AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1
Release Notes

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Enclosed is information about the AIX 5L for POWER V5.1. **Read this information before installing AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1.**

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Warning - AIX Systems May Not Boot From CD-ROM

AIX systems may not boot from CD-ROM. To find out if your system is affected by this problem, do the following:

1. At the command prompt, enter the following command:
   ```bash
   lscfg -vl cd*
   ```

2. Examine the data that is returned.
   - If **Partnumber** is 04N2964 and **ROS Level or ID** is less than 1_04 (i.e., 1_02, 1_01, or 1_00), contact your local service representative. Tell your service representative that your system requires the CD-ROM firmware upgrade that is described in RETAIN TIP H1332.

   If the data returned does not match the data described in the preceding paragraph, your system is not affected by this problem. This warning does not apply to your system.
AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1 Installation Documentation

AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1 Release Notes contains information that will aid you in the installation of AIX 5L Version 5.1.

The AIX 5L Version 5.1 documentation library is available at the following Web site:
http://www.ibm.com/servers/aix/library

AIX documentation is also contained on the AIX documentation CD. The documentation is made accessible by loading the documentation CD onto the hard disk or by mounting the CD in the CD-ROM drive.

Some of the installation instructions in this document assume knowledge of:

- AIX system administration commands
- System Management Interface Tool (SMIT)
- Software installation operations, such as apply and commit

The following publications describe AIX 5L Version 5.1 installation:

- AIX 5L Version 5.1 Installation Guide, order number SC23-4374
- AIX 5L Version 5.1 Network Installation Management Guide and Reference, available only online

The AIX 5L Version 5.1 Installation Guide is available both online and in hardcopy.

To order the AIX Version 5.1 Installation Guide book, contact your point of sale, or, in the U.S., call IBM Customer Publication Support at 1-800-879-2755. Specify order number SC23-4374.

To obtain AIX 5L Version 5.1 installation hints and tips, send e-mail with a subject line of 51_Install_Tips to aixserv@austin.ibm.com, the AIX Service Mail Server.

Installation

This section contains information about installing AIX 5L Version 5.1 that supplements the information contained in the AIX 5L Version 5.1 installation documentation. Refer to the publications listed in “AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1 Installation Documentation” for complete installation instructions.
Installing AIX 5L Version 5.1

The following methods can be used to install AIX 5L Version 5.1:

- Complete overwrite installation
- Preservation installation
- Migration installation

Notes:

1. After installing or updating a system to 5.1.0.0, you can install a lower level of AIX by restoring a system backup or performing a new and complete overwrite with base media. Preservation installations from 5.1.0.0 to a lower level of AIX are not supported.

2. Cloning with a system backup (mksysb) from a 64-bit enabled JFS2 system to a 32-bit system will fail.

To install AIX 5L Version 5.1, boot from the product media and follow the instructions in the AIX 5L Version 5.1 Installation Guide, SC23-4374.

New Base Operating System Installation Menus

When doing a BOS installation, if you select 2 Change/Show Installation Settings and Install from the Welcome to Base Operating System Installation and Maintenance menu, the third choice has changed from Install Trusted Computing Base to Advanced Options. If you select Advanced Options, the Advanced Options menu displays the following choices:

1. Desktop.................................CDE
2. Enable Trusted Computing Base.........no
3. Enable 64-bit Kernel and JFS2.............no

ASCII Systems

You can choose either a Minimal or a Default installation on ASCII systems. If you choose the Default installation, you may be prompted for additional CDs during a BOS installation. If you do not have these additional CDs or you want to stop the BOS installation, enter q on the command line to continue the installation process.

Note: If you stop the BOS installation at this point in the process, the BOS is usable.

Graphical Systems

The Desktop choices are CDE, KDE, GNOME and NONE. If you select NONE, the following are
installed: X11, Java, Perl, SMIT, and Web-based System Manager. If you select CDE, GNOME, or KDE, the following are installed: X11, Java, Perl, SMIT, Web-based System Manager, Documentation Library Services, and the desktop.

**Note:** If you select either GNOME or KDE, you will be prompted for the *Toolbox for Linux Applications* CD. If you do not have this CD or you want to continue the installation process without it, enter `q` on the command line.

The **Enable 64-bit Kernel and JFS2** feature is introduced with AIX 5L. If you have a 64-bit system and select **Yes** for this option, the 64-bit kernel is linked so that it becomes the running kernel on the system after the installation is complete. If you choose to install the 64-bit kernel, the filesystem is JFS2. If you choose **No**, the 64-bit kernel is still installed on the system, but the running kernel after installation is either the 32-bit up or mp kernel, depending on the system.

**Memory Requirements**

AIX 5L Version 5.1 requires a minimum of 64 megabytes of physical memory.

**Initial Paging Space Requirements**

AIX 5L Version 5.1 requires the initial paging space (`/dev/hd6`) to be a minimum of 64 megabytes in size.

**Disk Space Requirements**

AIX 5L Version 5.1 requires additional disk space for the same set of installed filesets due to the increased library sizes and additional function.

**Note:** The following measurements are guidelines for the disk space that is required on your system when you install AIX 5L.

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During a migration installation, if /opt exists only as a directory, and has less than 3mb of data, then a new logical volume and filesystem (/dev/hd10opt and /opt respectively), will be created and the data that existed in the /opt directory will be moved to the new filesystem.

If there is more than 3mb of data in /opt, then the new logical volume and file system are not created.

If any filesystem existed, that had a mount point in the /opt directory, or a mount point of /opt itself, the new logical volume and filesystem are not created.

Other Installation Information

Installation Packaging Formats

AIX 5L supports multiple installation packaging formats, including the following:

- rpm installer (a Linux tool),
- InstallShield Multi-Platform (ISMP) installer
- Uniform Device Driver Interface's (UDI's) udisetup installer
- installp command (AIX system installation command and packaging format)

By using the new geninstall command, you can list and install from media that contains installation images that were packaged in any of these formats.
To emphasize this new function and to allow for multiple supported platform types (Itanium-based and PPC), the media structure was changed. New subdirectories were created to contain installation images. The installp images that were previously stored in the /usr/sys/inst.images directory on the CD are now stored in /installp/arch where arch is ia64 or ppc. The rpm images are stored in /RPMS/arch and any ISMP images would be stored in /ISMP/arch. Currently there are only installp and rpm images shipping on AIX product media.

