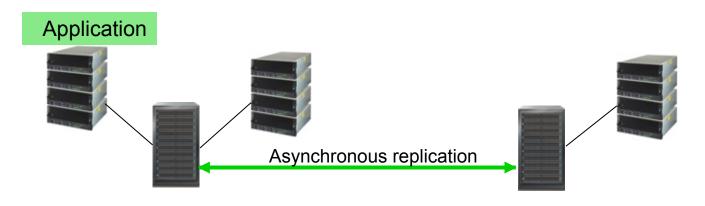
Example: disaster recovery configuration





### Unified Multi-Site HA/DR Solution

- Requirements
  - Multi-site configurations
  - Data center/campus component for HA
  - Multiple site configuration for DR
- Solution Strategy:
  - Unified clustering solution for data center & multi-site resiliency
  - PowerHA SystemMirror Enterprise Edition

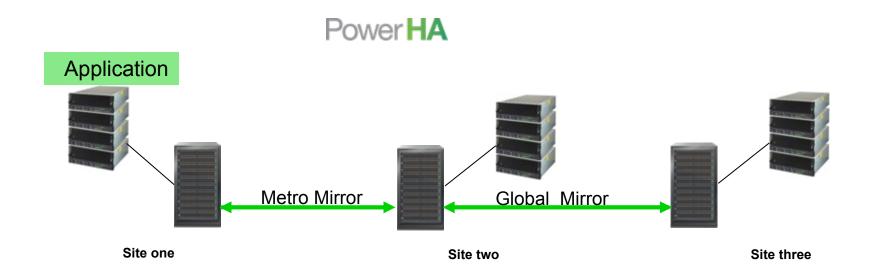








# Three site clustering solutions for DR and/or HA



Metro Global Mirror (MGM) cluster



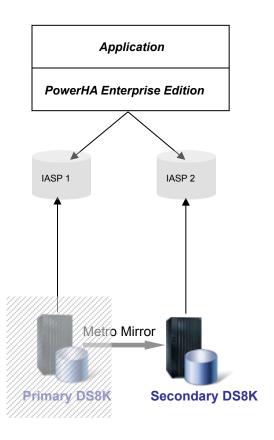




# PowerHA HyperSwap clustering technology (V7.2 plans\*)

Applications halts while cluster switches

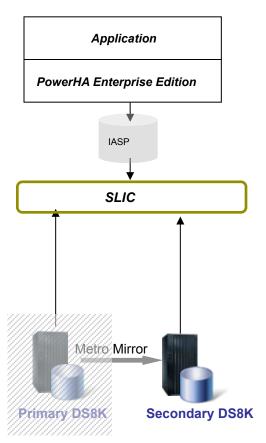
Storage resumes after cluster switch



**Traditional Metro Mirror Cluster** 

Applications continue to use the IASP

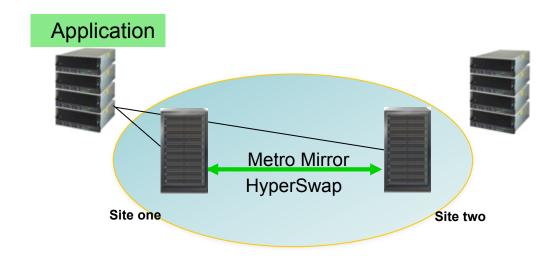
- Storage switched via SLIC



HyperSwap Cluster



# Two site single system Power HA solution with HyperSwap



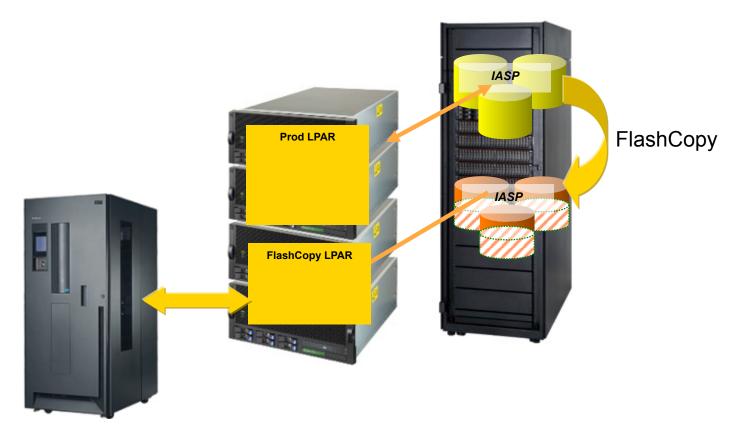
### PowerHA HyperSwap Cluster

- PowerHA Express Edition manages a DS8K HyperSwap config
- Can be used with LPM
- Available now





