

Sub-capacity (Virtualization) License Counting Rules

IBM System z™ Virtualization Environment

NOTE: Please use these rules in conjunction with the [Passport Advantage License Agreement](#)



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Sub-capacity Licensing Requirements Summary

- Customers must:
 - ▶ Agree to the terms of the Sub-capacity Attachment, and follow Virtualization Capacity License Counting rules for their Eligible Virtualization Environment(s)
 - ▶ Use Eligible Sub-capacity Products
 - ▶ Use Eligible Virtualization Technologies
 - ▶ Use Eligible Processor Technologies
 - ▶ Use the IBM License Metric Tool (ILMT) and maintain report documentation
 - Tivoli Asset Discovery for Distributed (TADd) or IBM BigFix Inventory, may be used in lieu of IBM License Metric Tool.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *The above is only a summary. For details about sub-capacity licensing requirements, see the Sub-Capacity Licensing Terms and other information referred to above, at [Passport Advantage Sub-capacity licensing information](#)*
- *Customers are responsible for the installation of the IBM License Metric Tool and for the server it runs on.*

System z Definitions

▪ **Logical Partition (LPAR):**

- ▶ IBM System z servers can be partitioned into separate logical computing systems. System resources (memory, processors, I/O devices) can be divided or shared among many such independent logical partitions (LPARs) under the control of the LPAR hypervisor, which comes standard on all System z servers. Each LPAR supports an independent operating system (OS) loaded by a separate initial program load (IPL).

▪ **Virtual Machine (VM):**

- ▶ z/VM is an operating system implementation of IBM virtualization technology providing the capability to run full-function operating systems such as Linux on System z and z/OS as “guests” of z/VM. These guests are called virtual machines and perform as if they were completely independent machine environments as far as the guest operating system is concerned.
- ▶ zKVM is an open source virtualization option for running Linux-centric workloads that uses common Linux-based tools and interfaces.

System z Definitions continued

■ **Processor types:**

- ▶ System z servers have several types of processors (also called engines), two of which are pertinent for distributed software licensing purposes:
 - *Central Processor (CP), also known as a General Purpose processor, which can execute any kind of workload*
 - *Integrated Facility for Linux (IFL) processor which is limited to executing only Linux for System z workloads with or without the z/VM hypervisor*

■ **Dedicated Partition:**

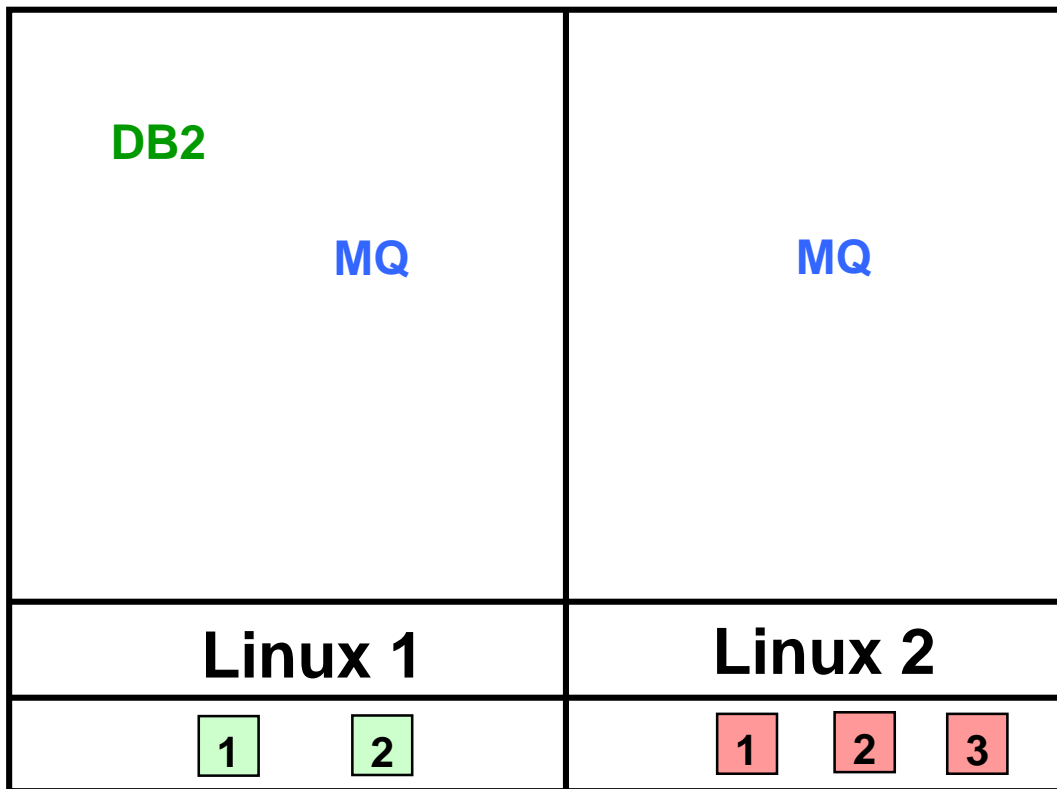
- ▶ Resources are only moved between partitions “explicitly” (e.g. by an operator or a scheduled job)
- ▶ Engines are always allocated in whole increments