The installp, bffcreate, geninstall, gencopy and nim commands were updated to recognize this new structure. The geninstall and gencopy commands recognize other non-installp installation formats and will call the appropriate installers or copy the images, respectively.

Example:

If you are calling bffcreate (or a user interface) to copy images from CD to a directory on the disk, you will notice that new subdirectories will be created in the target directory and the images will be placed in those directories.

In AIX 4.3, the default target directory for bffcreate was /usr/sys/inst.images.

In AIX 5.1, if the following command was used on a PPC machine:

```
bffcreate -d /dev/cd0 all
```

the default target directory would be /usr/sys/inst.images/installp/ppc.

If the gencopy command was used:

```
gencopy -d /dev/cd0 all
```

In addition to all the installp images, you would also get the rpm images that are contained on the product media:

```bash
cd /usr/sys/inst.images/RPMS/ppc
> find . -print
./cdrecord-1.9-1.aix4.3.ppc.rpm
./mkisofs-1.9-1.aix4.3.ppc.rpm
./mtools-3.9.7-3.aix4.3.ppc.rpm
```

Because of this change, some of your scripts may have to be updated if image locations were hardcoded.

**Network Installation Management (NIM) README**

The Network Installation Management (NIM) includes a README file that is installed with the NIM Master bos.sysmgt.nim.master fileset. The path name of the file is /usr/lpp/bos.sysmgt/nim/README. The README file contains additional information about the AIX 5L Version 5.1 NIM product and includes the following topics:

- Restrictions on SPOT Creation for Releases Prior to 5.1 - (New LPP_SOURCE Directory structure)
- Web-based System Manager NIM May Have Problems Installing SW on Client Machines
Restrictions on Cust Operation for RPM Packages
Steps Necessary For Adding GNOME -or- KDE Desktop Support

**Reliable Scalable Cluster Technology (RSCT) README**

The RSCT Resource Monitoring and Control (RMC) application is part of RSCT. The RSCT includes a README file that is installed with the `rsct.core.utils` fileset. The path name of the file is `/usr/sbin/rsct/README/rsct.core.README`. The README file contains additional information about the RMC application.

**System Dump**

The default system dump device is paging space. This default may not be adequate for system configurations that have large memory sizes or when system availability is a concern.

For large memory systems, IBM allocates a dedicated dump device (`/dev/lg_dumplv`) if disk space is available. The following table shows the sizes of the dump devices based on the amount of real memory present in the system.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Real Memory</th>
<th>Dump Device</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 GB &lt; 12 GB</td>
<td>1 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 GB &lt; 24 GB</td>
<td>2 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 GB &lt; 48 GB</td>
<td>3 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&gt;= 48 GB</td>
<td>4 GB</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** If the root user starts a dump to a dump device set to `/dev/sysdumpnull`, the system will crash, but no dump will occur.

The dump is now copied to tape in `pax` format instead of `tar`, because `pax` supports large (greater than 2 GB) files.

The `dumpcheck` facility runs by default each day at 3:00 p.m. local time. See the root `crontab` file to change the time that `dumpcheck` runs. The `dumpcheck` facility ensures that there is enough space in the dump device and copy directory to receive the system dump. If dump compression will facilitate a system dump, it will be enabled unless you have manually turned it off.

The results of `dumpcheck` are in the system error log.
Firmware Limitation

The firmware in many of the PCI bus-based RS/6000 machines is limited in regard to the region of the hard disk from which it can read a boot image. This problem will not be encountered under most circumstances. The symptom of the problem is a failure to boot from hard disk, and a message from firmware similar to unrecognized Client Program format.

The affected machines can be identified most easily as the machines that provide access to the firmware System Management Services by means of pressing the F1 keys on the system-attached keyboard or the 1 key on a TTY keyboard.

The problem is that the firmware on the affected machines cannot read the boot image from the hard disk if any part of the boot image resides past the 4-gigabyte boundary on the hard disk. This is not a problem for most customers because the AIX installation process creates the boot logical volume at the beginning of the disk. This is achieved by using the -a flag with the mklv command and specifying e (which corresponds to edge) as the parameter for the -a flag. Using the mklv command with this parameter results in the boot logical volume being created at the edge of the hard disk, and the resulting address that the firmware uses to read the boot image will be within a safe range. The AIX installation process has always created the boot logical volume near the edge of the hard disk because that region of the hard disk has the slowest access time, and this allows other regions of the hard disk to be used by file systems that can benefit from the better performance.

The only way that you can encounter this problem is by creating and initializing a new boot logical volume that extends past the 4-gigabyte boundary of the hard disk, either in part or in entirety.

In almost all cases, you do not need to create a new boot logical volume, but if you do, use the lsvg and lslv commands to verify that the newly created boot logical volume does not reside above the 4-gigabyte address on the hard disk.

An example of this calculation follows:

1. Execute lsvg rootvg to determine PP SIZE.
   
   On a 4.5-gigabyte hard disk, the default PP SIZE is 8 megabytes. Make a note of that size.

2. Execute lslv -m bootlv00
   
   Replace bootlv00 with the name of the newly created boot logical volume. The numbers in the second, fourth, and sixth columns indicate the physical partitions that have been assigned to the boot logical volume. If the PP SIZE is 8 megabytes, the boot logical volume must not use any physical partition above 511. (512 * 8 = 4096, which is 4 gigabytes). Similarly, if the PP SIZE is 16 megabytes, the boot image must not use any partition above 255, and if the PP SIZE is 4 megabytes, the boot image must not use any partition above 1023.

As a reminder, this problem will not happen unless you have created and initialized a boot image that resides above the 4-gigabyte boundary.
sysck WARNING Errors During Installation

There are known minor limitations with the packaging of bos.terminfo.svprint.data. If you are installing this fileset, or any other bos.terminfo fileset, do not attempt to deinstall the filesets after they are installed. This could cause errors and missing functions. This limitation causes sysck WARNING errors on the installation of the filesets.

