

PM for Power Systems support for Linux

The IBM Performance Management Development and Worldwide Operations team is pleased to announce a significant Performance Management for Power Systems offering enhancement with the impending support for Linux Red Hat RHEL Version 5 or higher and SUSE SLES Version 10 or higher. Both require GLIBC version 2.4 or up.

Prior releases of RHEL and SLES may work but are not supported.

This new capability will allow Linux users on any IBM POWER based processor system to enjoy the partition level (or total system if a non partitioned environment) performance, system management and capacity planning functions that IBM PM for Power Systems provides. Linux support is provided in both a stand alone Linux environment or in a mixed OS (Linux, AIX and / or IBM i) environment.

The PM for Power Systems data collection package for support of Linux can be found as an option on the recently announced IBM Installation Toolkit version 5.3, which is available for access beginning November 16, 2012. This is a toolkit for IBM Power Linux installation that will provide access to unique software packages for both RHEL and SLES.

Support is provided in the following environments: 1) IBM Electronic Service Agent (ESA) running in a stand alone environment; 2) an HMC environment; 3) an FSM environment if ESA is configured for transmission of the data.

PM for Power Systems reports and graphs reflecting Linux support will be available in early 2013.

Both no additional charge summary level graphs as well as IBM Technical Support Services detail fee report options will be available.

More information will be available soon on the the PM for Power Systems web site. Included will be Linux based graph examples as well as more specific data collection installation instructions in support of Linux.