



Highlights

- For small-to-midsized database servers
 - For consolidation of UNIX®, IBM i and x86 Linux® workloads and virtualized application servers
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IBM Power 740 Express server

High-performance, flexible and reliable midsize database and consolidation server

Businesses desire systems that deliver outstanding performance but also demand that those systems achieve higher levels of energy efficiency and utilization to help conserve energy and reduce infrastructure costs. As a small-to-midsized database server, the Power® 740 Express® server is fueled by the outstanding performance of the POWER7® processor, making it possible for applications to run faster with fewer processors, which can result in lower per core software licensing costs. The Power 740 Express also supports innovative workload-optimizing and energy management technologies to help clients get the most out of their systems; that is, running applications quickly and energy efficiently to reduce costs.

As a consolidation server, businesses can further reduce costs and energy consumption by combining the Power 740 Express performance, capacity and configuration flexibility with industrial-strength PowerVM™ virtualization for AIX®, IBM i, and Linux. The Power 740 Express is designed with large memory and I/O capacity to satisfy even the most demanding processing environments and can deliver business advantages and higher client satisfaction.

The Power 740 Express is a one- or two-socket server that supports up to 16 POWER7 cores in a flexible 4U rack-optimized or tower form factor. The Power 740 offers large memory capacity, outstanding performance of the POWER7 processor, PowerVM and workload-optimizing capabilities to enable companies to get the most out of their systems by increasing utilization and performance while helping to reduce infrastructure and energy costs.



Power is the performance that delivers business advantage

The leadership performance of the POWER7 processor makes it possible for applications to run faster with fewer processors, resulting in lower per core software licensing costs. In addition, a single system can now run more applications and reduce the number of required servers, lowering infrastructure costs.

Power is effortlessly balancing workload performance

POWER7 **Intelligent Threads** technology enables workload optimization by automatically switching between one, two and four execution threads per processor in order to optimize application throughput. In addition, **Active Memory™ Expansion** is a new POWER7 technology that enables the effective maximum memory capacity to be much larger than the true physical memory without the complexity and cost of installing additional memory devices. These workload-optimizing capabilities can improve application performance and ROI from the server.

Power is the ability to dynamically allocate resources

Take advantage of the scalability and capacity of the Power 740 Express by leveraging our industrial-strength PowerVM technology to fully utilize the system. PowerVM allows any individual LPAR to access the maximum amount of memory and CPU cores that are available on the server. PowerVM offers this capability to dynamically adjust system resources to partitions based on workload demands, enabling a dynamic infrastructure that dramatically reduces server sprawl via massive consolidation of applications and servers.



In addition, optional components, in PowerVM Editions, are designed to provide advanced virtualization technologies, resulting in efficiencies in resource utilization and cost savings.

Power is availability you can count on

The Power 740 Express is designed with capabilities to deliver leading-edge application availability and allow more work to be processed with less operational disruption. RAS capabilities include recovery from intermittent errors or failover to redundant components, detection and reporting of failures and impending failures, and self-healing hardware that automatically initiates actions to effect error correction, repair or component replacement. In addition, the Processor Instruction Retry feature provides for the continuous monitoring of processor status with the capability to restart a processor if certain errors are detected. If required, workloads are redirected to alternate processors, all without disruption to application execution.

The Power 740 Express implements Light Path diagnostics, which provide an obvious and intuitive means to positively identify failing components. This allows system engineers and administrators to easily and quickly diagnose hardware problems. Hardware failures that may have taken hours to locate and diagnose can now be detected in minutes, avoiding or significantly reducing costly downtime.

Power is dynamic energy optimization

EnergyScale™ Technology offers **Intelligent Energy** management features, which can dramatically and dynamically conserve power and further improve energy efficiency. These **Intelligent Energy** features enable the POWER7 processor to operate at a higher frequency, if environmental conditions permit, for increased performance and performance per watt; or, alternatively, operate at a reduced frequency, if user settings permit, for significant energy savings.

