

IBM @server pSeries 610



IBM @server pSeries 610 rack/tower packaging flexibility

Highlights

- Power to handle the enterprise computing requirements of small and medium-size businesses
- Flexible tower or rack-mount options for office environments, data centers and remote locations
- Advanced IBM @server technology for superior performance, reliability and systems management

What you need, where you need it

IBM @server pSeries[™] 610 systems are one- or two-way generalpurpose UNIX[®] servers that deliver outstanding performance at an affordable price. As companies extend their e-business infrastructures, these systems have the versatility to function well in many roles, including application and small database serving.

The low cost, reliability and remote systems management capabilities of these servers make them ideal for retail, wholesale distribution, financial services, insurance, healthcare and other environments that support remote stores, branches, regional offices and kiosks. At the same time, they are powerful enough to meet the enterprise computing requirements of small to medium-size businesses and are excellent replacement options for the RS/6000[®] F50 server.

Good things come in small packages

These servers offer the same electronics in two different form factors, providing the flexibility needed to build or extend an infrastructure. The pSeries 610 Model 6E1 is a compact tower design with a small footprint less than 24 inches (617mm) deep and 8.5 inches (215mm) wide. The pSeries 610 Model 6C1 is an industry-standard 19" five EIA Units (5U) drawer designed for "racking and stacking" and can easily be installed in an existing rack.

Each server features one or two POWER3-II copper-based processors running at 375 MHz or 450 MHz. Memory can be expanded from 512MB to 8GB. There are two integrated 10/100 Mbps Ethernet connections, as well as three serial ports and one parallel port for exceptional connectivity and flexibility. Also integrated into each server are internal and external Ultra3 SCSI controllers for high performance and direct access to high-capacity peripherals. These systems provide excellent expandability, including a diskette drive, an internal disk bay and six front-accessible, hot-swappable disk bays that can accommodate 18.2GB or 36.4GB drives. Two additional media bays are available for installation of CD-ROM, DVD-RAM, tape or disk drives. One bay must contain a CD-ROM or DVD-RAM. The other bay is available for any combination of CD-ROM, DVD-RAM, tape or an eighth disk drive. Up to 291.2GB of internal disk storage may be installed. Five PCI slots support 64-bit adapters and provide compatibility with 32-bit cards.

Leading the pack

pSeries 610 systems are part of the IBM @server product line advanced servers that can help lower costs, improve efficiency and speed e-business infrastructure transformation. These new servers extend IBM's leadership in open UNIX systems by incorporating innovative technology introduced on larger pSeries servers and from across the IBM @server product line at a very attractive price.

To help organizations deal effectively with complexity, IBM has announced Project eLiza, a blueprint for self-managing systems. The goal is to use technology to manage technology, thus creating an intelligent, self-managing IT infrastructure that minimizes complexity. This enables increased utilization of technology without the spiraling pressure on critical skills, software and service/support costs.

Project eLiza represents a major shift in the way the industry approaches reliability, availability and serviceability (RAS). It promises to harness the strengths of IBM to deliver open, standards-based servers and operating systems that are self-configuring, self-protecting, self-healing and self-optimizing.

pSeries 610 systems incorporate many leading self-managing system capabilities across the IBM @server product line. These servers incorporate advancements such as the IBM Light Path Diagnostics, which places LEDs near critical components to provide lighted guidance to quickly diagnose and resolve hardware problems. This capability can be extremely valuable when supporting remote systems.

An integrated service processor is included in the pSeries 610 servers a computer within a computer—that constantly monitors the system's vital signs. In the event of a malfunction, the service processor is capable of "calling home" by automatically dialing out to an IBM service center, often before any problem is apparent to users or system administrators. This systems management function allows many problems to be corrected and system function restored remotely without extended downtime. The service processor also allows for remote shutdown or boot-up without any physical contact with the system. It enables systems management services for installing application enhancements, software upgrades and operating system patches from remote locations. This standard feature saves system administrator time when managing branch offices, multiple store locations or servers in difficult-to-get-to locations.

