

Broadcom Mainframe Consumption Licensing Frequently Asked Questions – v1.0

What is Mainframe Consumption Licensing?

Mainframe Consumption Licensing (MCL) is Broadcom's new software licensing model which allows customer to pay for only the hours they use within their Z/OS mainframe environment.

The MCL program enables customers to license their suite of Broadcom's CA Mainframe software products under a utilization model based upon total ZOS MSUs Consumed versus the traditional full machine capacity approach.

The customer and Broadcom work together to set a baseline of MSUs for the term of the contract, as well as a price for overages on usage above the baseline.

What are the benefits of Broadcom's MCL program?

MCL allows customers the flexibility to take full advantage of the Mainframe's reliability & scalability without increasing costs of Broadcom's Mainframe software products unless their Z/OS utilization increases.

Since the MCL program is based on hourly Total ZOS MSUs Consumed, not the Rolling 4 Hour Average (R4A), customers can run their workloads when it matters most to their business not when it's convenient for their licensing model.

Customers can also benefit from support for Dev Test Solution pricing and other IBM Solution licensing models.

With proper baseline planning, customers can more effectively manage seasonality & volatility in their consumption through the MCL program's roll-over feature which enables MSUs to roll-over from true-up period to true-up period during the term. Additionally, if the baseline is exceeded, the overages are calculated at the single price defined for the entire mainframe stack at the onset of contract.

This promotes predictability and flexibility for customers, while getting the most value out of their mainframe software products.

Do you support IBM Solution Pricing (FKA IBM Container Pricing)?

Yes, where appropriate, we will support IBM Solution Pricing through our MCL program.

How is the baseline established?

It is very important for customers to understand their usage of mainframe products and future growth when setting the baseline for MCL. At least three months of Sub Capacity Reporting Tool (SCRT) reports are needed to have the best visibility of usage and trends for the baseline calculation.

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Is there a specific kind of SCRT report required?

The SCRT reports version 25.2 or higher will provide the actual consumption in terms of hours each month.

Does the consumption baseline vary by product?

No, the MCL program is focused on simplicity, there is no line item pricing or different consumption baselines at the product level. Consumption is measured by the total hourly MSU utilization for all the LPARs running the Z/OS operating system at the Customer Site, as are any overage fees.

How is the consumption tracked?

Customers are required to submit IBM's SCRT product report for ISV programs monthly for the entire mainframe environment. The standard true up period is annual.

Customers will need to apply the appropriate maintenance to the CA Common Services to generate IBM's SCRT product report for ISV programs. ([CA Common Services 15.0 ISV SCRT Instructions](#))

What happens at the end of the MCL contract term?

MCL contracts are set to auto renew at the same baseline and the fees in effect at the time of renewal.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact your local Broadcom Account Representative, or email us your name and contact information to mainframe.pricing@broadcom.com