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# IBM PowerHA SystemMirror for i



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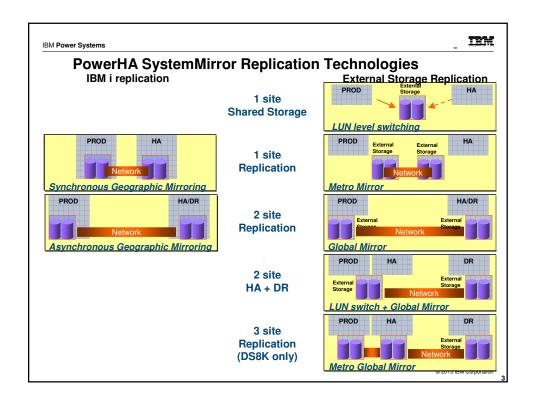
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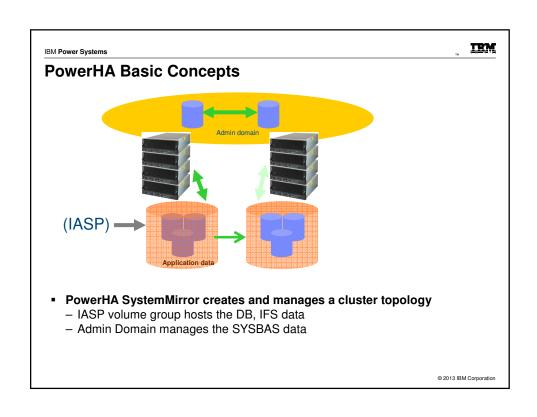
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# IBM PowerHA SystemMirror for i

- First released in 2008 (IBM i 6.1 release)
- Hardware based replication solutions (disk level)
- Supports both:
  - -IBM i replication any storage
  - -External storage replication DS8000, SVC, Storwize models
- Integrated Can manage IBM i and external storage HA from one IBM i GUI or command line
- Reliable Using IBM replication technologies
- Efficient Deeply integrated with lower levels of the OS
- Automated Minimal IT management required
- Versatile Solutions for any storage, any distance







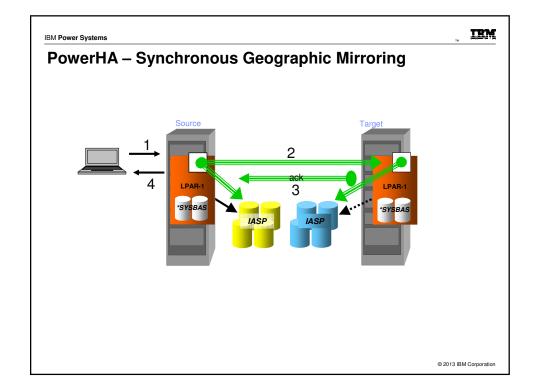
# Who's Doing the Replication?

#### IBM i

- Technologies: Synchronous and Asynchronous Geographic Mirroring
- Storage agnostic, although predominantly used with internal storage
- Source and target could be different storage types
- System failure affects production workload and data replication

### **External Storage Server**

- Technologies: Metro Mirror, Global Mirror, LUN switching, FlashCopy
- PowerHA supports specific external storage devices
  - DS8000, San Volume Controller (SVC), Storwize V7000, Storwize V5000, Storwize V3700
- Data replication independent of IBM i
- Replication overhead offloaded to external storage device
- Additional external storage functionality available, such as FlashCopy



# PowerHA – Synchronous Geographic Mirroring

**Best Use:** Have internal storage and want a 2nd copy of data to protect against planned and unplanned outages, and no need to protect against site disasters

#### **Benefits**

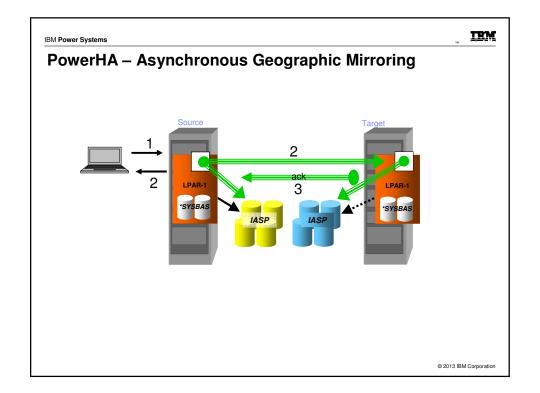
- IBM i does the replication, so works with any type of storage
- Both copies of the data are guaranteed to be identical (RPO)

