

IBM's New Linux Box Combines the Best of Watson + Open Source

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IBM just pulled the curtains back on the PowerLinux 7R4, an open system that sports a scaled-down version of Watson's brain.

The 7R4 is a four socket, 32 core server designed for analytics, cognitive computing, web-scale applications and other CPU-intensive workloads that typically run in Linux environments. The system is available with IBM's AIX and i operating systems, as well as Red Hat and SUSE.

Big Blue touts that its new server doesn't limit customers to expensive Oracle databases. The 7R4 offers native support for EnterpriseDB's increasingly popular PostgreSQL software, and includes virtualization tools that enable users to partition a single server into separate virtual servers. It also features Linux-optimized versions of IBM's Cognos Business Intelligence analytics engine and WebSphere integration framework.

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