

Do You Qualify?

Service Voucher and Education Vouchers from IBM



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Many of you that have purchased the iSeries Enterprise Edition recently have purchased a great deal more than just a lot of 5250 cycles available to use.

The column this month will concentrate on the excellent opportunities afforded by the service and education vouchers that come with the Enterprise Edition. The concepts are the same for the 800, 810, 825, 870 and 890. This article will concentrate specifically on the vouchers and some of the other surprises you get when you purchase a new i5 with i5/OS V5R3 and the Enterprise Edition.

Every i5 Enterprise Edition starting with the model 550 and up comes with an extra processor activated at no additional charge. This processor is then available for you to run i5/OS, Linux or AIX on. In most cases you will have to purchase the additional operating system license. The exception to this is with the Domino Edition which comes with two licenses for i5/OS. The other exception involves AIX.

Before I discuss AIX I want to start with the vouchers included with the Enterprise Edition. On the i5 the Enterprise Edition always includes one service voucher and may include education vouchers.

On the i5 520 the service voucher covers a one day service engagement by a qualified business partner to install, configure and get you started with one of: Windows integration, Domino for iSeries, WAS Express or Linux with SAMBA and WebServing. IBM pays the qualified Business Partner to perform this service on your behalf.

On the 550/570/595 the service voucher covers a slightly different set of options. The service voucher on these models covers a 2-day on-site "Getting Started" engagement delivered by IBM profes-

sionals. Even their travel and living for this engagement is covered. How can you lose? IBM will help you get started with Linux on iSeries, Domino, WAS Express, AIX, Windows Integration or WebSphere Portal Express Plus. Just think, you may have always wanted to try Linux. With the larger models and the Enterprise Edition you provide the Linux operating system and the Enterprise Edition provides the activation for one extra processor and the actual on-site services to help you install and get started running Linux on iSeries.

If you want to work with AIX there is an even better incentive. If you choose the AIX Getting Started service voucher with the Enterprise Edition, not only do you get the extra processor activated but you also get a single processor license for AIX 5L to run on that processor. What a super offer! But don't forget, when you are evaluating which server voucher offering to take advantage of, every 550, 570, 595 Enterprise Edition includes an integrated xSeries server. This might just put Windows Integration high on your list.

As noted earlier, in addition to service vouchers, the Enterprise Edition may also entitle you to education vouchers from IBM. These vouchers are valid at a series of classes that cover the new workloads such as Windows Integration, Linux, WebSphere and also the iSeries Technical Conferences and some COMMON conferences. The complete and up-to-date list of courses covered can be found at the URL at the end of this article. The education vouchers vary from zero on the 520 to five on the 595.

The bad news: You are supposed to register for these vouchers within 120 days of server installation. The good news: Since IBM realizes that a lot of customers have really not understood what they were entitled to, you can contact **Michael**

Prochaska in Rochester, to request an extension of that deadline. Michael can be reached at mikejp@us.ibm.com.

I really encourage all of you to take full advantage of the education and on-site services offerings that you may already be entitled to at no additional charge.

There are lots of other highlights with the Enterprise Edition. For example, many of you with the 550, 570 or 595 will be running on systems with multiple processors. IBM has chosen to package the DB2 Symmetric Multiprocessing feature or SMP with your Enterprise Edition. This feature allows the database to take full advantage of the multiple processors and to run specific requests in parallel. You only need to turn it on. To do this you can go to the Performance section of the System Values in iSeries Navigator or you can use the command "CHG-SYSVAL QQRVDEGREE". If you are running a heavy query environment or creating lots of indexes or reorganizing tables this can be extremely helpful.

There are a lot more features included in the Enterprise Edition that we don't have the time or space to cover today. For complete details on the iSeries Editions please see <http://www.ibm.com/iseries/hardware/editions>. 

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