#### **Caveats**

- Replication is synchronous, so distance is limited (within data center or dark fiber)
- Full synchronization is required on abnormal vary-off of either copy of the IASP, and during full synchronization, there is no valid 2nd copy of the data

### Requirements

- Bandwidth to support max production write rate
- Bandwidth also determines the amount of time required to complete a full synchronization



# PowerHA - Asynchronous Geographic Mirroring

**Best Use:** Have internal storage and want a 2nd copy of data to protect against planned, unplanned outages plus site disasters

#### **Benefits**

- IBM i does the replication so works with any type of storage
- Unlimited distance

#### Caveats

- Replication is asynchronous, so a small amount of data could be lost upon production outage
- Full synchronization is required on abnormal vary-off of either copy of the IASP, and during full synchronization, there is no valid 2nd copy of the data

### Requirements

- Bandwidth to support average production write rate
- Bandwidth also determines the amount of time required to complete a full synchronization

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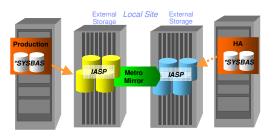
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# PowerHA and External Storage Copy Services

- PowerHA integrates the storage system copy services functions with IBM i clustering technology to provide an integrated solution
  - Copy Services technology does the replication of the IASP
  - Cluster technology monitors the health of the IBM i nodes as well as the health of the copy services replication
  - PowerHA controls the direction of the replication within the storage server
- Storage connection : all supported by PowerHA
  - Native
    - · 'Traditional'
    - Started with DS8K, now also support SVC, V7000, V5000, V3700
  - VIOS (vSCSI)
    - Enables virtualization functionality such as Live Partition Mobility
    - · NOTE: LUN switching technology not available
  - NPIV
    - · Allows virtualization of adapters



### **PowerHA - Metro Mirror**



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# **PowerHA - Metro Mirror**

**Best Use:** Have DS8K, SVC, or Storwize and want a 2nd copy of data to protect against planned and unplanned outages, and no need to protect against site disasters

### **Benefits**

- Uses technology you already own if you have DS8K, SVC, V7000, V5000, or V3700
- Offloads replication overhead to external storage device
- Both copies of the data are guaranteed to be identical (RPO)

### **Caveats**

Replication is synchronous, so distance is limited (roughly 30K)

### Requirements

- External storage required (DS8K, SVC, V7000, V5000, V3700)
- DS8K native attach, NPIV, VIOS
- SVC / V7000 / V5000 / V3700 requires 7.1, native attach, NPIV, VIOS

IEM IBM Power Systems PowerHA - Global Mirror DS8000 DR Site DS8000 ■ Sends writes out of order ■ Uses consistency group to maintain recoverable image SVC / Storwize DR Site ■ Initial release supported by PowerHA sends in order so copy is always consistent ■RPO bandwidth dependent and non-configurable ■SVC V6.3 supports Change Volumes similar to DS8K approach ■ 1Q2014 support in PowerHA © 2013 IBM Corporation

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### PowerHA - Global Mirror

**Best Use:** Have DS8K, SVC, or Storwize and want a 2nd copy of data to protect against planned, unplanned outages plus site disasters

#### **Benefits**

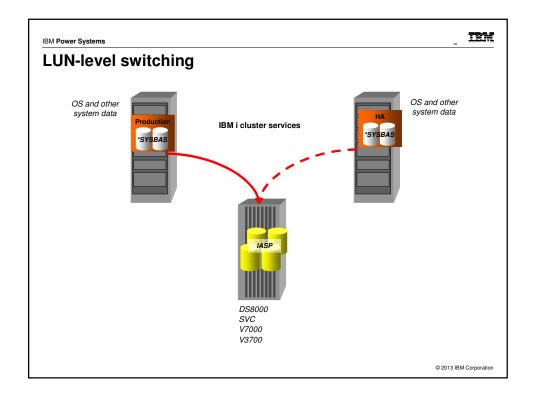
- Uses technology you already own if you have DS8K, SVC, V7000, V5000, or V3700
- Offloads replication overhead to external storage device
- Unlimited distance

