

# System z Expo

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## Red Hat Update for IBM System z

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# Agenda

- About Red Hat, Inc
  
- Tech Update
  - Today (*RHEL 5.2*)
  - Tomorrow (*RHEL 5.3 and beyond*)
  - Fedora Activities (*someday soonish*)
  
- What'd Red Hat do in Q3? What's planned for Q4?
  
- Upcoming Pricing Promotions

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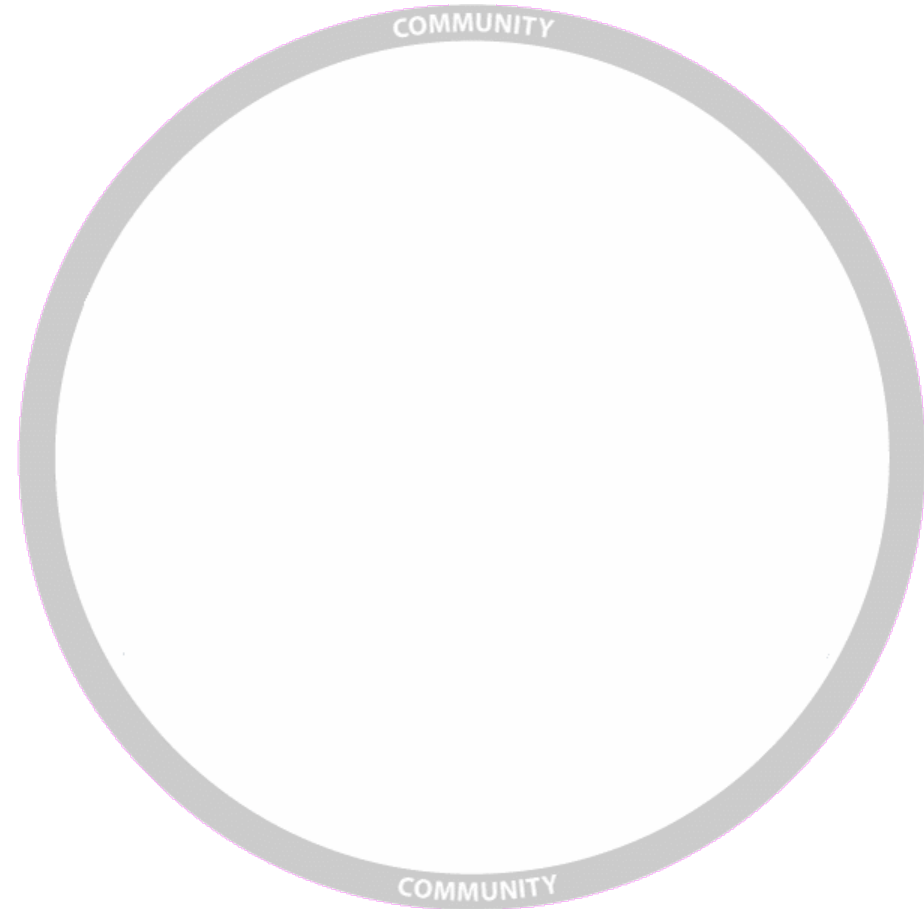
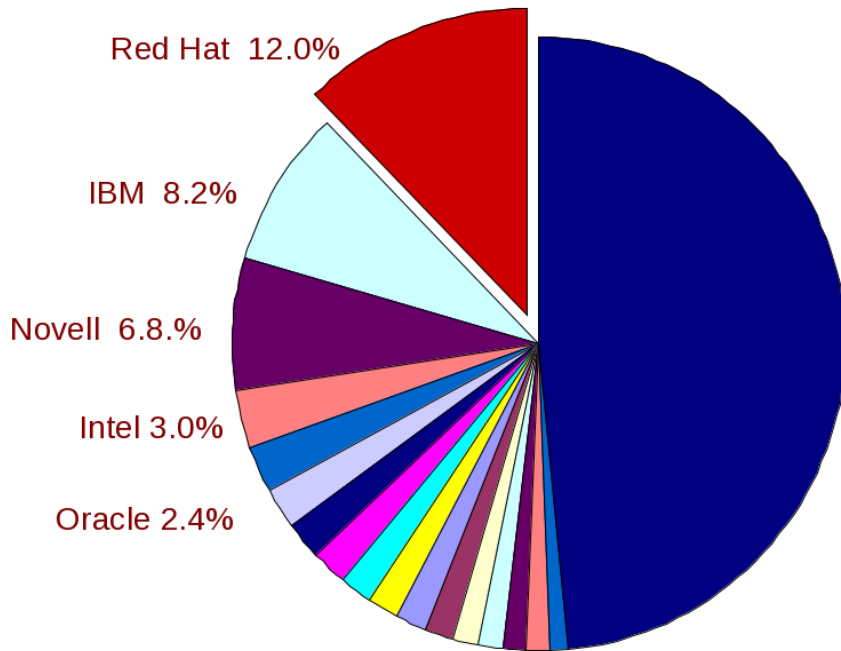
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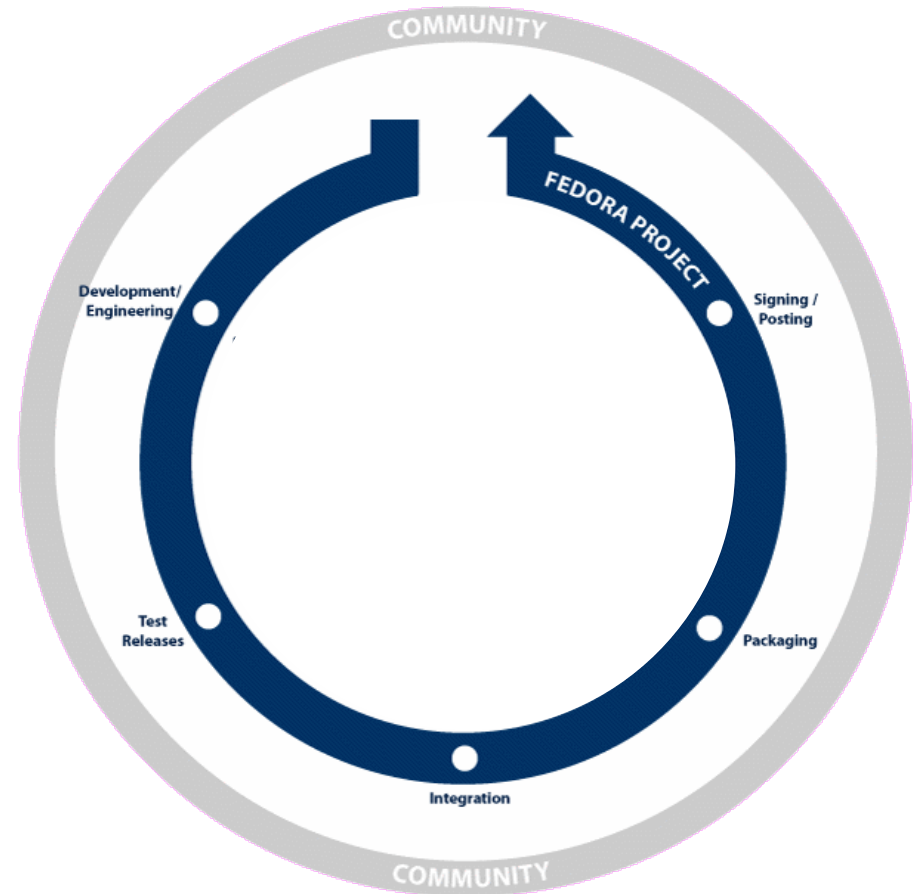
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## Fedora