■ **Shared Pool:**

- ▶ Pool of IFL or CP engines shared by partitions
- ▶ System automatically dispatches processing resources between partitions as needed
- ▶ Engines are always allocated in whole increments

LPARs with Shared Pool

Server with 5 IFLs



Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

DB2	MQ	Partition
2	2	Linux 1
	3	Linux 2
2	5	Total IFLs for Partition
5	5	Capacity Limit
2	5	Total IFLs

License Rule: The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool

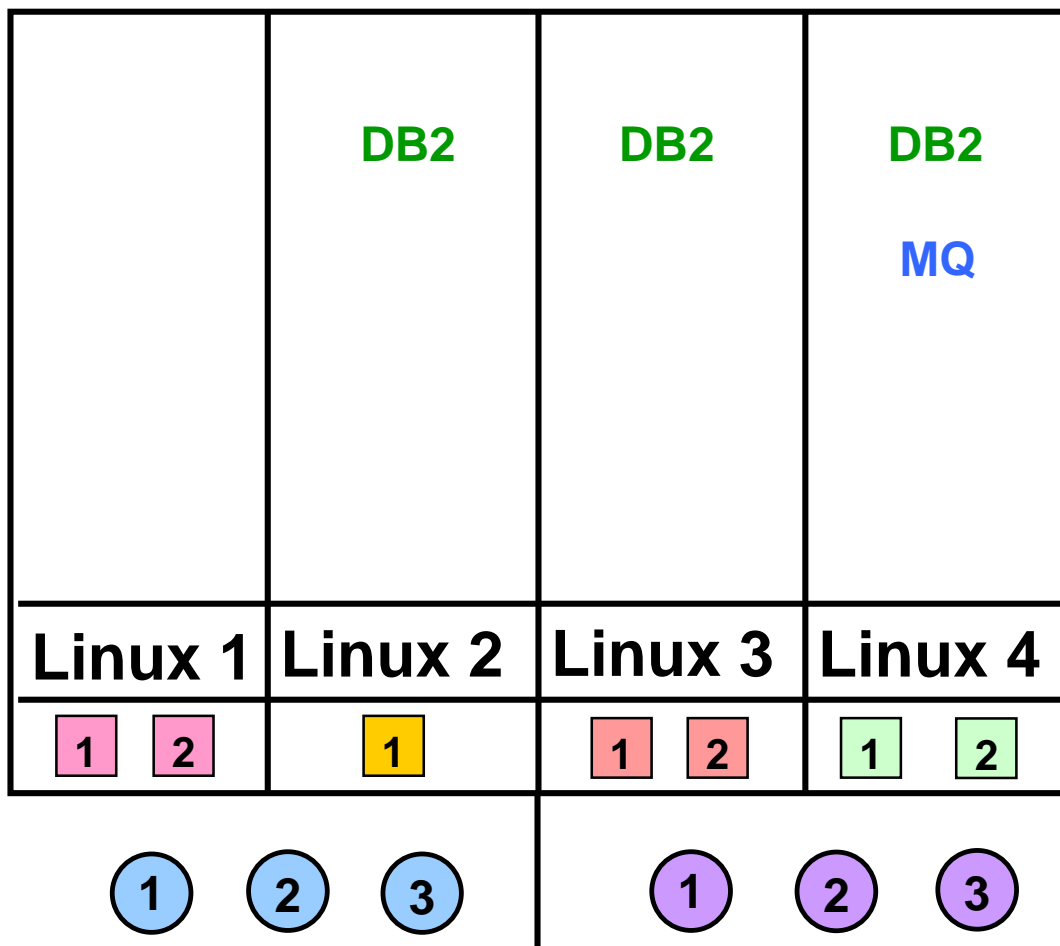
2 logical IFLs assigned to LPAR 1
3 logical IFLs assigned to LPAR 2

5 IFLs in the shared pool



LPARs with Shared Pool – Multiple Engine types

Server with 3 IFLs & 3 CP engines



Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

DB2 (IFL)	DB2 (CP)	MQ (CP)	Partition
1			Linux 2 LPAR
	2		Linux 3 LPAR
	2	2	Linux 4 LPAR
1	4	2	Tot IFL/CP for Partition
3	3	3	Capacity Limit
4 (1 IFL + 3CP)		2	Total IFL / CP engines