Migration from AIX 4.3.3 — Remove AIX Toolbox for Linux Application

If you previously installed the AIX Toolbox for Linux Applications on your AIX 4.3.3 system and the level of rpm.rte is less than 3.0.5.20, then remove that software from the system before migrating to AIX 5L V5.1. The Toolbox software installed with rpm.rte levels prior to 3.0.5.20 are incompatible with software from the AIX Toolbox installed on AIX 5L V5.1 because of shared library restructuring.

You should also remove the software if you are performing a preservation install and you established a /opt/freeware filesystem for the Toolbox software. The files in that filesystem will not be automatically be overwritten during a preservation install. To remove your existing RPMS, use the destroyrpms tool available in the /tools directory on the AIX Toolbox for Linux Applications CD. Additional information is also available from this CD in the /README.TXT file.

Example:

```
mount -vcdrfs -oro /dev/cd0 /mnt
/mnt/tools/destroyRPMS
```

**Note:** AIX 4.3.3 Toolbox applications will not run correctly on AIX 5L V5.1 unless the steps in this section are performed.

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Base Operating System (BOS)

This section contains information about the base operating system (BOS).

### 64-bit Kernel

AIX 5L Version 5.1 provides a scalable 64-bit kernel that is capable of supporting large application workloads running on 64-bit hardware. The 64-bit kernel scalability is primarily provided through a larger kernel address space. This space supports larger system software applications without requiring practical bounds and kernel extension interfaces.

**Note:** The 32-bit kernel continues to be supported on AIX 5L Version 5.1.
System Support

The 64-bit kernel supports the following POWER-based systems:

- RS/6000 7013 Models S70, S7A
- RS/6000 7015 Models S70, S7A
- RS/6000 7017 Models S70, S7A, S80
- RS/6000 7025 Models H80, F80
- RS/6000 7026 Models H70, H80, M80
- RS/6000 7043 Models 260, 270
- RS/6000 7044 Models 170, 270
- pSeries 680 Model S85
- pSeries 640 Model B80
- pSeries 660 Model 6H1
- pSeries 620 Model 6F1

I/O Support

The 64-bit kernel supports the following I/O devices except as noted:

- Storage Interfaces:
  - Ultra SCSI SE and Ultra SCSI Differential
  - PCI Dual Channel Ultra SCSI Adapter
  - PCI 3-Channel Ultra2 SCSI RAID Adapter
  - PCI 4-Channel Ultra2 SCSI RAID Adapter
  - PCI 4-Channel Ultra3 SCSI RAID Adapter
  - SSA Advanced Serial RAID Plus
  - Gigabit Fibre Channel
  - Older Fast/Wide SCSI adapters
    - 2408 (32-bit kernel only)
    - 2409 (32-bit kernel only)
    - 6208
    - 6209
  - SCSI-2 Fast/Wide PCI RAID adapter
  - SCSI Disk drives
  - SSA Disk drives
  - SCSI CD-ROM
  - SCSI Tape Drives (1/4 inch, 4 mm, 8mm, etc.)
  - Diskette Drive
  - External SCSI Disk subsystems:
    - 2104-DL1 and 2104-TL1 IBM Expandable Storage Plus Model DL1 and Model TL1
    - 7134
    - 7137
    - 7135 (32-bit kernel only)
    - 7131-105
    - 7027
External SCSI Tape and Optical subsystems

- External Fibre disk & tape subsystems:
  - 2105-E10, 2105-E20, 2105-F10, and 2105-F20 IBM Enterprise Storage Server Model E10, Model E20, Model F10, and Model F20
  - 2102-F10 IBM Fibre Channel RAID Storage Server Model F10
  - 2102-D00 IBM Expandable Storage Unit Model D00

- Communications and connectivity (PCI bus type):
  - EIA RS232D/EIA RS422A
  - Token-Ring PCI 4/16 Adapter (2920 and 4959)
  - 4-port 10/100 Mbps Ethernet
  - IBM Ethernet 10/100 Mbps (2968)
  - 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet PCI Adapter
  - Gigabit Ethernet
  - ATM 155 Mbps
  - Turboways 622 Mbps PCI MMF ATM Adapter
  - 2port Multiprotocol PCI Adapter
  - External Ultra3 subsystem (DU3/TU3) Graphics accelerators
  - Parallel Port (RS/6000 70** Models H70, H80, M80, S80, 170, 260, 270 and pSeries 680 Model S85, pSeries 640 Model B80, pSeries 660 Model 6H1, pSeries 620 Model 6F1)

All I/O devices supported by the 64-bit kernel are also supported by the 32-bit kernel. However, the following I/O devices are only supported by the 32-bit kernel:

- Communications and connectivity (PCI bus type):
  - FDDI 100 Mbps
  - X.25
  - BSC
  - Parallel Port (RS/6000 70** Models S70, S7A)
  - IBM PCI Ethernet Adapter (2968)
  - ATM 25Mbps
  - PCI Auto LANstreamer Token Ring Adapter (2979)

- MCA Adapters

**Base Functionality**

For the most part, the AIX 5L Version 5.1 kernels provide the same functionality, regardless of which kernel is being used. The 32-bit and 64-bit kernel systems have common base libraries, commands and utilities, and header files. Differences between 32-bit and 64-bit kernel systems are limited to these functions:
**System and I/O Support:** The 64-bit kernel limits support to 64-bit POWER-based systems, while the 32-bit kernel supports both 32-bit and 64-bit POWER-based systems. In addition, the 64-bit kernel does not support all I/O that is supported by the 32-bit kernel, as detailed in the "I/O Support" section.

**Power Management:** Power management is only provided under the 32-bit kernel.

**Application Support**

The 64-bit kernel supports both 32-bit and 64-bit applications. Application source and binaries are portable between AIX 5L Version 5.1 64-bit and 32-bit kernel systems, in the absence of any application dependencies on internal kernel details or on kernel extensions that are not supported under the 64-bit kernel but are supported under the 32-bit kernel.

**Binary Compatibility:** Binary compatibility is provided for 32-bit applications running on earlier versions of AIX on POWER-based systems, except for applications linked statically or applications dependent on undocumented or unsupported interfaces. In addition, some system file formats have changed, and 32-bit applications processing these files may have to be recompiled.