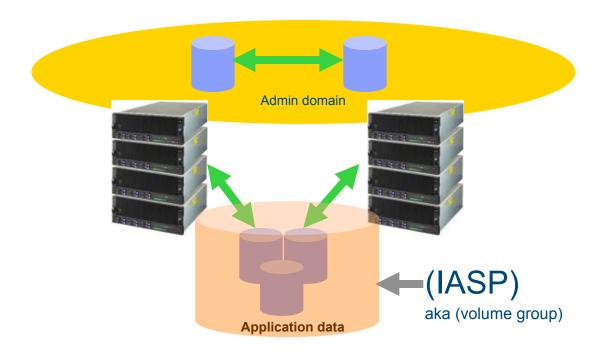
# ELIMINATE the backup window with FlashCopy



- FlashCopy with PowerHA essentially eliminates your backup window
- Full system flash copy is also an option though not as seamless as with IASPs



## PowerHA basic concepts



- PowerHA SystemMirror creates and manages a shared storage cluster topology
  - IASP volume group hosts the DB, IFS data
  - Admin Domain manages the sysbas data
  - Note that the foundational topology does not involve replication

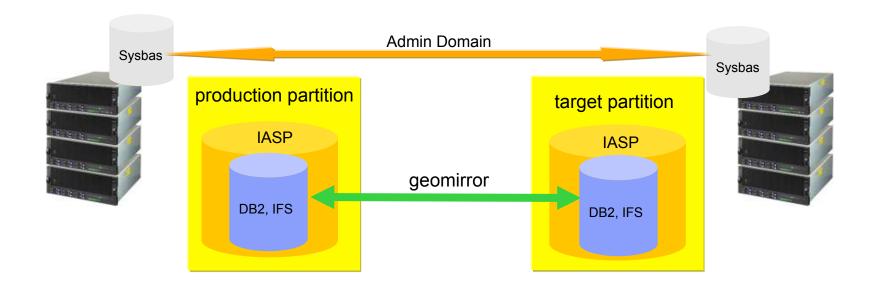


# What about IT shops with only one or two processors?

- PowerHA with geographic mirroring is the answer
  - Typically used by shops with under 4 Tbytes and internal disk
  - IASP size driven by resync time requirements
  - After an unplanned outage the target data is replicated back to the source therefore the larger the IASP the longer the resync time
- Geomirroring is IBM i mirroring of the IASP data over IP
  - IBM i storage management sends the memory pages to both the remote and local server either synchronously or asynchronously
  - Synchronous distance is typically under 30 or 40 KM but distance is driven by application response time requirements



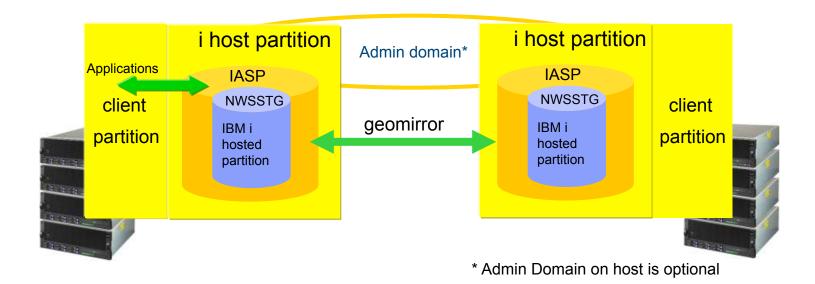
# PowerHA – geomirroring – HA/DR clustering



- PowerHA geomirror cluster (typically with internal disk and < 4 Tbytes)</li>
- Complete HA/DR coverage for all outage types (hardware, middleware, operator error)
- Off line back-up followed by source side /target side tracking change resynchronization
- Synchronous mode up to 40 KM, production and target always identical
- Asynchronous mode unlimited distance, production and target ordered and consistent



# PowerHA – geomirroring – i hosting i remote partition restart for DR



- Non-cluster PowerHA configuration, full system replication
- IBM client placed into a network storage space which is placed into an IASP
- Guest and host partition must be shut down before remote host and client can be restarted
- Benefit: easy to set up (in production world wide today, Express Edition not required)
- Limitation: no heart beating, can't do concurrent OS upgrades
- Unplanned failover requires an abnormal IPL of target