The Model 6C1 rack-mount offers a number of important features designed to simplify the management of large server farms. In these environments, high-density packaging is a critical business success factor because multiple racks filled with servers make the management task more complex. Programmable service indicator lights are located on the front and rear of the system to make it easy for an on-site technician to quickly locate the system requiring attention. In addition, a built-in, front-accessible serial interface for handheld devices such as the IBM WorkPad[®] or Palm[™] enables quick system setup, network configuration and performance monitoring, using specialized IBM nocharge System Networking, Analysis and Performance Pilot (SNAPP) software. This allows the technician with only minimal training to quickly set up and install the server within the customer's network environment.

Another powerful IBM systems management feature, Wireless System Management (WSM), simplifies the management of these servers using wireless handheld devices such as the Palm VII or a cell phone. Designed to work with a browser on many different types of wireless devices, WSM allows customers to manage these systems from anywhere in the wireless, networked world and is also available from IBM as no-charge software.

Online, all the time

pSeries 610 systems use ECC (error checking and correcting) memory technology to enhance reliability. ECC can detect singleand double-bit errors and can correct all single-bit errors. In addition, the systems offer redundant hot-plug cooling fans and power supplies, which may be replaced without affecting system operations.

For even higher levels of availability, these servers can be clustered with industry-leading High Availability Cluster Multiprocessing (HACMP) disaster recovery software from IBM.¹ When combined with applications that meet IBM ClusterProven[™] standards, this solution provides a superior base for high availability, which is an essential ingredient for e-commerce.

An advanced operating system

pSeries 610 systems are matched with an advanced operating system, AIX[®], the high-performance UNIX operating system from IBM. Providing real value in reliability, availability and security, AIX is tuned for e-business and is widely recognized as state of the art in systems and network management.

AIX delivers Java[™] technology, Web performance and scalability enhancements. It offers Web-based remote management tools to control the system and monitor key resources such as adapter and network availability, file system status and processor workload. AIX also incorporates Workload Manager, which can help ensure that critical applications remain responsive even during periods of peak system demand. And AIX runs across all pSeries and RS/6000 servers for greater compatibility and investment protection.

The latest release of AIX, AIX 5L[™] Version 5.1, adds new functionality to further improve security and system availability as well as to enhance Workload Manager. In fact, the System Management and Internet/Web-application Services of AIX 5L rank as industry leaders.²

Greater application choice

The IBM @server product line is about uncompromising flexibility in selecting, building and deploying the applications a business needs. Toward that end, IBM offers the industry's broadest range of platforms and operating systems. And IBM is committed to industry-standard, cross-platform technologies—such as Java, XML, HTML, SOAP and UDDI—that are at the heart of a flexible e-business infrastructure. Support for these standards in our key middleware—including DB2® Universal Database[™], WebSphere[®] Application Server and MQSeries®means companies won't be locked into a single platform as their businesses grow. As a result, they always have the flexibility to deploy applications in a cost-effective way.

pSeries 610 systems represent the IBM @server commitment to true application flexibility through open standards. In addition to including enhanced Java scalability and performance, AIX 5L provides integrated Linux[®]-compatible Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) that allow popular Linux and Open Source applications to run on AIX with a simple recompilation. The AIX Toolbox for Linux Applications (distributed "AS IS" with AIX 5L) provides utilities, editors, debuggers and other application development tools to aid in this recompilation.

IBM anticipates 64-bit native Linux support on these servers by the First Quarter of 2002.

Tools for managing e-business

pSeries 610 systems are backed by a comprehensive suite of offerings and resources that provide value at every stage of IT implementation. These tools can help customers test possible solutions, obtain financing, plan and implement applications and middleware, manage capacity and availability, improve performance, and obtain technical support across the entire infrastructure. The result is an easier way to handle the complexities and rapid growth of e-business. In addition, IBM Global Services experts can help with business and IT consulting, business transformation and total systems management services, as well as customized e-business solutions.

Service and support

pSeries 610 systems are backed by a one-year basic warranty. This warranty is end-to-end and includes operating system software support, hardware fixes, manned phone hardware support and call tracking. In the United States, the basic warranty provides next-businessday service, and warranty upgrades are available for same business day service or 24x7x365 coverage with four-hour response time. In other countries, the warranty terms and conditions may be different. Please consult your local IBM Business Partner for country-specific terms and conditions.