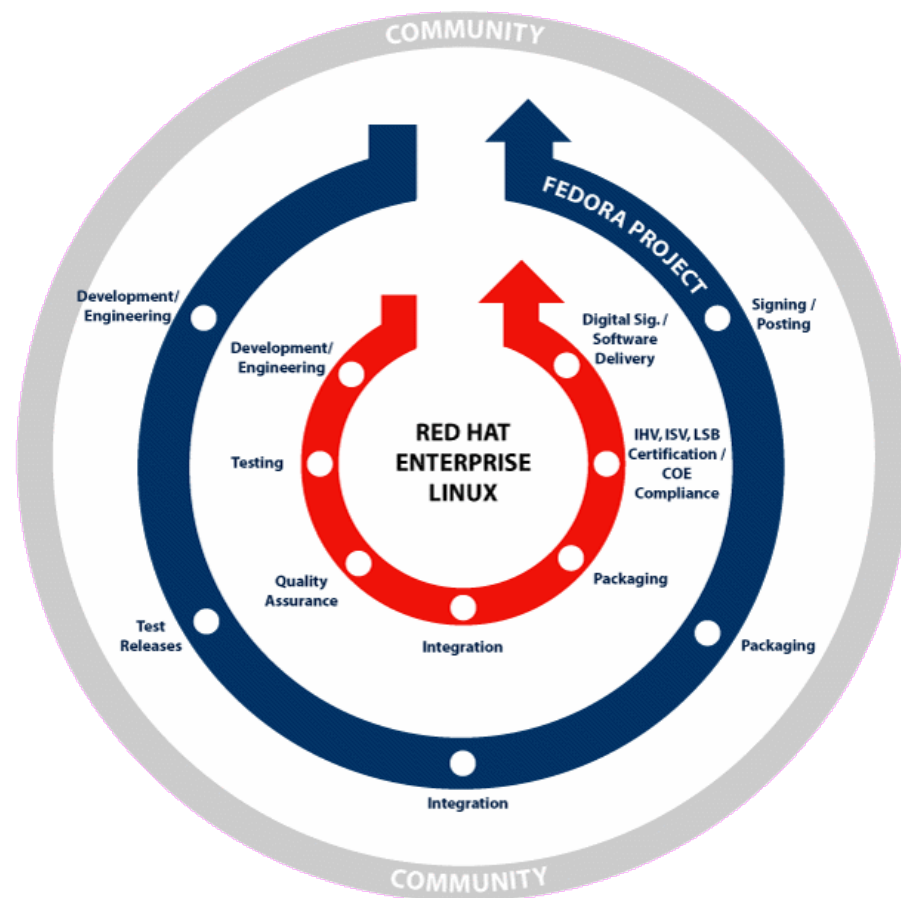
- Rapid innovation
- Latest technologies
- Community Supported
- Released ~6mo cycles



# How is RHEL Developed?

## Red Hat Enterprise Linux

- Stable, mature
- Q&A / performance testing
- Hardware & Software Certifications
- Core API compatibility guarantee



# Extended Product Lifecycle



Production 1

Production 2

Production 3

	Production 1	Production 2	Production 3
Security Patches	X	X	X
Bug Fixes	X	X	X
Hardware Enablement	Full	Partial	None
Software Enhancements	X		