**Application Scalability:** AIX 5L Version 5.1 provides a more scalable application binary interface (ABI) for 64-bit applications. To take advantage of the scalability improvements to 64-bit programs, all 64-bit applications and libraries must be recompiled on AIX 5L Version 5.1. In addition, existing 32-bit kernel extensions and device drivers used by 64-bit applications may have to be modified in order to support the new 64-bit ABI.

**Kernel Extensions**

Kernel extensions for the 64-bit kernel run in 64-bit mode and have the scalability of the larger kernel address space. Some kernel services available in the 32-bit kernel are no longer provided by the 64-bit kernel, so existing 32-bit kernel extensions may have to be ported in order to be used with the 64-bit kernel. Existing 32-bit kernel extensions continue to be supported by the 32-bit kernel, but these kernel extensions are not usable by the 64-bit kernel. Not all of the kernel extensions supported for the 32-bit kernel are supported for the 64-bit kernel, particularly the device drivers for the I/O.

**Dual-mode Kernel Extensions:** AIX 5L Version 5.1 supports dual-mode kernel extensions, which can be loaded by a common configuration method, regardless of which kernel is being used. A dual-mode kernel extension is simply an archive file that contains both the 64-bit and 32-bit versions of the kernel extension as members.
Installation and Enablement

The 64-bit kernel is provided as part of the base AIX 5L Version 5.1 base media and is installed on all hardware systems that it supports. By default, the 32-bit kernel is enabled at base system installation. However, you can override this at installation time to enable the 64-bit kernel through the system installation panels. (See “New Base Operating System Installation Menus” on page 8 for details on enabling the 64-bit kernel at BOS installation time.)

It is possible to switch between the 32-bit and 64-bit kernels without reinstalling the operating system. This can be done by modifying the `/usr/lib/boot/unix` and `/unix` to be a symbolic link to the binary for the desired kernel, running the `bosboot` command to write a new system boot image, and rebooting. The path name of the 64-bit kernel is `/usr/lib/boot/unix_64` while the path names of the uniprocessor and multiprocessor versions of the 32-bit kernel are `/usr/lib/boot/unix_up` and `/usr/lib/boot/unix_mp`.

JFS2

JFS2 is a new file system providing the capability to store much larger files than the existing Journaled File System (JFS). Additionally, it is the default file system for the 64-bit kernel. Customers can choose to implement either JFS, which is the recommended filesystem for 32-bit environments, or JFS2, which offers 64-bit functionality.

Notes:

1. Cloning with a system backup (mksysb) from a 64-bit enabled JFS2 system to a 32-bit system will fail.
2. Unlike the JFS filesystem, the JFS2 filesystem will not allow the link() API to be used on files of type directory. This limitation may cause some applications that operate correctly on a JFS filesystem to fail on a JFS2 filesystem.

The following table provides a summary of JFS2:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Functions</th>
<th>JFS2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fragments/Block Size</td>
<td>512-4096 Block sizes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum file system size</td>
<td>1 Terabyte</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum file size</td>
<td>1 Terabyte</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of i-nodes</td>
<td>Dynamic, limited by disk space</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Directory organization</td>
<td>B-tree</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Online defragmentation</td>
<td>Supported on AIX 5.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>namefs</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMAPI</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compression</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quotas</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deferred update</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
AIX 5L Changes to the dd Command

The dd command now supports multiple volume spanning by using the span=yes or span=no options. When the span=no option is used, the dd command works as the default without spanning.

The dd command can span across devices if the input file is larger than the output device physical size.

Syntax

```
dd [if=InputFile] [of=OutputFile] [cbs=Number] [fskip=Number] [skip=Number] [seek=Number]
[count=Number] [bs=Number] [span=yes|no] [ibs=Number] [obs=Number] [files=Number]
[conv=Parameter[, ...]]
```

The span=yes|no flag allows you to span across devices if yes is specified and it works as the default if no is specified.

Note: Exercise care when selecting the block size. An incorrect value can cause data inconsistency or overlap. The correct block size is a multiple of the physical volume size. In addition, each volume should be consecutively labelled so that the volumes can be restored in the correct order.

Examples

1. To copy blocks from a input file with block size set to 720b blocks into a 1.44MB size diskette, enter:
   ```
   dd if=testfile of=/dev/fd/zerodot bs=720b conv=sync span=yes
   ```
   **Note:** If the input file is larger than the physical size of the output device, the dd command will prompt you for another device.

2. To copy blocks from a input file with block size set to 32k blocks to a tape, enter:
   ```
   dd if=inputfile of=/dev/rmt/zerodot bs=32k conv=sync span=yes
   ```

3. To copy blocks of data from tape to a file in the current directory with block size set to 32k blocks, enter:
   ```
   dd if=/dev/rmt/zerodot of=outfile bs=32k conv=sync span=yes
   ```

Tivoli Management Agent (TMA), Version 3.2

Starting in AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1, Tivoli Management Agent is installed with the base operating system.

The foundation for the Tivoli Enterprise Software product suite and third-party management products is the Tivoli Management Framework. This framework provides the graphical desktop, object-oriented databases, and base services used by other management products. TMA is a "lightweight" version of the Tivoli Management Framework for installation on client systems.

For more information about Tivoli Systems products and services, including how to become a Tivoli Systems customer, do one of the following:
Call 1-800-2TIVOLI (to be connected to your local sales office)
Visit the Tivoli Home page at the following Web address:
   http://www.tivoli.com

Replaceable Malloc

The user-defined memory subsystem can be enabled by using one of the following variables:

- The MALLOCTYPE environment variable
- The _malloc_user_defined_name global variable in the user's application

To use the MALLOCTYPE environment variable, the archive containing the user-defined memory subsystem is specified by setting the MALLOCTYPE environment variable to user:archive_name, where archive_name is the application's libpath or the path specified by the LIBPATH environment variable.

To use the global variable _malloc_user_defined_name, the application must declare the global variable in the following format:

char * _malloc_user_defined_name = "archive_name";

Note:

1. When a setuid application is executed, the LIBPATH environment variable is ignored, so the archive must be in the application's libpath.
2. archive_name cannot contain path information.
3. When both the MALLOCTYPE environment variable and _malloc_user_defined_name global variable are used to specify archive_name, the archive specified by MALLOCTYPE overrides the one specified by the global variable.