Feature	Benefits
Leadership POWER7 performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access data faster and improve response time • Do more work with fewer servers and benefit from infrastructure cost savings from a reduction in the number of servers and software licenses
Intelligent Threads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimize performance by selecting the suitable threading mode for your application
Active Memory Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables more work to be done with existing server resources
PowerVM Virtualization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easily add workloads as your business grows • Utilize the full capability of the system to reduce infrastructure costs by consolidating workloads running the AIX, IBM i or Linux operating • Provides ability to handle unexpected workload peaks by sharing resources
RAS Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep applications up and running so you can focus on growing your business
Light Path Diagnostics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easily and quickly diagnose hardware problems reducing service time.
Flexibility and choice of AIX, IBM i and Linux operating systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose the operating environment that best suits your application and business needs
IBM Systems Director Active Energy Manager™ with EnergyScale Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dramatically and dynamically improve energy efficiency and lower energy costs with innovative energy management capabilities • Enables businesses to continue operations when energy is limited

Power 740 Express at a glance

Configuration options

POWER7 processor modules—one or two per system	4-core or 8-core 3.3 GHz or 4-core or 8-core 3.7 GHz or 6-core or 12-core 3.7 GHz or 8-core or 16-core 3.55 GHz
Sockets	1 or 2
Level 2 (L2) cache	256 KB per core
Level 3 (L3) cache	4 MB per core
Memory	8 GB to 256 GB of RDIMM DDR3 Active Memory Expansion
Solid-state Drives (SSD)	Up to eight SFF drives
Disk drives	Up to eight SFF SAS drives
Disk capacity	Up to 2.4 TB
Media bays	Slimline for DVD-RAM Half height for tape drive or removable disk
PCI Adapter slots	Four PCI Express 8x and optional Four PCI Express Low Profile

Standard I/O adapters

Integrated Virtual Ethernet	Four Ethernet 10/100/1000 Mbps ports (or) Two 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports
Integrated SAS controller	One controller for SAS DASD/SSD and DVD-RAM Optional protected 175 MB cache
Other integrated ports	Three USB, two HMC, two system ports, two SPCN
GX slots (12X)	Two GX++ ¹

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Expansion features (optional)

I/O expansion	Up to 4 PCIe 12X I/O drawers Up to 8 PCI-X DDR 12X I/O drawers
High-performance PCI adapters	8 Gigabit Fibre Channel; 10 Gigabit Ethernet, 10 Gigabit Fibre Channel over Ethernet
Other PCI adapters supported include	SAS, SCSI, WAN/Async, USB, Crypto, iSCSI

PowerVM technologies

POWER Hypervisor™	LPAR, Dynamic LPAR, Virtual LAN (Memory-to-memory interpartition communication)
PowerVM Express Edition (optional)	Up to three partitions on the server; PowerVM Lx86; VMControl, virtualized disk and optical devices (VIOS); Integrated Virtualization Manager (IVM); Shared Dedicated Capacity
PowerVM Standard Edition (optional)	PowerVM Express Edition plus Micro-Partitioning™ with up to 10 micropartitions per processor; Multiple Shared Processor Pools
PowerVM Enterprise Edition (optional)	PowerVM Standard Edition plus Live Partition Mobility (LPM) and Active Memory Sharing (AMS)

RAS features

ECC memory with Chipkill
Processor Instruction Retry
Alternate Processor Recovery
Service processor with fault monitoring
Hot-plug disk bays
Hot-plug and redundant power supplies and cooling fans
Dynamic component Deallocation

Operating systems²

AIX
IBM i
Linux for POWER®

High availability

IBM PowerHA™ family

Power requirements

200 V to 240 V ac, single phase

System dimensions

Tower: 21.3" H x 7.2 - 12.9" W x 27.0" D (541 mm x 183 - 328.5 mm x 688 mm); weight: 111 lbs (50.5 kg)³
Rack Drawer: 6.9" H x 17.3" W x 24.0" D (173 mm x 440 mm x 610 mm); weight: 87 lbs (39.5 kg)³

Warranty (limited)

9 hours per day, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), next business day for three years at no additional cost; on site for selected components; CRU (customer-replaceable unit) for all other units (varies by country).
Warranty service upgrades and maintenance are available.

For more information

To learn more about the IBM Power 740 Express server, please contact your IBM marketing representative or IBM Business Partner, or visit the following websites:

- ibm.com/systems/power/
- <http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/power/software/i/>
- <http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/power/software/aix/>
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When referring to storage capacity, total TB equals total GB divided by 1,000; accessible capacity may be less.

¹ One GX slot shares space with 4 PCI Express x8 low profile option. Available configuration options are dependent on the number of processor cores and other factors. Contact IBM or your IBM Business Partner for specific configuration restrictions.

² See facts and figures document for detailed OS level support.

³ Weight will vary when disks, adapters and peripherals are added.