# Certify Once, Deploy Anywhere

## Applications

**Red Hat Enterprise Linux**  
**One API, One Certification**

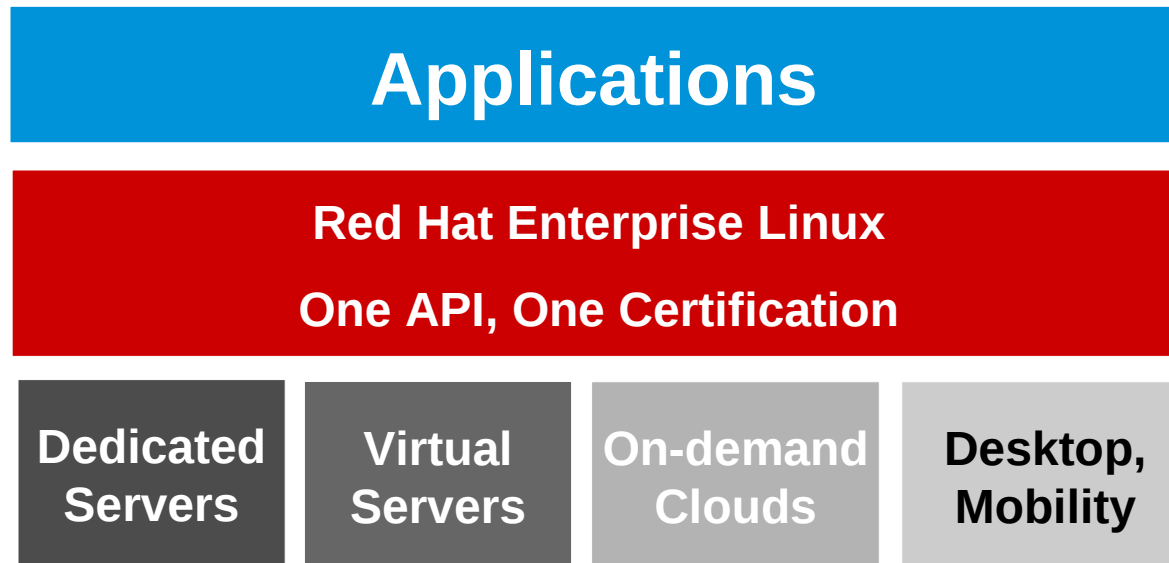
**Dedicated  
Servers**

**Virtual  
Servers**

**On-demand  
Clouds**

**Desktop,  
Mobility**

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## Example Laptop to Mainframe Partners:

**MySQL**

**TMaxSoft**

**MicroFocus Cobal**

**SAP**

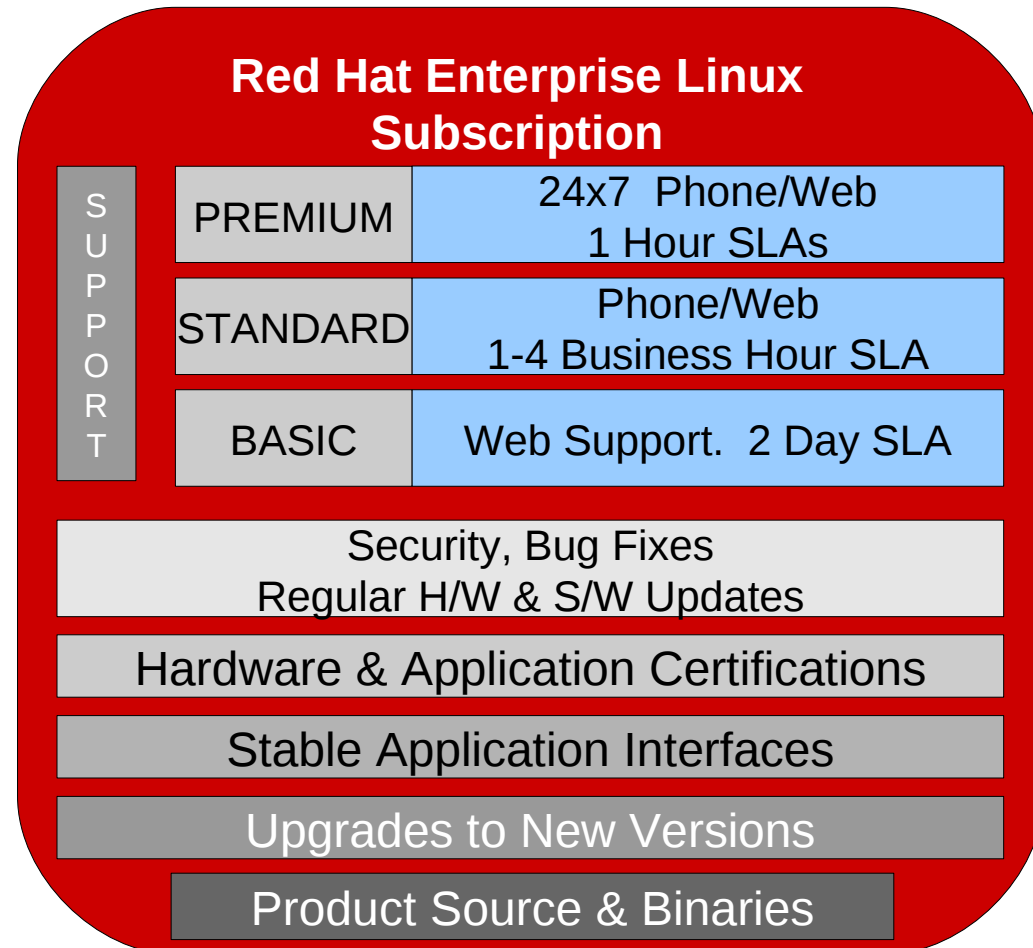
# Red Hat Subscription Model

- No Upgrade Costs
- No Client Access Fee
- Unlimited Support Incidents

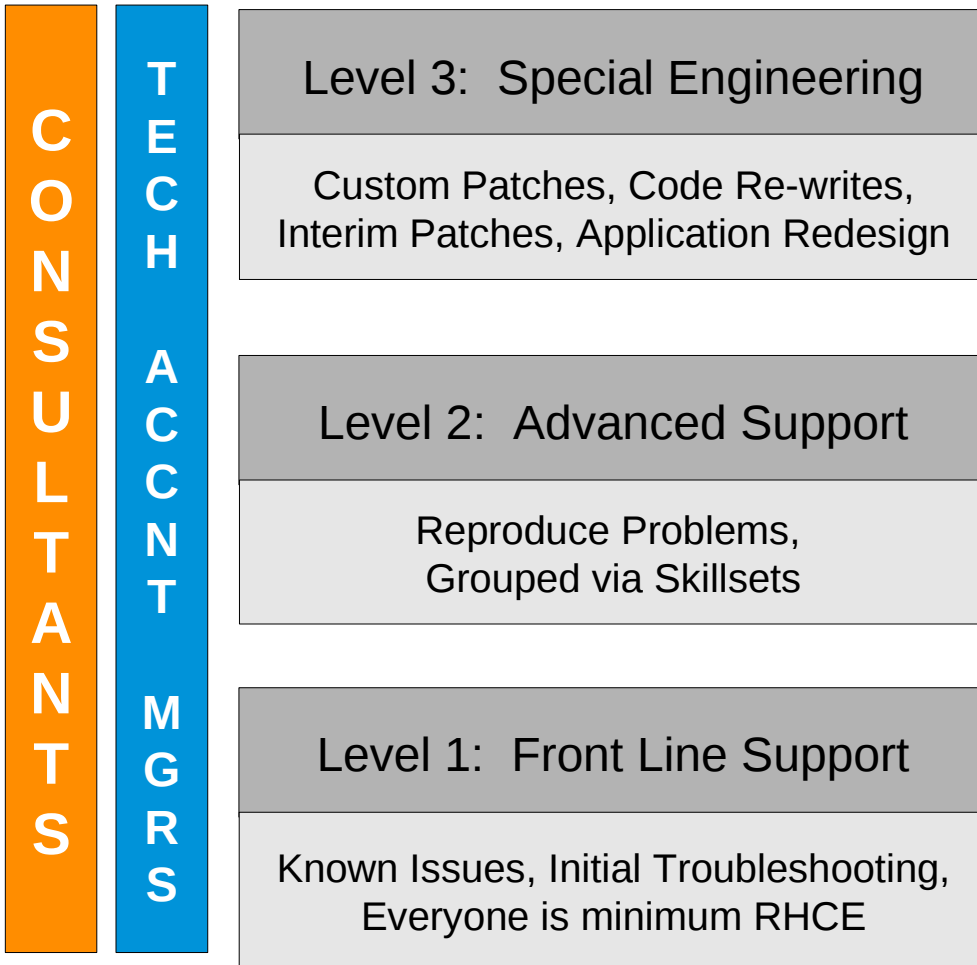
## For System z:

- Priced Per IFL
- Unlimited VMs per IFL

Customers can consolidate subscriptions *to or from* other platforms

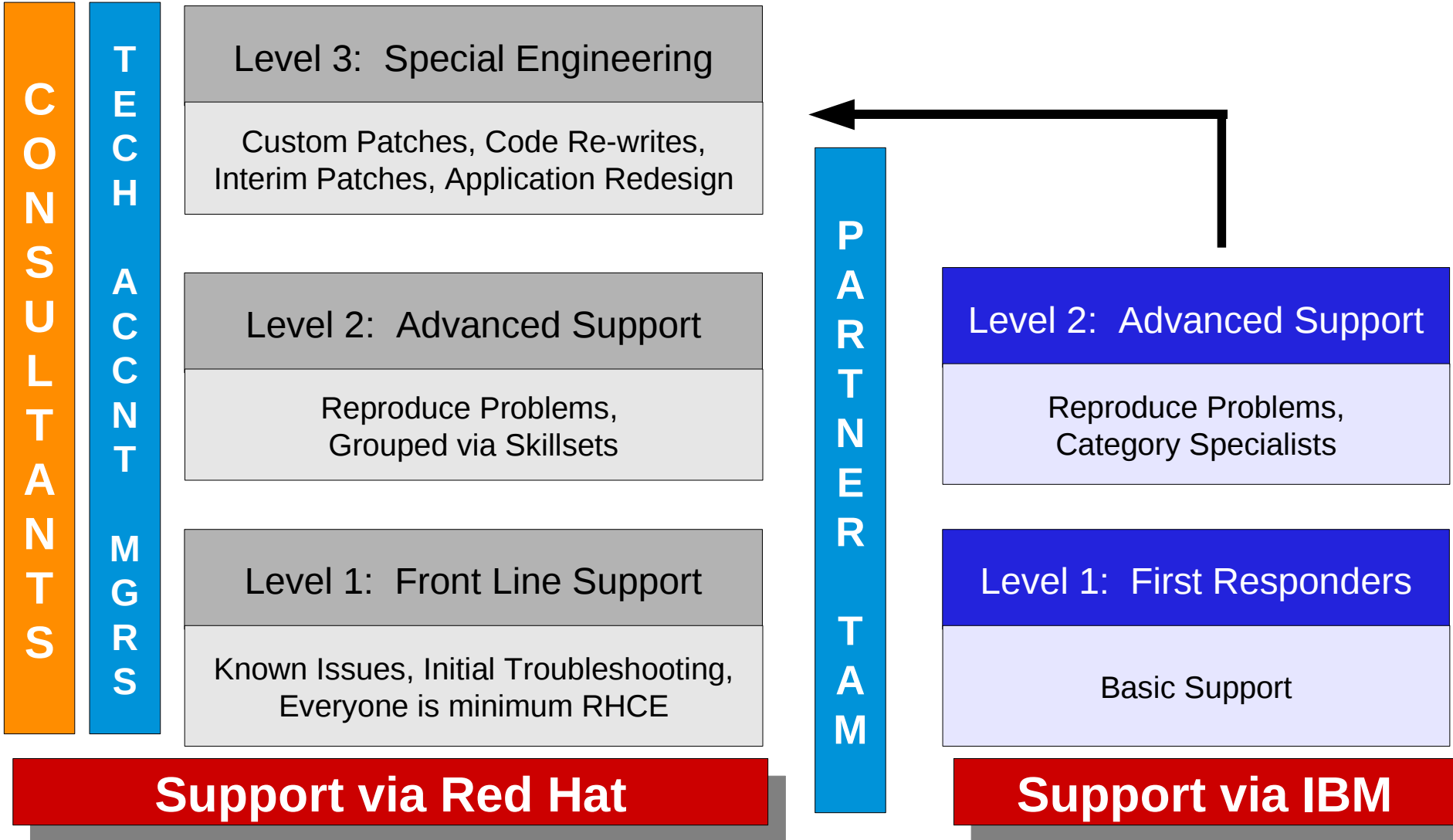


# Red Hat Support Model



**Support via Red Hat**

# Red Hat & IBM Support Model



## Tech Update - RHEL5.2

- Support for z10
- Dynamic CHPID reconfiguration
- Improved “ssh -X” with VPN during installation process
- Better network performance with skb scatter-gather support
- Implementation of SCSI dump infrastructure

# Tech Update - RHEL5.2

- Accelerated in-kernel Crypto
  - Support for crypto algorithms of z10
  - SHA-512, SHA-384, AES-192, AES-256
  
- Two OSA ports per CHPID; Four port exploitation
  - Exploit next OSA adapter generation which offers two ports within one CHPID. The additional port number 1 can be specified with the qeth sysfs-attribute “portno”
  - Support is available only for OSA-Express3 GbE SX and LX on z10, running in LPAR or z/VM guest (PFT for z/VM APAR VM64277 required!)

# Tech Update - RHEL5.2

## ■ Large Page Support

- This adds hugetblfs support on System z, using both hardware large page support if available, and software large page emulation (with shared hugetblfs pagetables) on older hardware

## ■ skb scatter-gather support for large incoming messages

- This avoids allocating big chunks of consecutive memory and should increase networking throughput in some situations for large incoming packets

Full Release Notes At: [redhat.com](http://www.redhat.com)  
[http://www.redhat.com/docs/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/5.2/html/Release\\_Notes/s390x/index.html](http://www.redhat.com/docs/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/5.2/html/Release_Notes/s390x/index.html)



# Tech Update – RHEL5.3 and beyond

- NSS
- CPU Affinity
- ETR Support
  
- [COMMITTED] Device-multipath support for xDR
  - RHT BugZilla: [184770](#)
  - IBM LTC 18425-62140

# Tech Update – Fedora Activities

**Fedora is Red Hat's bleeding edge**, an incubator for new technologies and features

**Fedora sets our direction for Red Hat Enterprise Linux**, and gives you a good idea of what will be in our next RHEL release (... and in other Linux distros, too)

Fedora 8; <http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/Releases/8/FeatureList>

Fedora 9; <http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/Releases/9/FeatureList>

Fedora 10; <http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/Releases/10/FeatureList>