### Caveats

 Replication is asynchronous, so a small amount of data could be lost upon production storage server outage

### Requirements

- External storage required (DS8K, SVC, Storwize V3700, V5000, V7000)
- DS8K native attach, NPIV, VIOS
- SVC / V7000 / V5000 / V3700 requires 7.1, native attach, NPIV, VIOS



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# PowerHA - LUN-level switching

**Best Use:** Have external storage and want protection against planned and unplanned IBM i outages, and no need to protect against storage failures or site disasters (can combine with other technologies for better use case)

#### **Benefits**

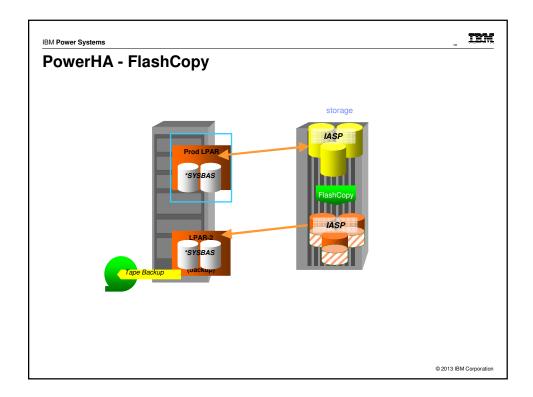
- Uses technology you already own if you have external storage
- Easy add-on to Metro Mirror or Global Mirror for local HA

### **Caveats**

- One copy of the data, so no protection against storage failures
- One external storage device, so no site failure coverage

# Requirements

- External storage required (DS8K, SVC, V7000, V5000, V3700)
- DS8K native attach, NPIV
- SVC, V7000, V5000, V3700 native attach, NPIV



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# PowerHA - FlashCopy

**Best Use:** Have DS8K, SVC, or Storwize and want one or multiple copies of the data for offline backups, development, testing, etc.

### **Benefits**

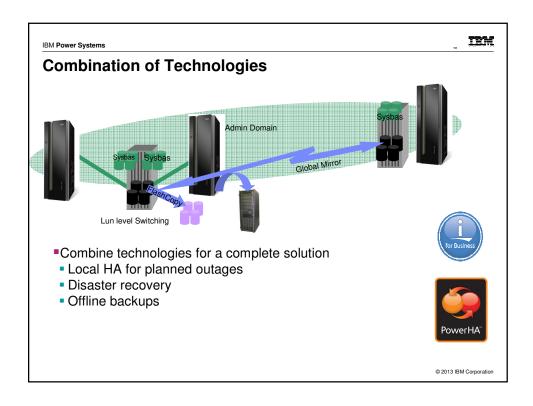
- Uses technology you already own if you have DS8K, SVC, V7000, V5000, V3700
- Easy add-on to Metro Mirror or Global Mirror for offline backups

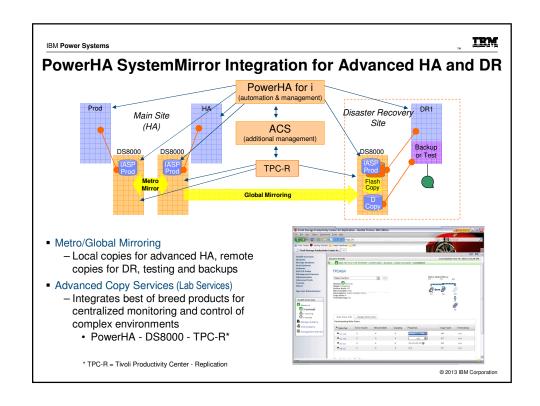
### Caveats

- Not an HA solution
- Only available on external storage

### Requirements

- External storage required (DS8K, SVC, V7000, V5000, V3700)
- DS8K native attach, NPIV, VIOS
- SVC / V7000 / V5000 / V3700 7.1, native attach, NPIV, VIOS





### **ACS - Metro Global Mirror**

**Best Use:** Have DS8K and need three copies of real-time data to protect against planned, unplanned outages plus site disasters