SVR4 Printing

For help with configuring and setting up this function see the SVR4 Printing on AIX Redbook at the following Web site:
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/

Viewing Remote Queue Status from Web-based System Manager

In Web-Based System Manager, the All Print Queues view for AIX remote printers can inaccurately indicate a problem with a remote queue. Check the actual status of the queue from the command line by entering the following command:

   enq -q -P queue

If the command returns the status that the queue is ready, printing will function normally.
Parallel Printer Cable Selection

The parallel printer cable must be changed to a cable that is IEEE1284-compliant if all of the following are true:

- Your system was manufactured since 1998
- The printer is “parallel attached”
- The attached printer is not a dot-matrix printer
- The output of the `lsdev -C -l ppa0` command contains the word IEEE1284.

If the output of the `lsdev` command above contains the word Standard, or the printer is a dot-matrix printer, an IEEE1284-compliant cable is not required.

Cables that are not IEEE1284-compliant may not correctly transmit data to high-speed printers. Loss of printer data may occur because the cables may not be capable of transmitting data at rates that are possible with newer ECP parallel ports.

IBM AIX Developer Kit, Java 2 Technology Edition, Version 1.3

IBM AIX Developer Kit, Java 2 Technology Edition, Version 1.3 is released in Java130.* filesets. For more information, see the `/usr/java130/README.HTML` file.

AIX 5L V5.1 support for the IBM AIX Developer Kit, Java Technology Edition, Version 1.1.8 and IBM AIX Developer Kit, Java 2 Technology Edition, Version 1.2.2 will be announced at a future date. If you migrate from AIX 4.3.3 to AIX 5.1 (i.e., do a migration install of AIX 5.1) and have either of these developer kits installed on AIX 4.3.3, then these developer kits will not be removed from your system. However, neither developer kit is currently supported on AIX 5.1.

Location Change for License Use Management (LUM) Commands

The location of the License Use Management commands `i4blt`, `i4cfg`, `i4target`, and `i4tv` has changed from the `/var/ifor` directory to the `/usr/opt/ifor/ls/os/aix/bin` directory.

Note: Use the `i4cfg -script` to configure LUM via an interactive script.

Performance Analysis Tools

The following analysis tools and libraries are new in AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1:

- alstat
- locktrace
- truss
- gennames
- wlmmon
- Perfstat Library API
- Performance Monitor API
In AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1, the following commands are no longer supported:

- `bf`
- `bfrpt`
- `stem`
- `syscalls`
- `lockstat`

Limitation

The `fileplace` command does not support the JFS2 File System on AIX 5L Version 5.1. The `fileplace` command operates normally with JFS File Systems. No workaround exists for this limitation.

Communications, Networking and I/O

This section contains information about communications, network, and I/O-related topics.

Networking Technology Feature Enhancements

- Multipath routing is added in AIX V5.1. It allows users to specify multiple routes to a destination. The system administrator can either configure multiple routes for load balancing or set up alternative paths to direct network traffic when the best route can no longer perform its tasks. This new feature also allows a system administrator to define multiple default gateways.

- A set of APIs provided by Fast Response Cache Architecture (FRCA) enables e-business applications to cache data, such as Web content, in the Network Buffer Cache (NBC). This significantly reduces the path length and increases the performance of e-business applications.

- Latest sendmail version 8.11.

- TCP/IP now has ECN (Explicit Congestion Notification) which can improve performance when supported by routers and endpoints.

- TCP splicing is a new feature added to AIX V5.1. It helps push the data relaying function of a proxy application (from server side socket to the client side socket or vice versa) into the kernel.

- Network Interface Takeover, a new feature, allows the configuration of multiple adapters, including 10/100 Ethernet and Gigabit Ethernet adapters, so that one or more may be designated as a backup.

- Multiprotocol Over ATM (MPOA) IP packet fragmentation support in AIX provides for cases where there is a heterogeneous network environment with varying MTUs and network configurations where normal MTU Path Discovery is not available.

- Virtual LAN (VLAN) support based on IEEE 802.1Q standard. This implementation only supports VLANs using ethernet interfaces. AIX VLAN support requires IEEE 802.1Q compliant switches.
**DVD-RAM Drive Support**

AIX V5.1 supports both R/W DVD-RAM, high-capacity DVD-ROM, and standard CD-ROM media. AIX CD-ROM device driver has been enhanced to support DVD-RAM drive. The UDF (Universal Disk Format) File System is not supported by this release. The following AIX functions are supported:

- Boot and install from CD-ROM.
- Mount CDRFS off CD-ROM.
- Use tape utilities to read and write to DVD-RAM media (tar, cpio, backup/restore).
- mksysb on DVD-RAM media using GNU utilities.

DVD-RAM support is limited to IBM part numbers 04N5272 and 04N5276.

**7135 RAIDiant Array for AIX Requirements (after Installing AIX 5L Version 5.1)**

Customers installing AIX 5L Version 5.1 on systems with attached 7135-110 or 7135-210 Raidiant Array subsystems must also obtain and install the latest version of controller and drive microcode. This microcode update can be obtained using hardware service channels (800-IBM-SERV in the U.S.) by requesting ECA 010. You should also order the publication for the 7135 titled *7135 RAIDiant Array for AIX: Installation Guide and Reference* (order number SC23-1742), which contains information on microcode and device driver installation.

**Enable Link Polling and Time Interval for Link Polling Configuration Attributes**

The IBM 10/100 Mbps Ethernet PCI Adapter (23100020), does not have an interrupt driven mechanism to tell the device driver any changes in its link state.

To avoid this drawback, the device driver now provides an ODM attribute to determine the status of the link. This Enable Link Polling attribute is disabled by default. If this attribute is enabled, the device driver will poll the adapter every time period, equal to the time in milliseconds specified in the Time interval for Link Polling attribute, for a change in the adapter's link state.

If the adapter's link goes down for any reason, the device driver will disable its NDD_RUNNING flag. When the device driver finds that the link has come back up, it will enable this NDD_RUNNING flag.

To work successfully, protocol layer implementations such as Etherchannel need notification if the link has gone down. Enable the Enable Link Polling attribute for this adapter to accomplish this.