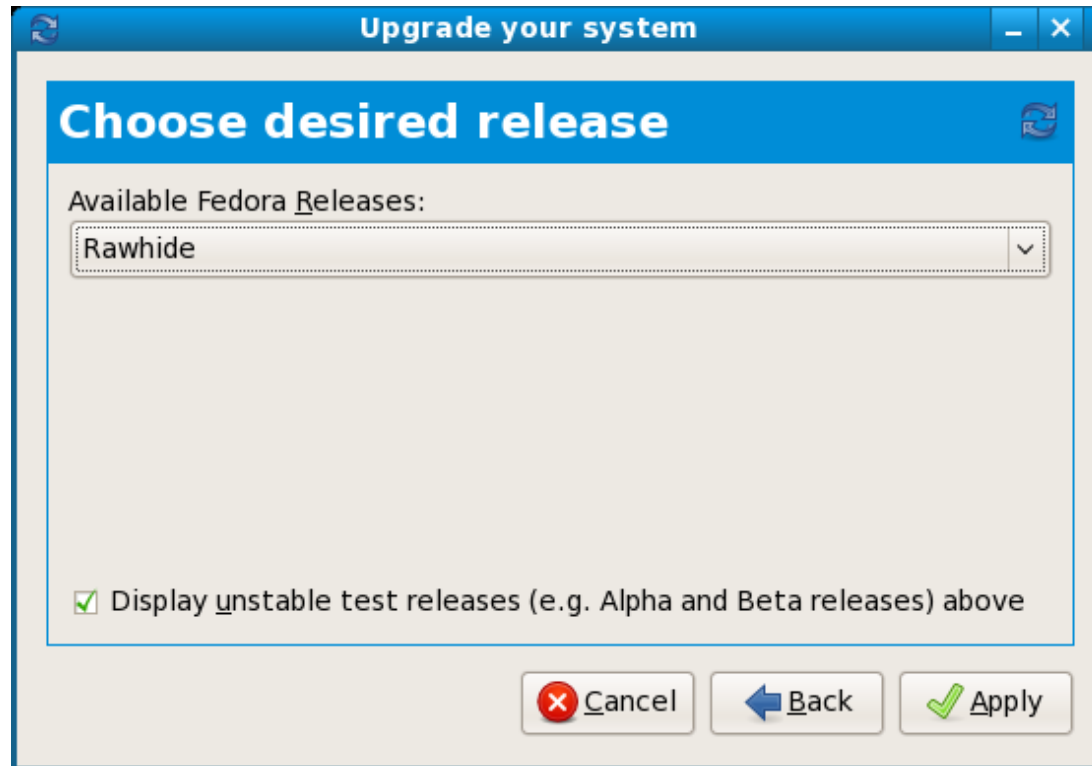
Fedora 8,9,10 = RHEL6

# Tech Update – Fedora Activities

- “In Place” Upgrades: `preupgrade`
  - Will download files needed to upgrade,
  - Store them locally on disk
  - Reboot you into the installer
  - Not a true in-place upgrade (yet)!
  
- Benefit
  - The longest part of an install is when packages are downloaded to the local machine
  - Pre-Upgrade downloads and stores packages locally, while the machine is running/in production
  - Reboot directly into the installer

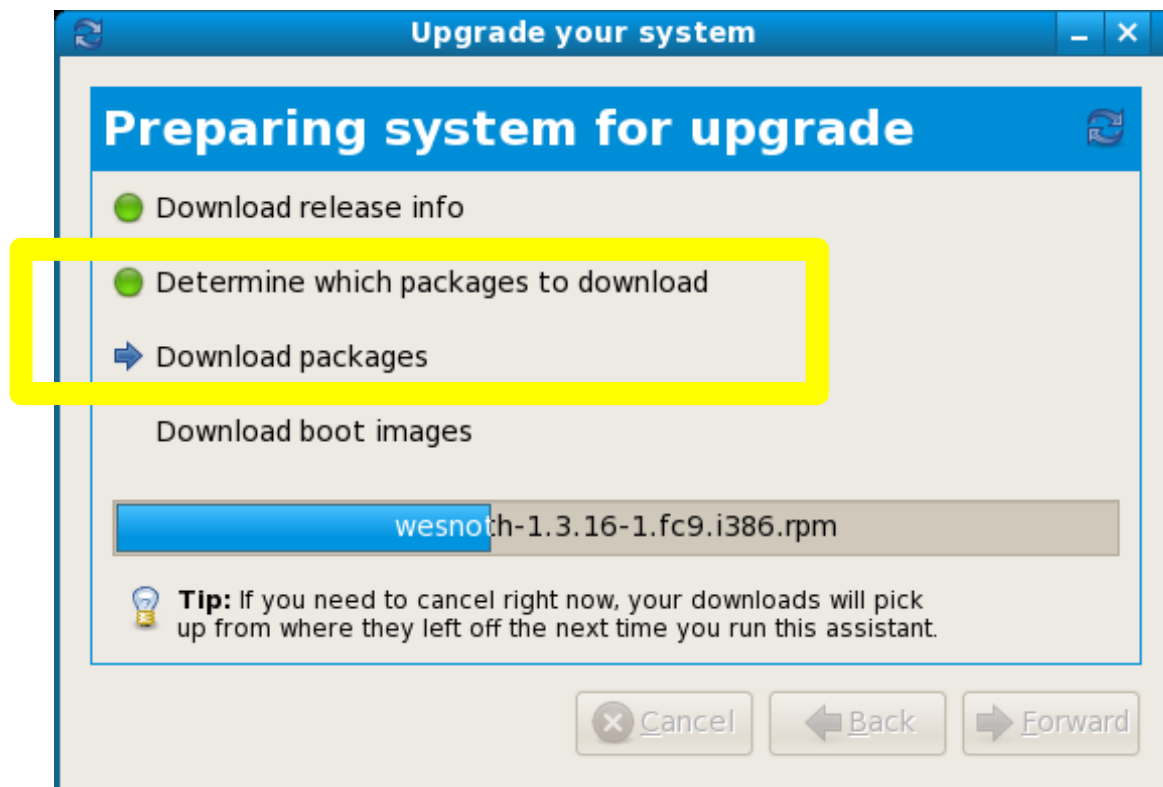
# Tech Update – Fedora Activities

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  - Select target version



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  - Determines which packages needed to upgrade, downloads them