### IBM i HA/DR Customer Profile

#### **TRADITIONAL**

- Internal Disk
- Logical replication
- · CBU with multiple cores licensed for replication workload
- Role-swap = seldom if ever
- Backup window = ranges up to a few hours
- TCO = staffing, SWMA, upgrade charges,
- Staffing = dedicated specialist
- Outage management = complex
- Support = vendor

planning time for the annual DR test block your calendars



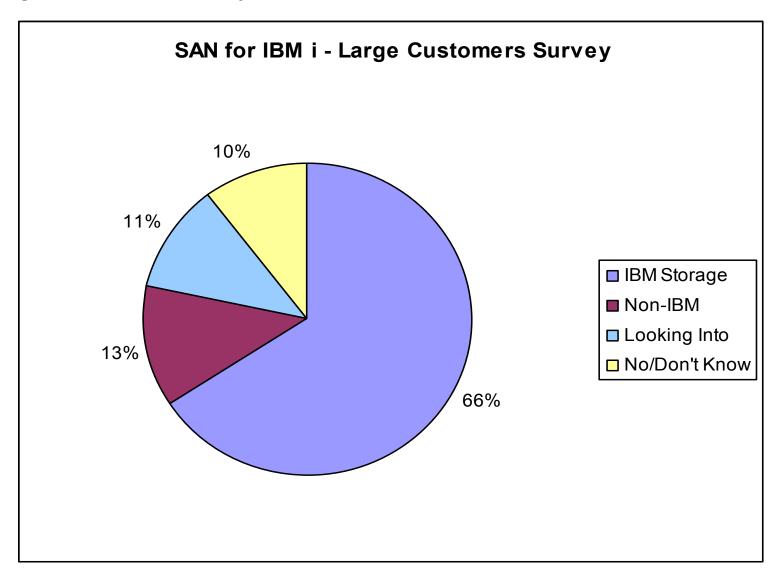
#### **PowerHA**

- IBM Storage or (Internal Disk with geomirroring)
- Switchable LUNs, Metro or Global Mirroring
- CBU with only 1 core licensed
- Role-swap = daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly
- Backup window = minutes
- TCO = minimal staffing, SWMA
- Staffing = minutes/week
- Outage management = simple
- Support = IBM





# Large Users Survey: The Move is On

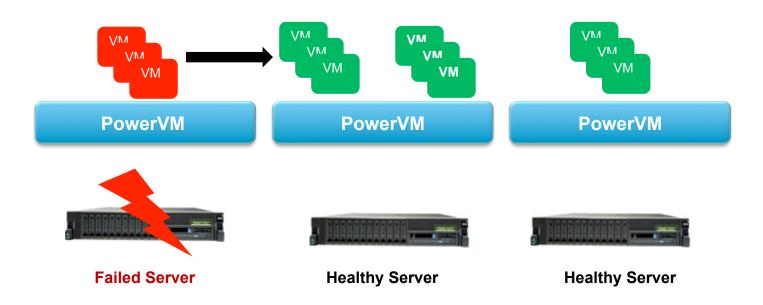




### PowerVC Managing PowerVM Remote VM Restart

PowerVC Remote VM Restart enables starting VMs from a failed host on another server

- Accelerate recovery time for a failed Power Server
- VMs are automatically rebooted on new servers
- Works with AIX, IBM i or Linux VMs
- Requires a human decision to perform restart using PowerVC
- Host Group policy controls VM placement upon restart

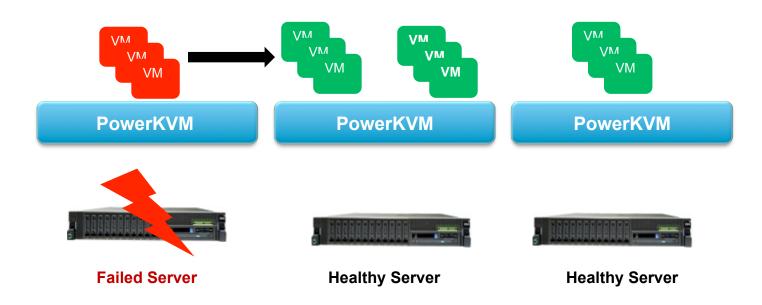




### PowerVC Managing PowerKVM Remote VM Restart

PowerVC Remote VM Restart enables starting VMs from a failed host on another server