#### **Benefits**

- Uses technology built into DS8K
- Offloads replication overhead to external storage device
- Unlimited distance
- Replication to 2<sup>nd</sup> local site with no loss of data plus replication to 3<sup>rd</sup> site with minimal loss of data

### Caveats

More complicated to manage

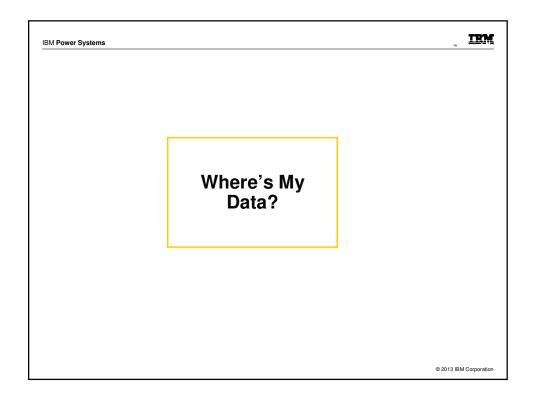
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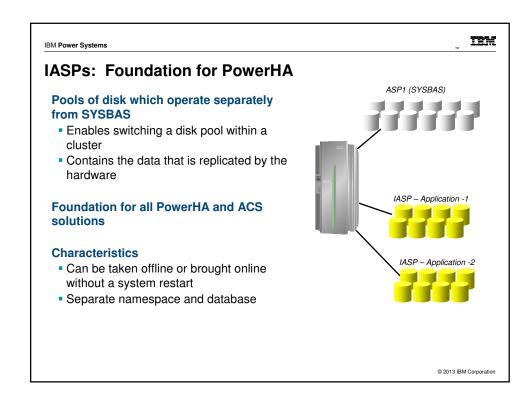
- DS8K External storage required
- Requires TPC-R, as well as PowerHA and ACS

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IRM A PowerHA Technology for Every Storage Type Internal DS6000 SVC Other SAS/SSD DS8000 V7000 XIV DS5000 Storage V5000 V3700 Geographic Mirroring Metro Mirror Global Mirror Metro Global Mirror LUN switching FlashCopy Note 1: Native attach only © 2013 IBM Corporation

	Planned /Unplanned Partition Outages	Planned /Unplanned Server Outages	Planned /Unplanned Storage Outages	Site Outage	Offline Backups	>2 copies of real-time data
Synch Geo Mirroring	₹	4	₹			
Asynch Geo Mirroring	<b>√</b>	₹	₹	₹		
Metro Mirror	₹	₹	•			
Global Mirror	₹	₹	1	V		
Metro Global Mirror	₹	₹	₹	₹	4	₹
LUN switching	₹	₹				
FlashCopy					W.	





iASP Supported Objects Types (IBM i 6.1 and 7.1)							
ALRTBL	*DTAQ	*JRNRCV	*PAGDFN	*SPLF			
BLKSF	*FCT	*LIB	*PAGSEG	*SQLPKG			
BNDDIR	*FIFO	*LOCALE	*PDG	*SQLUDT			
CHRSF	*FILE	*MEDDFN	*PGM	*SRVPGM			
CHTFMT	*FNTRSC	*MENU	*PNLGRP	*STMF			
CLD	*FNTTBL	*MGTCOL	*NODGRP	*SVRSTG			
CLS	*FORMDF	*MODULE	*PSFCFG	*SYMLNK			
СМД	*FTR	*MSGF	*QMFORM	*TBL			
CRQD	*GSS	*MSGQ	*QMQRY	*USRIDX			
CSI	*IGCDCT	*NODGRP	*QRYDFN	*USRQ			
DIR	*JOBD	*NODL	*SBSD	*USRSPC			
DTAARA	*JOBQ	*OUTQ	*SCHIDX	*VLDL			
DTADCT	*JRN	*OVL	*SPADCT	*WSCST			

# Object Types Which Don't Belong in an IASP

Security Objects (Objects affecting security remain in SYSBAS)

Legacy Objects (Non strategic objects (i.e \*36 must remain in SYSBAS)