By enabling this flag, the performance of this adapter will decrease compared to when it is not enabled, because of the additional PIO calls that the device driver will make to the adapter every few milliseconds while it determines the link status.
Gigabit Ethernet-SX PCI Adapter and IBM 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet PCI Adapter

The Gigabit Ethernet-SX PCI Adapter and the IBM 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet PCI Adapter share the same device driver. Therefore, the device driver and diagnostic package can be obtained by installing the devices.pci.14100401 fileset. The device driver conditionally switches code that is unique for either adapter.

**Note:** The `lslpp` output for `devices.pci.14100401` (shown below) refers to the Gigabit Ethernet-SX PCI Adapter even though the fileset is shared by both adapters.

```bash
# lslpp -L | grep devices.pci.141/zerodot/zerodot4/zerodot1
devices.pci.141/zerodot/zerodot4/zerodot1.diag 5.1./zerodot./zerodot C Gigabit Ethernet-SX PCI Adapter
devices.pci.14100401.rte 5.1./zerodot./zerodot C Gigabit Ethernet-SX PCI Adapter
```

**Enhanced Error Handling (EEH) Device Driver Support in AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1**

EEH is an error recovery mechanism for errors that occur during load and store operations on the PCI bus. EEH is made possible by EADS chips incorporated in newer POWER based servers. In effect, each PCI slot on the EADS is its own PCI bus. This allows each adapter to be isolated (which is useful if PCI bus errors occur because error recovery can occur without affecting the operation of other adapters). Isolating the failing adapter prevents a faulty component from causing problems on the system and allows continued operation of other PCI devices during error recovery.

**Supported Devices**

Device Driver support for EEH is limited to the following devices that are supported by AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1:

- **Storage Adapters:**
  - SSA Advanced Serial RAID Adapter
  - Gigabit Fibre Channel
  - PCI SCSI RAID Devices

- **Communications and connectivity (PCI bus type):**
  - Token-Ring PCI 4/16 Adapter (2920 and 4959)
  - IBM Ethernet 10/100 Mbps (2968)
  - 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet PCI Adapter (2975)
  - Gigabit Ethernet (2969)
  - Turboways 622 Mbps PCI MMF ATM Adapter (2946)
  - 2-Port Multiprotocol PCI Adapter (2962)
  - 8-Port and 128-Port 232/422 Async PCI Adapters (2943 and 2944)
IPX/SPX Protocol Support

Netware 3.11 IPX/SPX protocol support contained in the AIX package ipx.rte is not supported on AIX 5L Version 5.1. IPX/SPX protocol support is available in the ipx.base fileset for application support. The ipx.base fileset is available on the 32-bit kernel only.


SecureWay Directory Version 3.2.1 is now available on AIX 5L Version 5.1. See the following Web site for the latest information about this product:

http://www.software.ibm.com/network/directory

The installation images for SecureWay Directory 3.2.1 include fixes for APARS IR45078 and IR45065 (ja_JP locale only).

SecureWay Directory (LDAP) Installation Considerations

Before installing the SecureWay Directory server (ldap.server), use SMIT (or smitty) to install the SecureWay Directory client package (ldap.client), messages (ldap.msg.<Primary Locale>) and documentation (ldap.html.<Primary Locale>). This will provide the documentation for installing and configuring the server. After documentation installation, point your Web browser to read the /usr/ldap/web/LANG/getting_started.htm file to access the documentation.

SecureWay Directory Version 3.1.1 and Version 3.2.1 provide the following additional packages and filesets on the Expansion pack. Where available, Maximum Encryption (128-bit and Triple DES) support may be enabled with the following filesets installed with either SecureWay-SSL 3.3 or AIX Certificate and SSL Base Runtime Support 4.0 and the SecureWay Directory Base:

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<tr>
<th>Package</th>
<th>Fileset</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>ldap.max_crypto_server</td>
<td>ldap.max_crypto_server.com</td>
<td>SecureWay Directory Server (Max Encryption)</td>
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<td>ldap.max_crypto_server.admin</td>
<td>ldap.max_crypto_server.admin</td>
<td>SecureWay Directory Server Admin (Max Encryption)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ldap.max_crypto_client</td>
<td>ldap.max_crypto_client.rte</td>
<td>SecureWay Directory Client (Max Encryption)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ldap.max_crypto_client.adt</td>
<td>ldap.max_crypto_client.adt</td>
<td>SecureWay Directory Client SDK (Max Encryption)</td>
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Configuration

SecureWay Directory can be automatically started at boot time by adding the following statement to /etc/inittab.

ldap:2:once:/bin/slapd -f /etc/slapd32.conf > /dev/console 2>&1 # AutoStart LDAP
This is sufficient for most locales with the exception of the DBCS (double byte code set) locales where the SecureWay Directory has been configured in a local (Non-UTF8) code page. In this case, an executable script should be created with the following contents and appropriate line added to the /etc/inittab file using the mkitab command.

- Create an executable slapd start script (for example /etc/rc.ldap) with the following contents:

  ```
  #!/bin/ksh
  export LANG=<Primary Locale>
  export LC_ALL=<Primary Locale>
  /bin/slapd -f /etc/slapd32.conf
  ```

- Add appropriate entry into /etc/inittab file using the mkitab command as root user:

  ```
  mkitab "ldap:2:once:<script name> > /dev/console 2>&1"
  ```

Note: If the mksecldap command has already been run the "ldapd" entry may already exist in /etc/inittab. Therefore, the sample should use "ldapd" Ident. and issue the following command:

  ```
  chitab "ldapd:2:once:<script name> >/dev/console 2>&1"
  ```

Using SecureWay Directory Version 3.2.1

If you have two or more DB2 products installed on your system prior to installing SecureWay Directory LDAP and want to use one other than the default selection, you must create two links to enable its use. At installation time, the presence of one of the following DB2 products is determined by checking and creating its corresponding link:

1. If DB2 UDB 7.1 is installed, the following links are created:
   - `/usr/ldap/db2` -> `/usr/lpp/db2_07_01`
   - `/usr/ldap/lib/libdb2.a` -> `/usr/lpp/db2_07_01/lib/libdb2.a`

2. If DB2 UDB 6.1 is installed, the following links are created:
   - `/usr/ldap/db2` -> `/usr/lpp/db2_06_01`
   - `/usr/ldap/lib/libdb2.a` -> `/usr/lpp/db2_06_01/lib/libdb2.a`