- Accelerate recovery time for a failed Power Server
- VMs are automatically rebooted on new servers
- Works with any Linux VM type
- Requires a human decision to perform restart using PowerVC
- Host Group policy controls VM placement upon restart



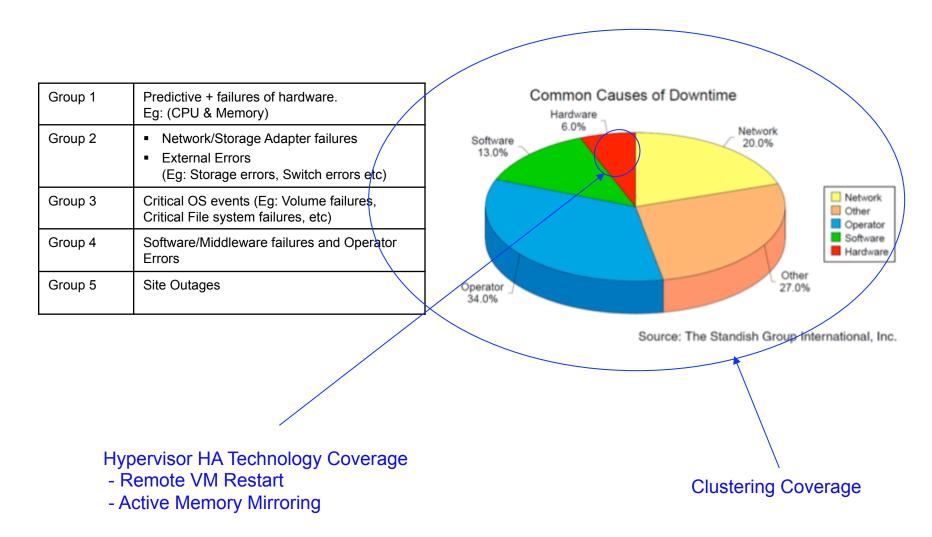


# PowerVC Restart vs PowerHA Comparison

Capability	PowerVC	PowerHA
PowerVM	✓	$\checkmark$
PowerKVM	$\checkmark$	×
Source & Target System can be separate HMC s	×	✓
Graphical Management UI	$\checkmark$	×
Local or Remote Recovery	Local only	Local and Remote
AIX, IBM i, Linux	$\checkmark$ , $\checkmark$ , $\checkmark$	AIX, IBM i
Hardware support	POWER8,fw 8.20û	POWER 6,7,8
Complexity	Low	Medium
PowerVM EE Required	Yes	No
Pricing	Per core	Per core

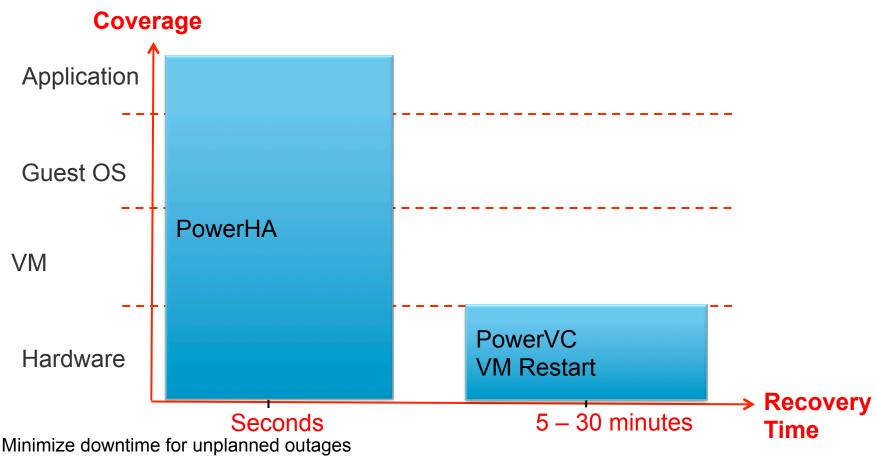


### Common Causes of Downtime and Classification





# Clustering and Power Virtualization Technology HA Coverage



- PowerHA provides complete coverage and lowest recovery times
- PowerVC Remote VM Restart provides additional coverage for Server Hardware Issues.