**Configuration Objects** (System configuration objects have no use on another system)

*AUTHLR	*DDIR	*IMGCLG	*NWSD
*AUTL	*DEVD	*IPXD	*PRDAVL
*CFGL	*DOC	*JOBSCD	*PRDDFN
*CNNL	*DSTMF	*LIND	*PRDLOD
*COSD	*EDTD	*MODD	*SOCKET
*CRG	*EXITRG	*M36	SSND
*CSPMAP	*FLR	*M36CFG	*S36
*CSPTBL	*IGCSRT	*NTBD	*RCT
*CTLD	*IGCTBL	*NWID	*USRPRF

Note: Object types in blue can be synchronized via Admin Domain

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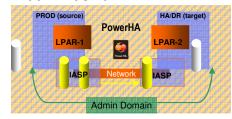
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PowerHA – Administrative Domain

Synchronize non-IASP objects across systems in the cluster

- **5.4** / 6.1 / 7.1
- Monitors for changes made to the object on any node
- Propagates those changes to the other nodes in the admin domain



#### Monitored Resources (5.4)

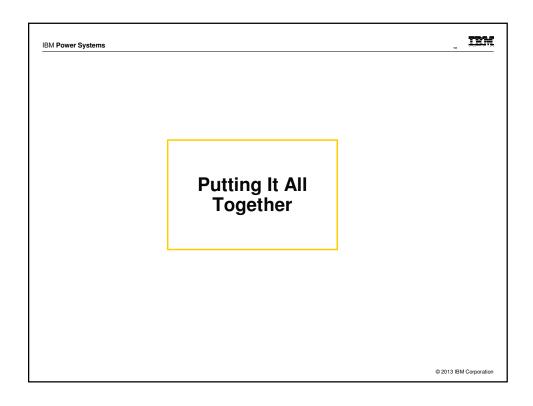
- User profiles (\*USRPRF)
- Class (\*CLS)
- Job description (\*JOBD)
- ASP device description (\*ASPDEV)
- System values (\*SYSVAL)
- Network attributes (\*NETA)
- Environment variables (\*ENVVAR)
- TCP/IP Attributes (\*TCPA)

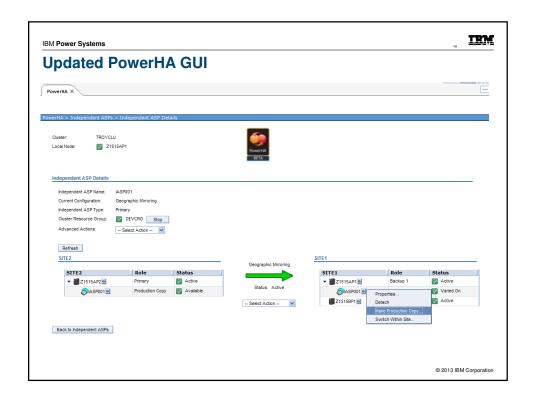
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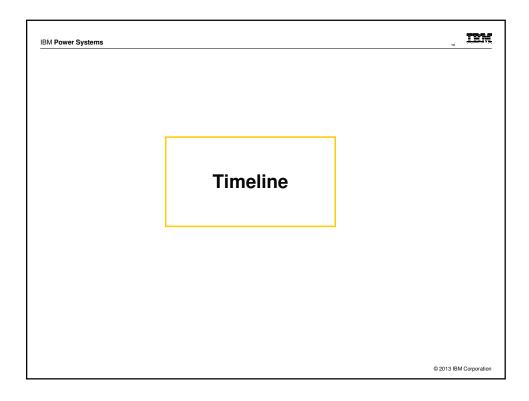
- Subsystem Descriptions (\*SBSD)
- Network Server Descriptions (\*NWSD) of types \*WINDOWSNT, \*IXSVR, and \*ISCSI.
- NWS Configurations (\*NWSCFG)
- NWSH Device Descriptions (\*NWSHDEV)
- NWS Storage Spaces (\*NWSSTG)
- Tape Device Descriptions (\*TAPDEV)
- Optical Device Descriptions (\*OPTDEV)
  Ethernet Line Descriptions (\*ETHLIN)
- Etnernet Line Descriptions ("ETHLIN)
   Token-ring Line Descriptions (\*TRNLIN)

# Additional Monitored Resources (7.1)

- Authorization lists (\*AUTL)
- Printer Device Descriptions (\*PRTDEV)