3. If DB2 UDB 5.0 is installed, the following links are created:
   - `/usr/ldap/db2` -> `/usr/lpp/db2_05_00`
   - `/usr/ldap/lib/libdb2.a` -> `/usr/lpp/db2_05_00/lib/libdb2.a`

If you want to change the DB2 product used by SecureWay Directory, do one of the following:

- For DB2 UDB 7.1, enter the following commands:
  ```
  ln -fs /usr/lpp/db2_07_01/usr/ldap/db2
  ln -fs /usr/lpp/db2_07_01/lib/libdb2.a /usr/ldap/lib/libdb2.a
  ```

- For DB2 UDB 6.1, enter the following commands:
  ```
  ln -fs /usr/lpp/db2_06_01 /usr/ldap/db2
  ln -fs /usr/lpp/db2_06_01/lib/libdb2.a /usr/ldap/lib/libdb2.a
  ```

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For DB2 UDB 5.0 (5.2.0.7), enter the following commands:

```
ln -fs /usr/lpp/db2_/zerodot5_/zerodot1 /usr/ldap/db2
ln -fs /usr/lpp/db2_/zerodot5_/zerodot1/lib/libdb2.a /usr/ldap/lib/libdb2.a
```

### Unsupported Functions

- The 7318 Multiprotocol Communications Server that provides serial and parallel connectivity to Ethernet Networks is not supported on AIX 5L V5.1.
- Network Terminal Accelerator is not supported on AIX 5L V5.1 and will not be supported in later versions of AIX 5L for POWER.
- The 9333 Serial Link DASD Subsystem is not supported on AIX 5L Version 5.1.

**Fileset devices.pci.b7105090 is not supported in AIX 5L V5.1**

The Ethernet adapter that is supported by the `devices.pci.b7105090` fileset in AIX versions prior to AIX 5L V5.1 is not supported in AIX 5L V5.1. After a migration to AIX 5L V5.1, or if AIX 5L V5.1 is installed when this Ethernet adapter is in the machine, the following messages may display on the console or be written to log files:

```
Method error (/usr/lib/methods/cfgv3boom -l ent1):
  0514-068 Cause not known.

cfgmgr: 0514-621 WARNING: The following device packages are required for device support but are not currently installed.

devices.pci.b7105090 Not found on the installation media.
```

Remove the unsupported Ethernet adapter from the machine. This adapter will not be configured by AIX 5L V5.1.

### Graphics

#### Spaceball Installation

1. Install SpaceWare as normal.
2. After SMIT starts during installation, select enable spaceball. The spaceball should "beep."
3. Select disable spaceball.
4. Exit SMIT.
5. Get a shell. (You can use the shell that started the installation process) and then enter:

```
/etc/SpaceWare/spaceballd -d /dev/tty0 -GL &
```
System Management

This section contains information about Web-based System Manager.

Web-based System Manager Limitations

- Some of the Tips Help files are large and may take a long time to load. Although the console may appear to hang, the delay is due to the large size of the Help file.

RSCT Limitation of Japanese Entry Names

The RSCT (Reliable Scalable Cluster Technology) Monitoring plug-in of Web-based System Manager allows users to input user-specified entry names in Japanese. However, Japanese characters entered in those fields may cause unreadable characters in the mail, wall messages, and log files. Specifying the following names in Japanese is not recommended:

- Condition Name
- Response Name
- Action Name

Documentation

This section contains information about documentation changes.

AIX Documentation Libraries

The Documentation CD contains the following types of documentation:

- User guides
- System management guides
- Application programmer guides
- Commands reference volumes
- Files reference information
- Technical reference volumes used by application programmers.

This CD contains operating system documentation designed for use with an HTML 4.0 web browser, such as the Netscape browser that is shipped with the AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1 Expansion Pack. All books in the documentation library are also shipped in PDF format and must be viewed using the Adobe Acrobat Reader, Version 4.05 or later. To print the books, use the Print Tool button on the Documentation Library Service page.

The Documentation Library Service allows users to navigate, read, and search registered HTML documents using their Web browser and the library application. The library application presents documents in an expandable-tree format that can be navigated by clicking on button controls in the tree. This action opens those documents for reading and also allows users to search keywords using a search
form in the application. The Documentation Library Service searches for those words and then presents a list of results that are linked to information contained in the online documentation files.

Users can access the global library application by typing docsearch on the command line or by clicking the Documentation Library icon in the Help subpanel under the CDE Desktop front panel.

The documentation information is made accessible by installing it onto the hard disk or by mounting the documentation CD in the CD-ROM drive. While mounting the CD saves on the amount of hard disk space used, it requires that the CD be kept in the CD-ROM drive at all times. Also, searching the documentation from the hard disk is faster than searching the documentation from the CD-ROM drive.

You can install all of the AIX documentation from the Documentation CD or you can selectively install pieces of the documentation. Some documentation may have previously been installed with the operating system or other licensed products. Run the lslpp command to find out which packages and filesets are already installed on your system.

Language Fix for Taiwan Only

For Taiwan only, do not use the Documentation icon in the Help subpanel of the CDE desktop. Instead, always use the Documentation Library icon to open the manuals. If the Documentation Library icon fails to open the library, use the docsearch command on the command line to open the library.

Commands for Documentation

The man Command

The man command is installed with the base operating system. The man pages for the command section are available from the documention CD in the bos.man.en_US fileset. To get the other sections (e.g., libraries, files) install the corresponding HTML documentation filesets.

The resolve_links Command

The resolve_links command is not supported.

Configuring the Documentation Server with SMIT

If you use SMIT to configure a Web server as the documentation and search server, ensure that the Web server is installed before you configure it. If you select the IBM HTTP Server Web server and it is not installed, the following script error occurs.

1800-106 An error occurred:
get_server[49]:   < 1360 : 0403-057 Syntax error
Application Software

This section contains information about application software. Additional information about AIX-supported products is available from the following Web site:

http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/aix/products/ibmsw/list/

Viewing Information about Application Software

Licensed programs include AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1 and optionally purchased products. Each program can have one or more separately installable filesets. Information about individual software products is available in HTML format. To view the software products information, you must have installed an HTML Version 3.2 Web browser, such as the one available on the AIX 5L for POWER Version 5.1 Expansion Pack.

