



# IBM processor Value Unit licensing for IBM POWER6 processor cores

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## Overview

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Effective with the announcement of IBM System p POWER6 servers on May 22, 2007, each POWER6 processor core requires 120 processor Value Units or 1.2 existing processor licenses for IBM software available on that platform. For IBM software programs offered under the processor Value Unit licensing structure, you will continue to license that software based on the number of Value Units assigned to each processor core. All future license and Software Maintenance entitlements for such software will be obtained in Processor Value Units. This practice is intended to provide the required licensing granularity, while offering the flexibility to configure systems to best support your objectives.

For IBM software programs that are now offered using processor Value Unit licensing but were previously offered under a processor licensing metric, your existing processor licenses can be used on an "as if converted" basis using a ratio of 1 processor license equals 100 processor Value Units. For IBM software programs that are still available under a processor licensing metric, the licensing requirement for POWER6 is 1.2 processor licenses per processor core. For example, 5 POWER6 processor cores (each needing 1.2 processor licenses), require 6 processor licenses (5 x 1.2). Processor license requirement calculations ending in fractions must be rounded up to the nearest whole number of processor licenses (for example, 6 POWER6 processor cores, each needing 1.2 processor licenses per core, yield a requirement for 7.2 processor licenses, which rounds up to 8 processor licenses being required for that configuration).

Given the significant performance improvement we expect customers to experience with the POWER6 processor core, this licensing requirement is intended to improve software price/performance over the previous POWER processor families this new technology is likely to replace.

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