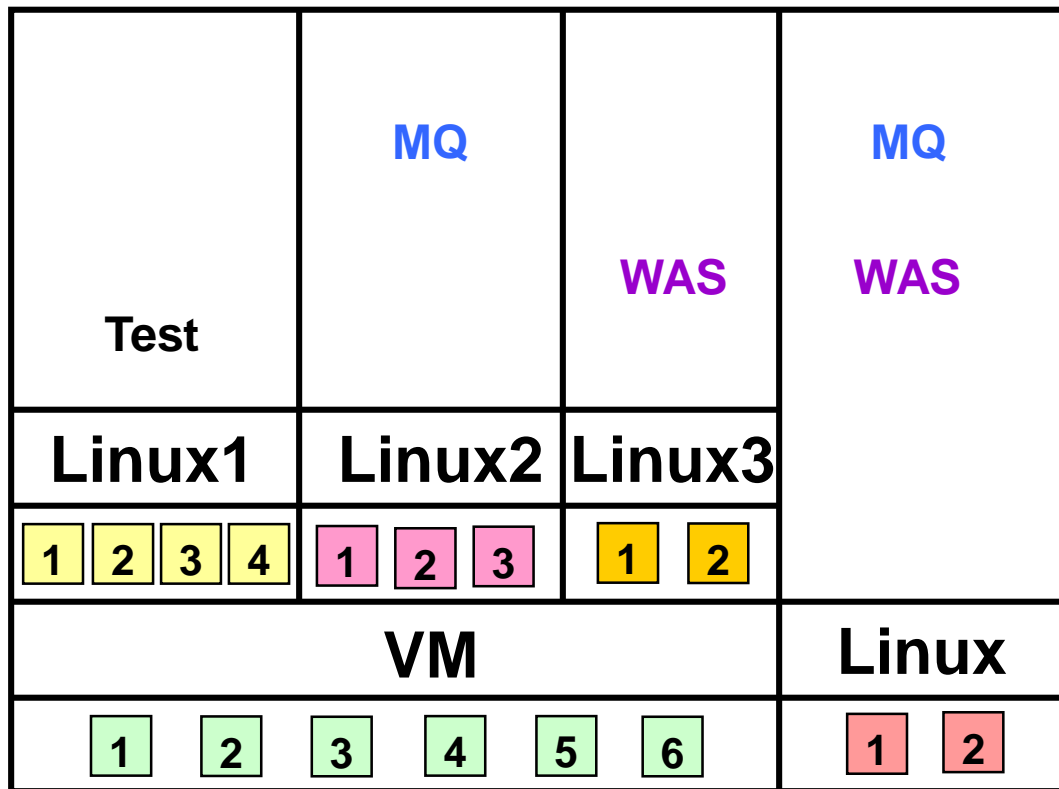
License Rule: The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool

1 logical IFL assigned to LPAR 2
 2 logical CPs assigned to LPAR 3
 2 logical CPs assigned to LPAR 4

3 IFLs in a shared pool &
 3 CPs in a shared pool

z/VM/zKVM with Linux Guests - IFLs

Server with 8 IFLs



Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

WAS	MQ	Partition
	3	Linux 2 VM
2		Linux 3 VM
2	3	Total IFLs for Partitions
6	6	Capacity Limit
2	3	Total IFLs for z/VM LPAR
2	2	Linux LPAR
4	5	Total IFLs

License Rule: The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool

3 Linux Virtual Machines with 9 virtual engines

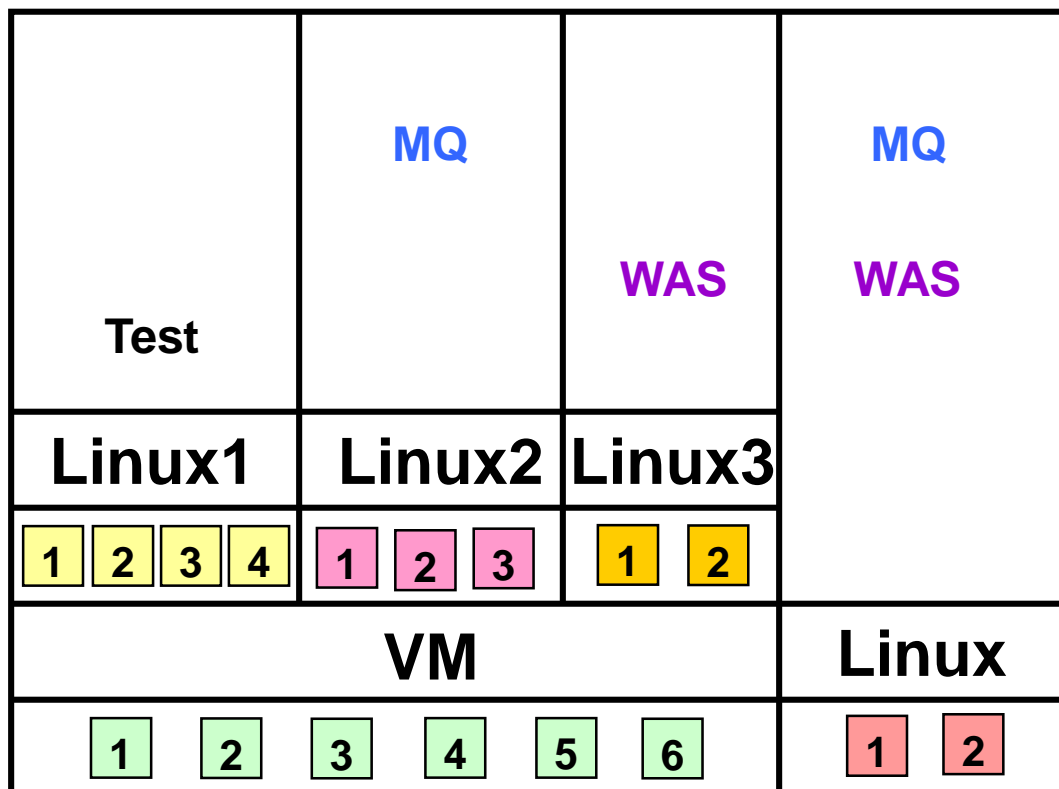
6 logical IFLs assigned to z/VM LPAR
2 logical IFLs assigned to Linux LPAR

