

## Broadcom Mainframe Consumption Licensing

### Frequently Asked Questions – v3.0

#### **What is Mainframe Consumption Licensing?**

Mainframe Consumption Licensing (MCL) is Broadcom's new software licensing model which allows customers 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 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 total Z/OS production utilization increases.

Since the MCL program is based on hourly Total Z/OS MSUs Consumed, not the Rolling 4 Hour Average (R4HA), 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 including the IBM Tailored Fit Hardware Program.

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 one true-up period to the next 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.

MCL provides the flexibility to address temporary capacity on demand, bursting business requirements.

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

#### **Is unlimited *Application Dev/Test* a required element of MCL?**

Although it is a standard feature, you are not required to have unlimited Application Dev/Test as part of your MCL agreement. Therefore, you may opt-out of including unlimited Dev/Test.

For those who opt-out of this feature, your baseline plus any overages will continue to include Application Dev/Test. Also, customers that opt-out of unlimited Dev/Test cannot take advantage of this feature in the IBM Z cloud environment.

Speak to your Broadcom representative for additional information about the unique benefits of this standard MCL feature

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### **Do you support the IBM Tailor Fit Hardware Program?**

Broadcom's MCL program fully supports the Tailor Fit Hardware 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. Up to twelve, but at least three months of IBM Sub Capacity Reporting Tool (SCRT) reports are needed to have the best visibility of usage and trends for the baseline calculation.

### **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 to create the baseline commitment.

### **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 production 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 ISV SCRT Instructions.

### **Where are the ISV SCRT reports submitted?**

The Broadcom SCRT Report Management site is a simple, secure site for customers to upload their ISV SCRT reports. For more information please visit: [Broadcom SCRT Report Management](#).

### **Is MCL available for Service Providers?**

Service Providers can enter into a MCL contract for a specific customer by executing a contract for the exclusive use and benefit of that customer.

### **Why is ISV SCRT reporting required monthly when there is an annual true up?**

Broadcom's goal is to make the reporting process easy for customers; currently IBM requires monthly reporting by the 9th day of the month. Under MCL, customers are required to submit the ISV SCRT report by the 10th day of the month. This provides the opportunity for customers to submit both reports at roughly the same time; avoiding having to run multiple reports later in the contract term.

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#### **What happens at the end of the MCL contract term?**

MCL contracts are available for renewal at the end of the contract term. Broadcom and Customer will negotiate in good faith a contract based upon the license environment in place at the time of renewal.

#### **Who do I contact for more information?**

Please contact your local Broadcom Account Representative for further assistance or questions.