## Basic DR Characteristics Clustering verses DR VM Restart

	Cluster technology (in band)	DR Remote VM Restart (out of band)
Error coverage	Comprehensive (Monitoring inside the VM )	Limited (Monitoring external to VM)
Workload failover/startup time	Failover + workload startup (mins)	Reboot of VM (15 Minutes or more)
Administration	Network, Storage, Security, etc	Minimal
Deployment Effort	Inside the VM (requires skill)	Outside the VM (simple)
Cost of acquisition	Redundant cores and LPPs	Redundant cores
Outage Types Covered	All	Primarily CEC
Application/Middleware Resiliency	Independent OS per LPAR	Single OS image
Workload type suitability	Mission Critical	Mission Critical

#### · General Characteristics

- Cluster technology monitors events inside of the VM
- Cluster technology requires redundant licensing for the DR site
- VM restart technology is generally relatively easy to set up and use
- DR remote VM restart enables simple compliance testing and minimal redundant licensing





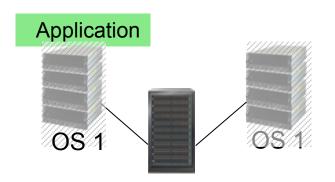
# VM Restart (out-of-band) HA/DR

#### VM restart for the data center example

- Single image of OS and application
- External Ksys (out of band) provides automation

### **Two-Site VM restart example**

- In-band cluster management for the data center
- · Out of band VM restart to DR site





### PowerLinux Solutions for HA Overview

- IBM
  - Tivoli System Automation for Mutiplatform (TSA-MP)
    - Supports Red Hat and SUSE
  - DB2 HADR
    - Supports Ret Hat and SUSE
- SUSE
  - Linux Enterprise High Availability Extension
     https://www.suse.com/products/highavailability/
- NEC
  - Express Cluster
    - Supports Red Hat and SUSE

http://www.nec.com/en/global/prod/expresscluster/en/overview/index.html

- Ubuntu
  - High Availability Cluster Solutions for Ubuntu 14.04 on Power
    - Supports Red Hat and SUSE

https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/wikis/home?lang=en#!/wiki/ W51a7ffcf4dfd 4b40 9d82 446ebc23c550/page/High%20Availability%20Cluster%20Solutions%20for%20Ubuntu%2014.04%20on%20Power

### PowerLinux Solutions for HA Overview

- Linbit
  - High availability and disaster recovery (official support pending)
    - Supports RedHat and SUSE
- Storeix
  - System Backup for IBM PowerLinux
  - supports Red Hat and SUSE

http://www-304.ibm.com/partnerworld/gsd/solutiondetails.do?&solution=17057&lc=en

■ HAO **for** RHEL on p Systems. Developed and supported by Sine Nomine ... the High-Availability Option (HAO) **for** Red Hat Enterprise **Linux** on p Systems provides software and support tooling to implement ... requirements. SNA engineers can assist with implementing **HA** support **for** many products as part of separate services engagements. ...

HAO for RHEL on p Systems (POWER)



# IBM i CBU with PowerHA Voucher

- CBU + PowerHA SystemMirror 7.1 for IBM i
  - Sell them together
  - Three days of services included
  - Fast start to better business continuity



Don't forget about PowerCare







# PowerHA SystemMirror 7.2 for i

PowerHA SystemMirror for	IBM i	Express Edition	Standard Edition	Enterprise Edition
Offering Focus		Data Center CEC HA (per core)	Data Center App HA (per core)	Multi Site HA/DR (per core)
Small Tier Blade & Entry Power		\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,250
Medium Tier Mid-range Power	Scale	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$5,000
Large Tier Enterprise Servers		\$3,600	\$4,500	\$6,500

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- 5770 HAS Base PID no keys, no function
- Express Edition data simple center solution
  - PID 57770 HAS
  - Option 3
- · Standard Edition data center solution
  - PID 5770 HAS
  - Option 2
- Enterprise Edition multi-site solution
  - PID 5770 HAS
  - Option 1