8 IFLs in the shared IFL pool



z/VM/zKVM with Linux Guests - CPs

Server with 8 CPs



Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

WAS	MQ	Partition
	3	Linux 2 VM
2		Linux 3 VM
2	3	Total CPs for Partitions
6	6	Capacity Limit
2	3	Total CPs for z/VM LPAR
2	2	Linux LPAR
4	5	Total CPs

License Rule: The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool

3 Linux Virtual Machines with 9 virtual engines

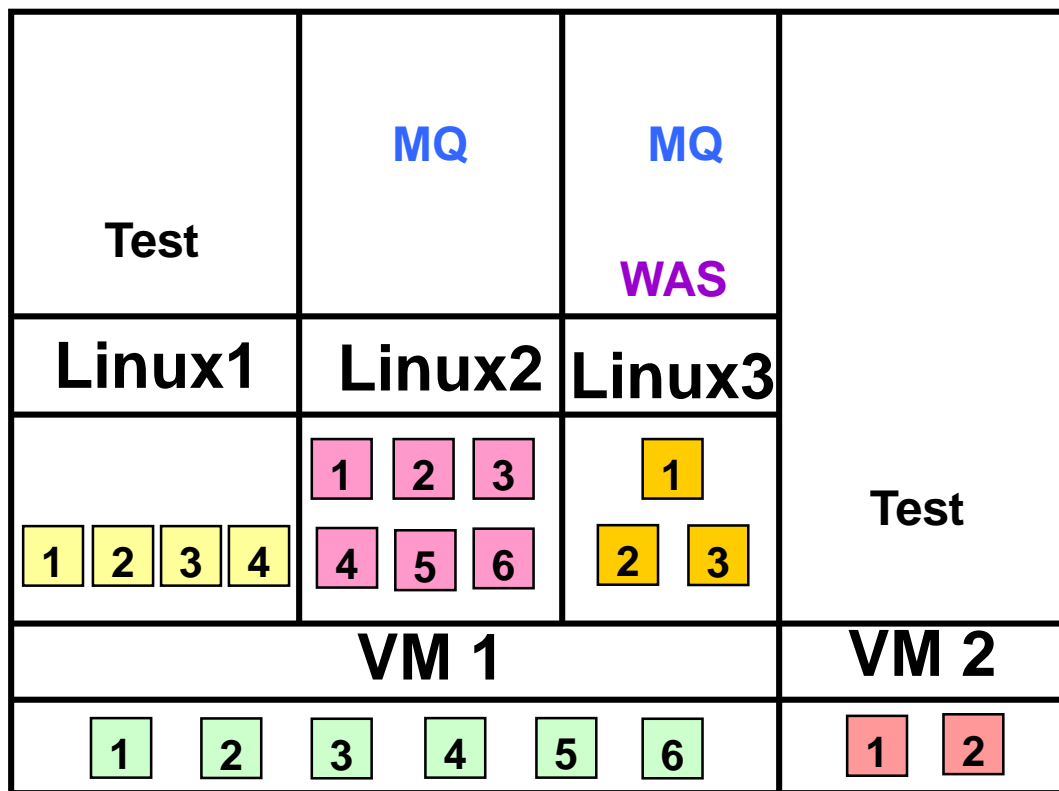
6 logical CPs assigned to z/VM LPAR
2 logical CPs assigned to Linux LPAR

8 CPs in the shared pool



z/VM/zKVM with Linux Guests – Capping at z/VM/zKVM LPAR

Server with 8 IFLs



Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

WAS	MQ	Partition
	6	Linux 2
3	3	Linux 3
3	9	Total IFLs for Partitions
6	6	Capacity Limit
3	6	Total IFLs