pSeries 610 Models 6E1 and 6C1 at a glance

Standard configuration	
Microprocessor:	375 MHz POWER3-II with 4MB L2 cache
RAM (memory):	512MB
Internal disk drive:	One 18.2GB Ultra3 SCSI
Internal disk bays:	Six front accessible, hot-swappable
Media bays:	Three (front accessible): First—diskette drive Second—CD-ROM/DVD-RAM Third—CD-ROM/DVD-RAM/tape or additional disk drive
Expansion slots:	Five PCI: Two 64-bit, 3.3v, 50 MHz One 64-bit, 5.0v, 33 MHz Two 32-bit, 5.0v, 33 MHz
Standard features	I/O: 10/100 Mbps Ethernet controller with two ports; one internal Ultra3 SCSI controller; one external Ultra3 SCSI controller One parallel and three serial ports; one keyboard and one mouse
Operating systems	AIX Version 5.1 or AIX Version 4.3.3 (unlimited user license) Will support Linux distributions (64-bit) when available
System expansion	
Microprocessor:	375 MHz POWER3-II with 4MB L2 cache or 450 MHz POWER3-II with 8MB L2 cache
Processors:	One- or two-way
RAM:	Up to 8GB
Power:	Third power supply available
Internal disk:	Up to 291.2GB (18.2GB and 36.4GB drives available)
External storage:	IBM 2104 Expandable Storage Plus (Ultra3 SCSI), IBM 7133 Serial Disk System (SSA)
System dimensions	16.8"H x 8.5"W x 24"D (426mm x 215mm x 617mm)—tower 8.5"H x 16.8"W x 24"D (215mm x 426mm x 617mm)—standard 5U rack-mount Weight 35.5 kg (78.0 lb)*
Warranty	On-site, next-business-day for one year (limited) at no additional cost Warranty and maintenance upgrades available
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Feature	Benefits
Copper used in POWER3-II microprocessors	 Improves processor performance and reliability while using less power and producing less heat, thus conserving energy for both operations and cooling
64-bit system architecture	 Supports larger amounts of memory so applications can keep more information accessible in fast-access memory (less need to retrieve from online storage); thus, applications run faster
Space-saving tower or rack-mount	 Allows greater flexibility in deployment Allows use in high-density environments, where horizontal scalability is an important facto Fits beside and under desks saving valuable floor space (tower)
Up to two processors per system	Provides flexible growth in computing power
Choice of 375 MHz or 450 MHz processors	Provides flexibility to grow in performance as workloads increase with minimal disruption and incremental cost
8MB L2 cache per processor (450 MHz systems)	Provides increased performance
Up to 8GB ECC SDRAM memory	Allows faster performance and exploitation of 64-bit addressing for scientific and technical modeling applications
Five PCI adapter slots	 Provide growth options for significantly increased capacity Support many popular expansion adapters
Front-mounted serial port (Model 6C1 only)	• Allows convenient connection of handheld devices for easy systems management
Wireless systems management	 Allows remote operations personnel to perform system maintenance and monitor system performance Allows server farms to be managed more easily
Programmable service indicator lights (Model 6C1 only)	Simplify the task of locating the server requiring attention
Light Path Diagnostics	Provides lighted guidance for quick problem identification and resolution
Built-in service processor	 Continuously monitors system operations and takes preventive or corrective actions for quick problem resolution and high system availability Allows diagnostics and maintenance to be performed remotely
Hot-swappable disk drive bays	 Provide greater system availability and smooth growth by allowing swapping or adding of disk drives without shutting down the system
Redundant hot-plug power and cooling subsystems	Enhance system availability, if cooling fan or power supply fails
AIX operating system	 Maintains compliance with UNIX 98 specifications Supports full interoperability and coexistence between 32- and 64-bit applications with processes that may run concurrently and cooperatively Provides an AIX binary-compatible environment that helps assure continuing application availability across AIX releases when binary-compatibility rules are observed
System boot from hot-swappable drive	 Provides the ability to locate the boot drive in either the internal disk bay or one of the six hot-swappable disk bays Facilitates easy boot drive mirroring and OS updates without system shutdown Default configuration of the boot drive is in the internal disk bay

Summary

These compact, powerful servers deliver exceptional versatility and value and are ideal for companies that need to replicate solutions across a variety of sites. With a low entry price, pSeries 610 servers are perfect for small to midsize organizations to handle current needs, but with expandability to anticipate future growth. In either case, these servers are cost-effective, scalable, reliable systems that share the same heritage as the IBM @server systems that power the e-business infrastructures of the Fortune 1000.

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