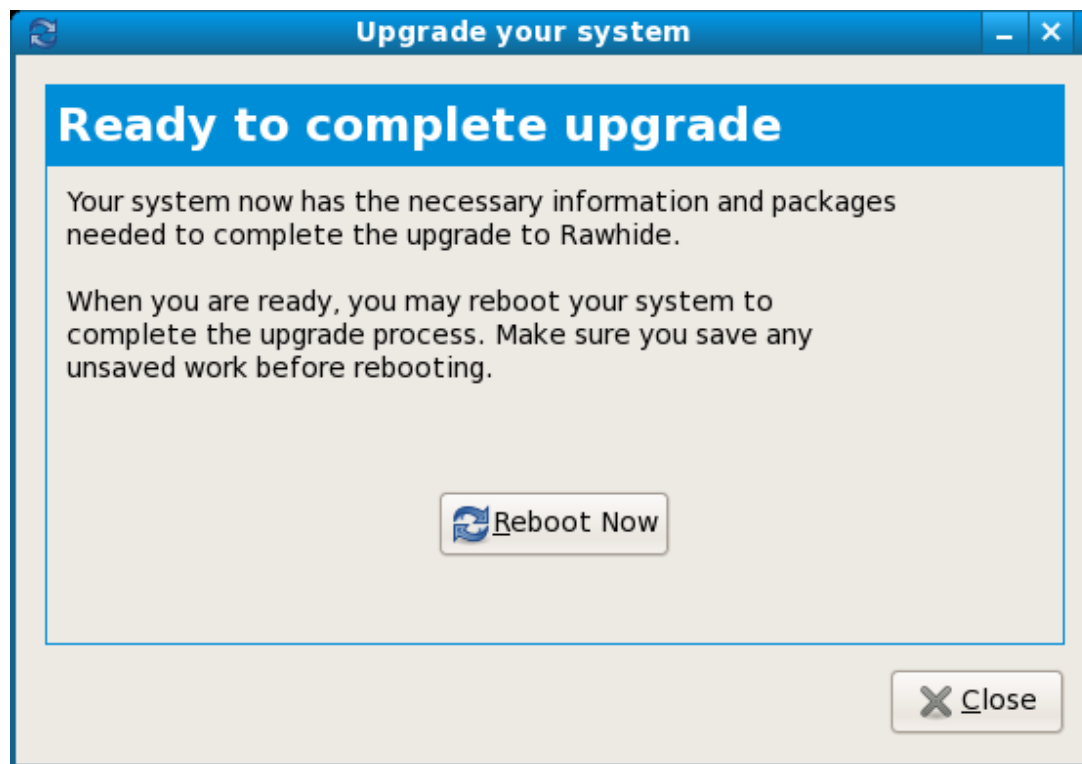
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- “In Place” Upgrades: preupgrade
  - Downloads new initrd & kernel images



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  - User reboots, brought into installer



# Tech Update – Fedora Activities

- `gnome-control-center`

- It is **not** YaST (yet)
- It is a unified GUI for package management and system configuration

- Benefit

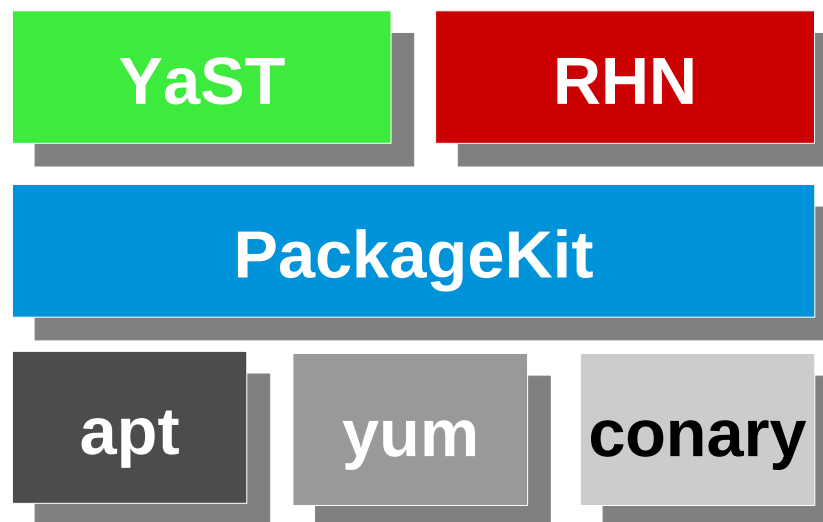
- Progress towards a YaST-like tool in RHEL (currently we have the `system-config-*` GUIs/TUIs)



# Tech Update – Fedora Activities

## ■ PackageKit

- Abstraction layer for YUM, apt, conary, etc
- Provides a common set of abstractions that can be used by GUI/TUI package managers



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  - It's the only hardware platform we have dedicated resources assigned

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  - Workloads:
    - SWIFT (\$10B/day)
    - PCBB (\$4M/day)
    - Teller Applications
    - Online Banking

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	SUN	RHEL & z10	
Power (kW/hr)	36	22	38% less
Heat (kBTUs/hr)	110	74	33% less
Space (Racks)	6.5	4.5	31% less
Carbon Emissions	66	40	39% less



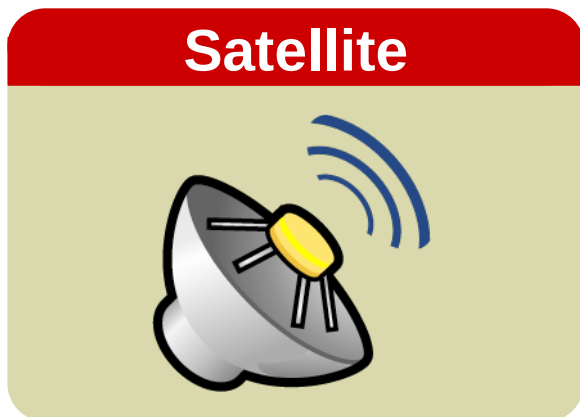
## What's planned for Q4? (Sept-Dec)

- System z Staff Expansion (targeting EMEA and APAC)
- Another World Wide Tour
- Finalize Reference Architectures for RHEL
  - Will be made available at [www.redhat.com/z](http://www.redhat.com/z)
- Creation of Reference Architectures for JBoss on System z
- .... any ideas? [swells@redhat.com](mailto:swells@redhat.com)

## Other Noteworthy Topics

- Red Hat Network

- Live Demo during zLP07, Tuesday @ 8AM, Miranda 3



- How to

- Automate software updates
- Provision guests on s390, **and** distributed from the same tool
- Version control configuration files
- Perform basic monitoring

## Other Noteworthy Topics

- SELinux & Linux Security
  - zLS01, Tuesday @ 1:30, Miranda 3
  
  - What's SELinux?
  - How can I create labeled security between processes, users, data files, and the network?