License Rule: The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool

3 Linux Virtual Machines with 13 virtual engines

6 logical IFLs assigned to z/VM1 LPAR
2 logical IFLs assigned to z/VM2 LPAR

8 IFLs in the shared pool

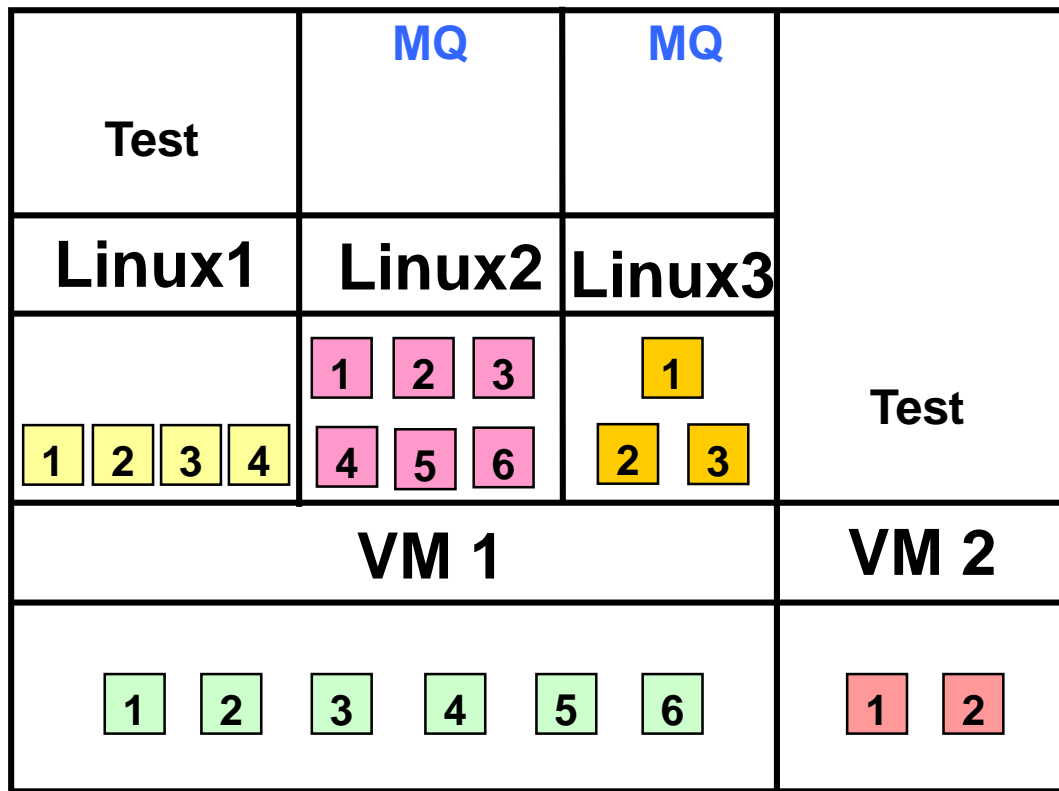


z/VM/zKVM with Linux Guests – Capping at Server

Cores to be licensed

Server with 4 IFLs

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core



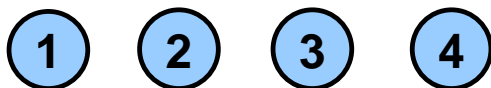
MQ	Partition
6	Linux 2
3	Linux 3
9	Total IFLs for Partitions
6	Capacity Limit Pool
6	Total IFLs for z/VM 1 LPAR
4	Capacity Limit Server
4	Total IFLs

License Rule: The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool. The licenses will not exceed the number of activated engines in the server.

3 Linux Virtual Machines with 13 virtual engines

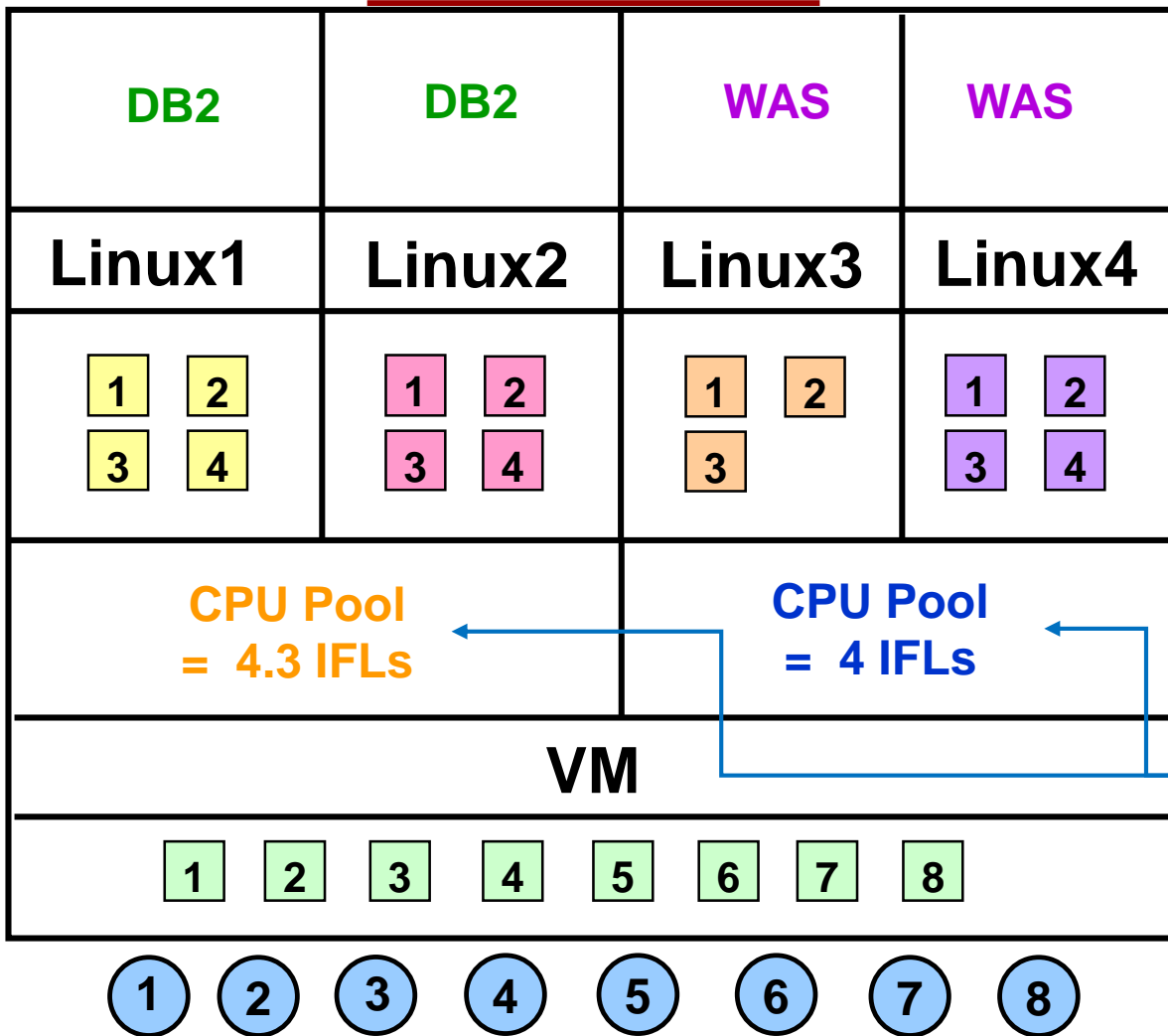
6 logical IFLs assigned to z/VM1 LPAR
2 logical IFLs assigned to z/VM2 LPAR