AIXLink/X.25 Version 1.1.5

AIXLink/X.25 Version 1.1.5 is supported on only the AIX 5L Version 5.1 32-bit kernel.

For more information about supported adapters and about configuration and installation, see the following publications:

- AIXLink/X.25 LPP Guide and Reference
- X.25 Installation and Configuration

AIX Fast Connect Version 3.1.0

Overview

AIX Fast Connect V3.1.0 adds File and Print Services for Windows. It supports the widely used SMB/CIFS protocol using TCP/IP. Windows clients come enabled for SMB/CIFS over TCP/IP. Therefore, no additional software is needed for the client PCs. AIX Fast Connect offers high performance, rich functions, AIX integration, as well as IBM service and support.

AIX Fast Connect V3.1.0 includes the following features:

- User Name Mapping
- NT Password Encryption Support
- Windows Terminal Server (WTS) Support
- Manageability Enhancements
- Ability to configure options, that were previously server-wide, on a per-share basis
- Performance Enhancements, including Directory Search Caching
- Share Level Security Support

2 Other company, product, and service names may be trademarks or service marks of others.
• Messaging to PC Clients

Quick Start
1. Install AIX Fast Connect from the distribution CD using the fast path `smitty install_all`.
2. Use the `smitty smb` fast path to access AIX Fast Connect SMIT menus. Configure AIX Fast Connect for encrypted passwords and add a user.
3. Access the AIX Fast Connect server from a PC client by mapping a network drive. The server name is the same as the AIX host name and HOME share is available by default.

DCE 3.1 for AIX

DCE 3.1 for AIX is not supported for the 64-bit kernel.

Compilers

The compilers in this section will not run on AIX 5L for Itanium-Based Systems.

VisualAge C++ Professional for AIX

New media is required to install VisualAge C++ Professional for AIX, V5.0.2.0.

C for AIX

New media is required to install C for AIX, V5.0.2.0.

XL Fortran for AIX

XL Fortran for AIX, Version 7.1.0.2 is the fully supported version of this product. Install Version 7.1.0.2 by using your existing Version 7.1.0.0 CDs, and then apply APARs IY16228 and IY16948.

AIX 5L V5.1 Unsupported Items

AIX 5L V5.1 Unsupported Functions and Filesets:

• 7318 Model P10/S20 Communications Network Server
• AIX Xstation Manager
• AIX Version 3.2 Network Installation Tools
• Remote Customer Support and Services
• SOMobjects Base Toolkit
• Information Presentation Facility Runtime
• X11.vsm.helps
• X11.vsm.icons
• X11.vsm.rte
Removal of Support for libipfx.a

AIX 5L no longer provides or supports the services provided in AIX V4 by the IPFX (Information Presentation Facility) LPP. In particular, the interfaces provided by the IPFX library /usr/lib/libipfx.a are no longer present. This is due primarily to service and support issues.

It is possible that an application may still require these services. One indication is that the application fails to load with an error message that it cannot find/load libipfx.a. In this case, IBM is providing an unsupported copy of the ipfx.rte fileset at the following URL. This fileset is provided as a convenience only. There is no support for this fileset on AIX 5L.
ftp://aix.software.ibm.com/aix/efixes/ipfrte/

AIX 5L V5.1 Unsupported Devices:
- AIX Ultimedia Services Audio and Video devices
- PCMCIA device support

Service

Inventory Scout for AIX

AIX 5L Version 5.1 includes the following filesets:
- invscout.rte (Inventory Scout Runtime Environment), which contains the main function for Inventory Scout.
- invscout.ldb (Inventory Scout Logic Database), which contains the current logic database file.

Inventory Scout is a tool that surveys one or more systems for hardware and software information. The data that is gathered can be used by Web services such as:
- Microcode Discovery Service, which generates a report indicating if microcode installed on the system needs to be updated.
- VPD Capture Service, which surveys RS/6000 SPs for Vital Product Data information and sends this information to IBM for customizing Miscellaneous Equipment Specifications (MES) upgrades.


Electronic Fix Distribution for AIX
Fixes on the Internet

IBM provides a number of mirrored sites on the Internet where you may freely download AIX-related fixes. While not every AIX-related fix is available, we are constantly adding more and more product fixes. These sites are anonymous FTP servers. Though we do not guarantee all fixes will be made available immediately, we usually update the servers within 24 hours after the fix is made available from our tape sites.

AIX fixes are mirrored at a number of sites around the globe to provide you faster downloads and redundancy in case you cannot reach your usual site. The servers are:

- United States: service.software.ibm.com
- Germany: www.ibm.de
- Japan: fixdist.yamato.ibm.com

Accessing Fixes

The primary interface for accessing fixes is the World Wide Web. For those customers with only basic FTP access, you can use the anonymous login account to obtain these fixes.

Read more about these services at the following URL:
http://techsupport.services.ibm.com/server/support

Problem Solving Databases for AIX

Besides electronic fix distribution, IBM also provides searchable technical databases through the World Wide Web. Much of the technical information is available to customers with support contracts but we also provide a large assortment of technical information to any web user.

You can freely search AIX related bug reports and technical tips at the following Web site:
http://techsupport.services.ibm.com/server/support

Known Problems and Workarounds

64-bit Applications Display Error on 32-bit Kernel

On the 32-bit kernel, 64-bit applications give a display error when the shared memory transport kernel extension is used. The default socket used by AIX is the shared memory transport. The workaround for this limitation is to export the display to a UNIX socket by using the following command:

export DISPLAY=unix:0.0
UTF-8 Locales

When UTF-8 locales are specified, text may be displayed incorrectly. UTF-8 locales are those that are described by all-uppercase letters (e.g., AR-AA, EN-US, FR-FR, DE-DE, JA-JP, ES-ES). If text displays incorrectly, specify another locale (e.g., ar-AA, en-US, fr-FR, de-DE, ja-JP, es-ES).

core File Format Documentation

The following additional information applies to the Description section of the core File Format documentation.

The unique core file naming will only be enabled if the environment variable CORE_NAMING is exported. Default naming is "core" as in previous releases. The value of the variable can be set to anything.