### PowerHA Tools for IBM i – Lab Services

PowerHA Tools for IBM i	Capability	Benefit	DS8000	Storwize	Internal
Smart Assist for PowerHA on IBM i	Provides operator commands and scripts to supplement PowerHA installation and ongoing operations for IASP enabled applications.	Simplifies deployment and ongoing management of high availability for critical IBM i applications.	Yes	Yes	Yes
IASP Copy Services (Automated recovery v	s Manager vith faster IASP-level vary on, no system IPL	)			
Flashcopy	Automates Flashcopy of IASP for daily off-line backup with seamless BRMS integration.	Increases application availability by reducing or eliminating backup window for routine daily backups.	Yes	Yes	
LUN-level Switching	Simplifies deployment and automates switching of an IASP between IBM i cluster nodes in one data center.	Enables a business continuity manager to provide a simple, single site HA solution.	Yes*	**	
Metro Mirror or Global Mirror	Simplifies initial deployment and automates ongoing server and storage management of two-site Metro Mirror or Global Mirror HA or DR solutions. Requires IASP enabled applications	Enables a business continuity manager to provide seamless operation of integrated server and storage operations for two-site high availability or disaster recovery.	Yes		
Metro Global Mirror (MGM)	Extends PowerHA functionality to provide three-site server/storage replication solution combining Metro Mirror for HA with Global Mirror for DR. Requires IASP enabled applications and IBM Tivoli Productivity Center – Replication (TPC-R).	Enables a business continuity manager to further lower business risk and maximize business resilience for highly critical business applications that require three-site HA/DR protection.	Yes		
Full System Copy S (Automated recovery,	Services Manager requires full system IPL)				XIV
Flashcopy	Automates full system Flashcopy for daily off-line backup with integrated support for BRMS without IASP-enabled applications.	Increases application availability by reducing or eliminating backup window for routine daily backups. Enables an entry solution while planning IASP enablement.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Metro Mirror or Global Mirror	Simplifies initial deployment and automates ongoing server and storage management of two-site Metro Mirror or Global Mirror HA or DR solutions. without IASP-enabled applications.	Enables a business continuity manager to provide seamless operation of integrated server and storage operations for HA or DR. Enables an entry solution while planning IASP enablement.	Yes		

<sup>\*</sup>DS8000 support available with PowerHA Tools for IBM i 6.1 or earlier, included in PowerHA SystemMirror 7.1 \*\*V7000 support included with PowerHA 7.1 TR6





### IBM Lab Services Offerings for PowerHA for IBM i

PowerHA Service Offering	Description
IBM i High Availability Architecture and Design Workshop	An experienced IBM i consultant will conduct a planning and design workshop to review solutions and alternatives to meet HA/DR and backup/ recovery requirements. The consultant will provide an architecture and implementation plan to meet these requirements.
PowerHA for IBM i Bandwidth Analysis	An experienced IBM i consultant will review network bandwidth requirements for implementing storage data replication. IBM will review I/O data patterns and provide a bandwidth estimate to build into the business and project plan for clients deploying PowerHA for IBM i.
IBM i Independent Auxiliary Storage Pool (IASP) Workshop	An experienced IBM i consultant will provide jumpstart services for migrating applications into an IASP. Training includes enabling applications for IASPs, clustering techniques, plus managing PowerHA and HA/DR solution options with IASPs.
PowerHA for IBM i Implementation Services	An experienced IBM consultant will provide services to implement an HA/DR solution for IBM Power Systems servers with IBM Storage. Depending on specific business requirements, the end-to-end solution implementation may include a combination of PowerHA for IBM i and/or PowerHA Tools for IBM i, plus appropriate storage software such as Metro Mirror, Global Mirror and/or Flashcopy.

For more information on PowerHA Tools for IBM i offerings and services, contact: Mark Even <a href="mailto:even@us.ibm.com">even@us.ibm.com</a> 507-253-1313

www.ibm.com/systems/services/labservices stgls@us.ibm.com





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### Additional resources for PowerHA IBM i

- PowerHA Wiki
  - www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/ha/
- Lab Services
  - http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/services/labservices
- PowerCare
  - http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/power/support/powercare/
- Redbooks at www.redbooks.ibm.com
  - Implementing PowerHA for IBM i SG24-7405-00 (Nov 2008)
  - IBM i 6.1 Independent ASPs SG24-7811-00
  - PowerHA SystemMirror for IBM i Cookbook SG24-7994-00 (Jan 2012)
  - 'IBM i and IBM Storwize Family: A Practical Guide to Usage Scenarios'. SG248197http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/pdfs/sg248197.pdf
- IBM System Storage Solutions for IBM i
  - Course code: AS930Duration: 4.0 days
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- High Availability Clusters (Power HA) and Independent Disk Pools for IBM i
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