4 IFLs in the shared pool



z/VM/zKVM with Linux Guests – CPU Pooling

Server with 8 IFLs



Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

DB2	WAS	Partition
4		Linux 1
4		Linux 2
	3	Linux 3
	4	Linux 4
8	7	Partition Capacity
4.3	4	CPU Pool Capacity
5	4	Total Capacity

- CPU Pool Capping Rule: the lower of the sum of each partition for a product or the processor core capacity of the CPU pool
- Aggregate fractional processor cores, apply CPU pool capping rules, and round up at the server level to the next whole processor core.

4 Linux Virtual Machines with 15 virtual engines

CPU Pools

8 logical IFLs assigned to z/VM LPAR

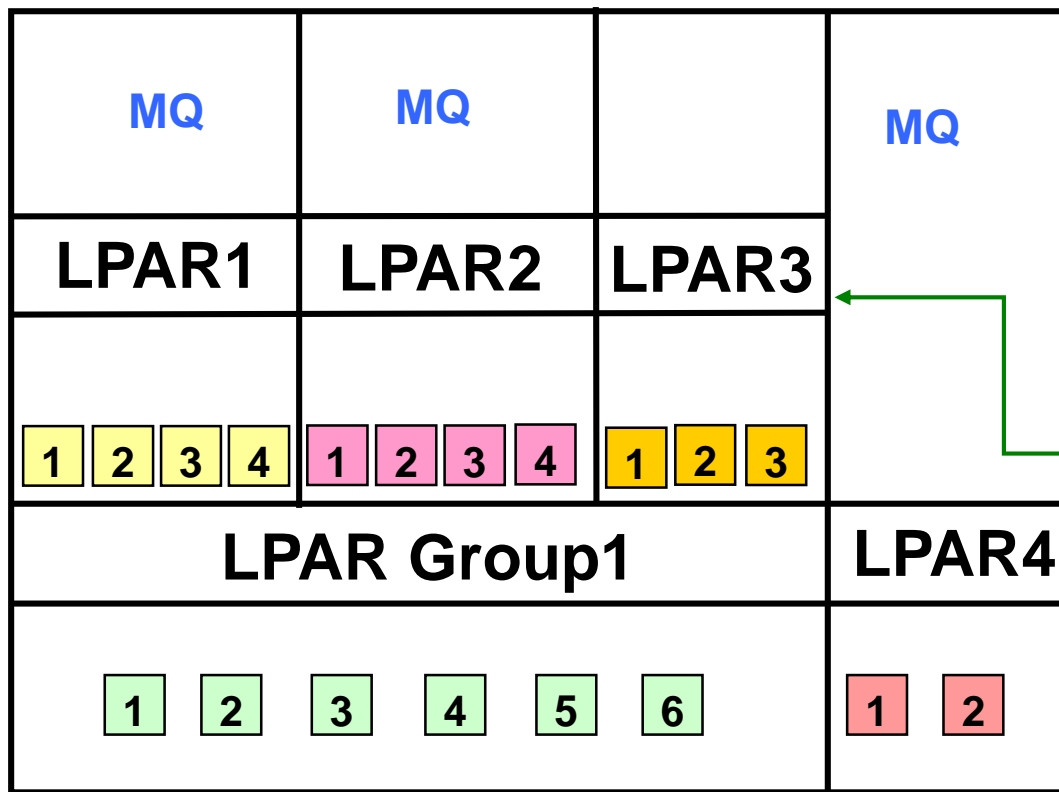
8 IFLs in the shared pool

LPAR Group Capping on System z

Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

License Rule: The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool. The licenses will not exceed the number of activated engines in the server.