## Upcoming Pricing Promotion

**50% off MSRP for all  
RHEL IFL Subscriptions  
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### **50% off MSRP for all IFLs for the z10 BC**

- Only applies for z10 BC
- Will run for 6 months
- No “term limit” -- can purchase any subscription term (1yr, 4yr, 10yr, etc)
- Includes L1-L3 support by Red Hat
  - Can be purchased through IBM or Red Hat

**#1** IN VALUE.  
**AGAIN.**

**RED HAT NAMED #1 SOFTWARE VENDOR FOR VALUE.  
FOUR YEARS RUNNING.**

# APPENDIX

# Bank of New Zealand

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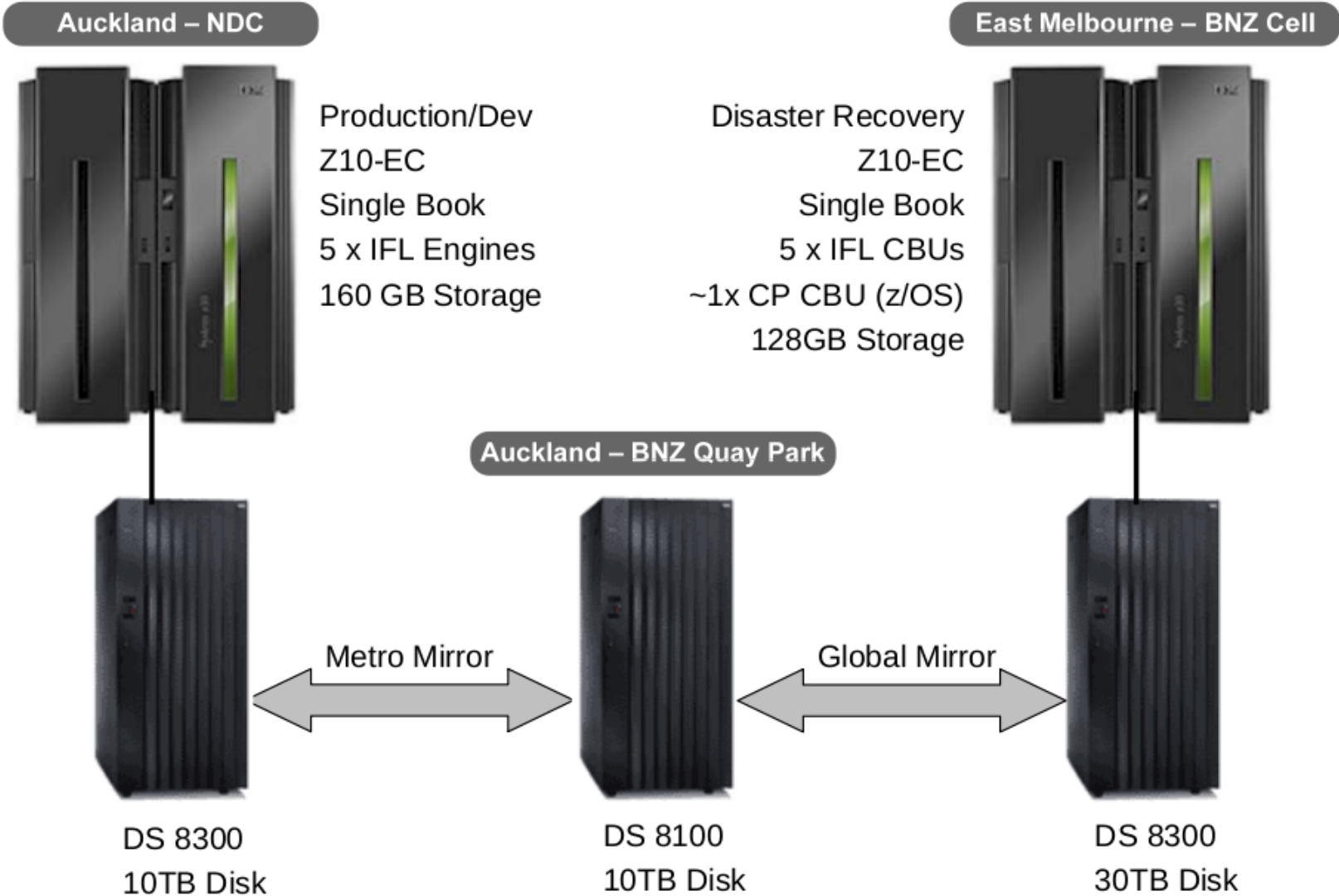
- August 2007: PoC started
- October 2007: Business Case Justification
- December 2007: WAS loaded. Bought z9-EC + DS8100
- February 2008: Purchased z10 EC + DS8100  
Joint design mtgs with IBM
- July 2008: z10 went production for non tier-1 apps
- March 2009: Tellers & Interact went production
- May 2009: Internet banking went production

# Bank of New Zealand

## Workloads

- Internet Banking & www
  - In house java app using Vignette content management
- Interact
  - CRM app in java, on top of IBM BTT framework
- TCS
  - Teller application, using IBM BTT
- PCBB
  - Internet Business Banking. Custom C and C++
- GCS
  - Integration layer. XML over MQ front end. ROMA and DataStorageTX

# Bank of New Zealand



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- Base VM Config:
  - 2x virtual CPUs
  - 512MB RAM
  - 4x 1024MB swap volumes (z/VM VDISKS)
  - 4x MOD9's
  
- Kickstart instead of cloning, using RHN Satellite
  - Version controls host name, network config, disk partitioning, packages, etc
  - Bash post install script to setup monitoring & backup
  
- Takes about 20min to provision guests
  - Built entire teller dev environment in 2hrs. 35 servers.

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