# PowerHA Supported Technology

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- **■** 6.1
  - Switched Disk
  - Synchronous Geographic Mirroring
  - DS8000 Metro Mirror, Global Mirror, FlashCopy
- 7.1 Standard Edition
  - DS8000 LUN-level Switching
  - Space-Efficient FlashCopy
  - SVC / Storwize LUN-level switching, FlashCopy
- 7.1 Enterprise Edition
  - Asynchronous Geographic Mirroring
  - SVC / Storwize Metro Mirror, Global Mirror

# **Enhancements Since 7.1 GA**

Complete list, including release date and PTF numbers, is available at <a href="https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/techupdates/ha">www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/techupdates/ha</a>

#### Examples:

- SVC Split Cluster with PowerHA LUN level switching
- Metro Mirror, Global Mirror, FlashCopy and LUN level switching for SVC and Storwize storage servers
- PowerHA GUI support
- Global Mirror target FlashCopy
- Reverse FlashCopy support for remote mirror copy and no-copy relationships
- WRKCADMRE command
- CFGGEOMIR command
- CFGDEVASP command
- PowerHA support for live partition mobility
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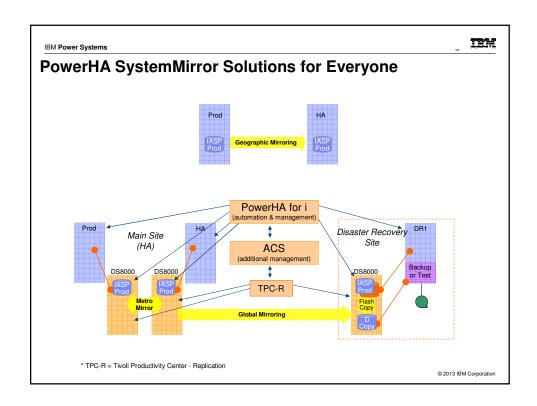
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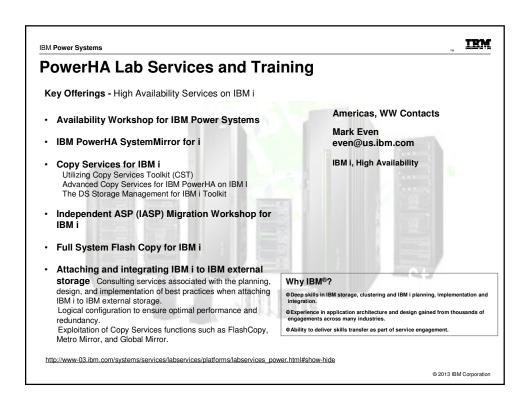
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# **High Availability PTF Group**

- Available for both 6.1 and 7.1
- Plan to refresh 3-4 times per year
- Recommended fixes support site will still list HA-related PTFs which are not yet in the PTF group
- 6.1 SF99606
- 7.1 SF99706

Note: Appropriate for logical replication environments as well as PowerHA





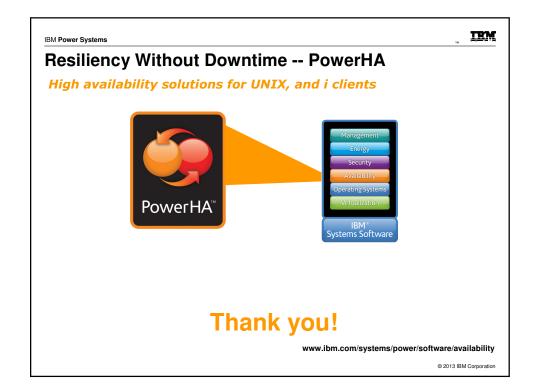
### **PowerHA Resources**

- PowerHA Wiki
  - www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/ha/
- Lab Services
  - http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/services/labservices
- Redbooks at www.redbooks.ibm.com
   Implementing PowerHA for IBM i SG24-7405-00 (Nov 2008)
   IBM I 6.1 Independent ASPs SG24-7811-00
   PowerHA SystemMirror for IBM i Cookbook SG24-7994-00
- IBM System Storage Solutions for IBM i

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    - 304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss/us/en?pageType=course\_description&courseCode=AS930
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