MQ	Partition
4	LPAR1
4	LPAR2
8	Total IFLs LPAR Group1
6	Capacity Limit Pool
2	Total IFLs for LPAR4
10	Capacity Limit Server
8	Total IFLs

LPARs in LPAR Group assigned logical IFLs

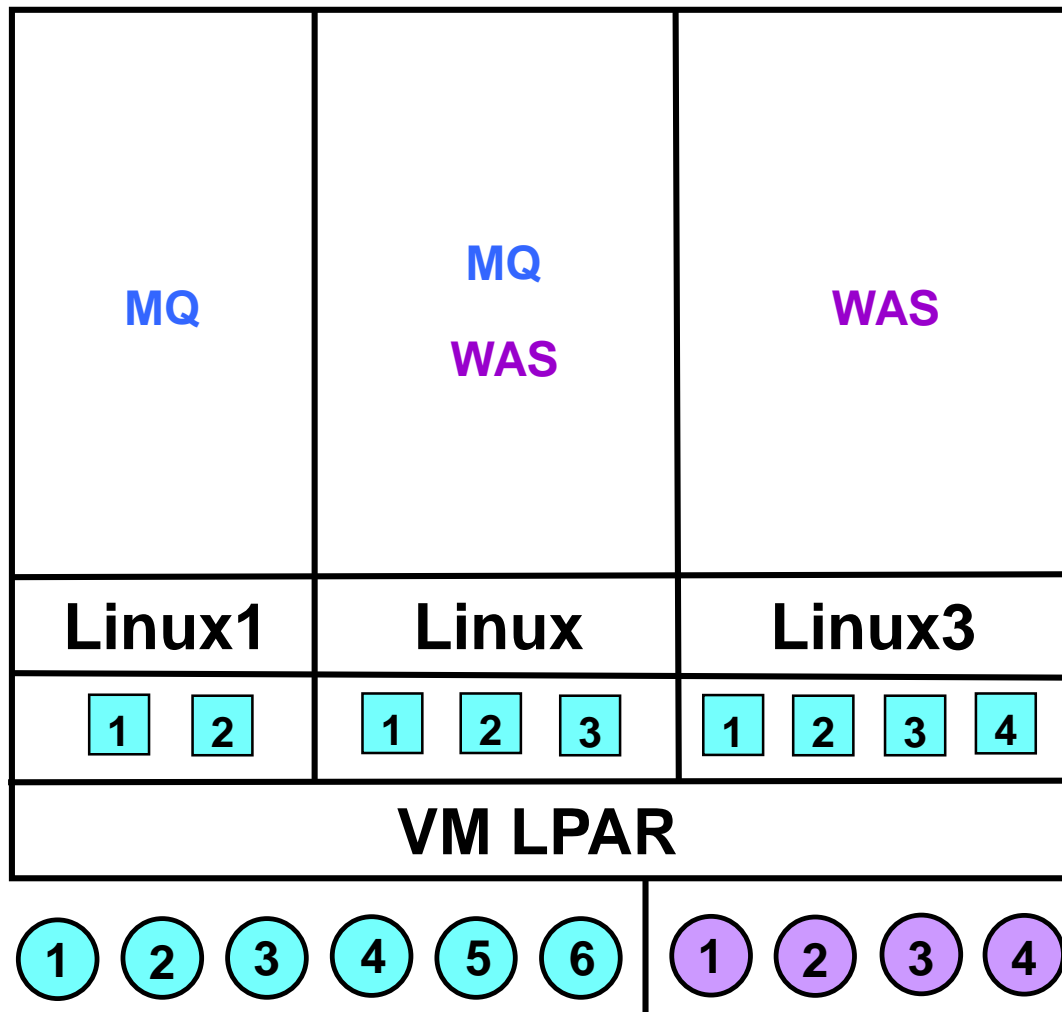
6 logical IFLs assigned to LPAR Group1
2 logical IFLs assigned to LPAR

10 IFLs in the shared pool



LPARs with mixed engine types (CP & IFL)

Server with 6 IFLs and 4 CPs



Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

WAS	MQ	Partition
	2	Guest Linux 1
3	3	Guest Linux 2
4		Guest Linux 3
7	5	Total IFLs for Partitions
6	6	IFL pool Capacity Limit
6	5	Total IFLs

License Rule: The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool

3 Linux Guest Machines. All of them using IFL engines only (or CP engines only).

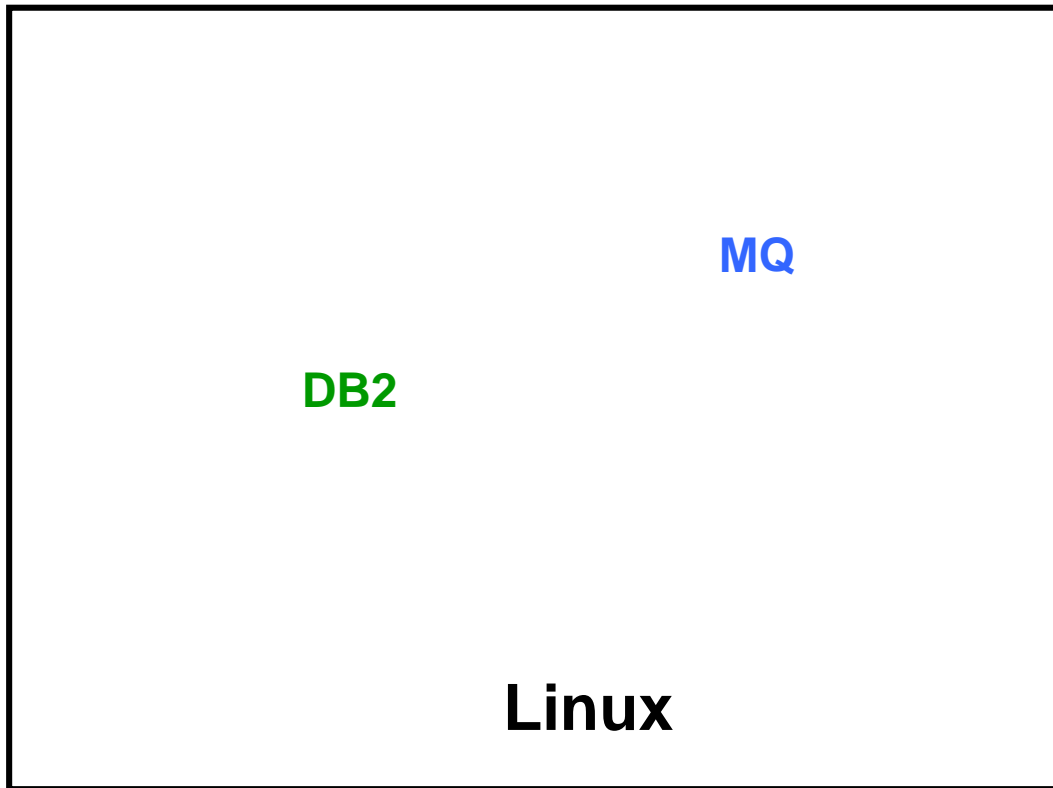
Mixed engine type linux guests on single LPAR are not supported !

All 6 logical IFLs all and 4 logical CP assigned to VM LPAR

6 IFLs in a shared pool & 4 CPs in a shared pool

Machine in Basic Mode – No Partitioning

Server with 5 CPs



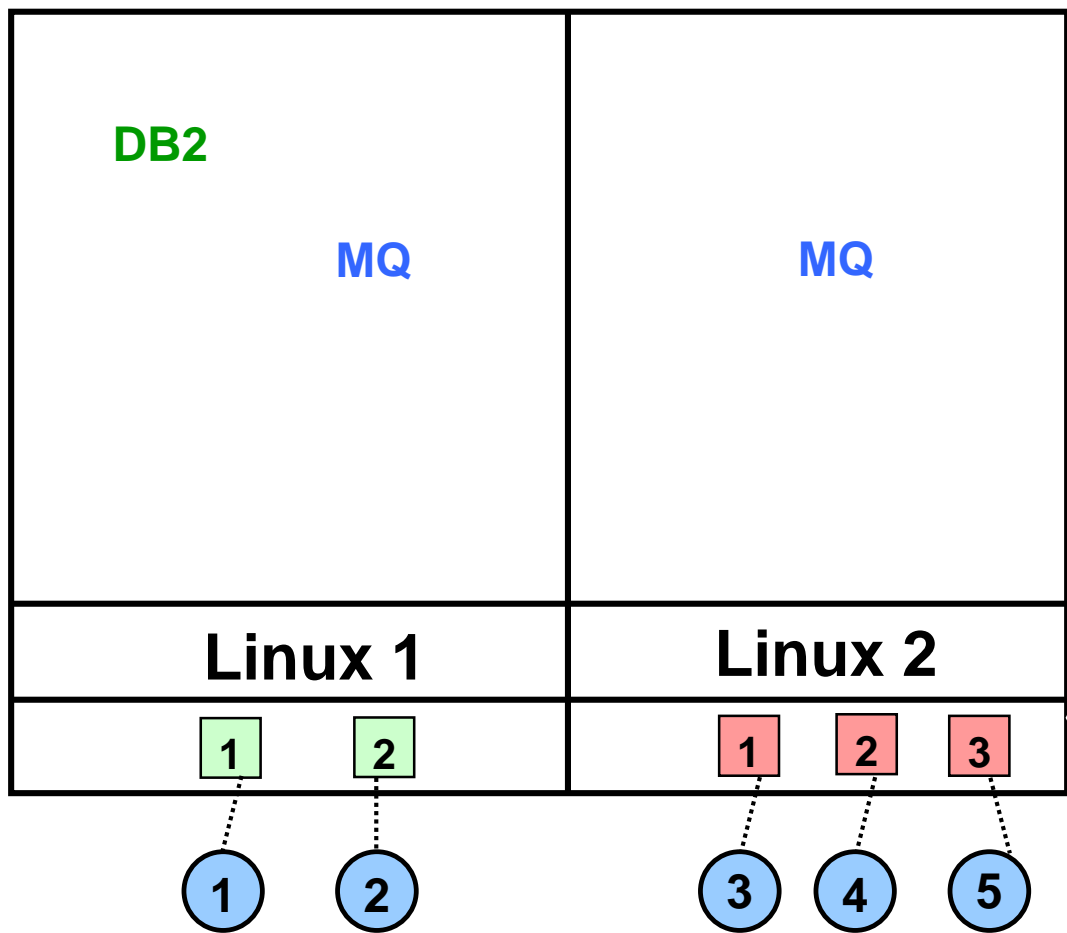
DB2 must be licensed for the **5 CP Engines**

MQ must be licensed for the **5 CP Engines**

5 CPs in the server

LPARs with Dedicated IFLs

Server with 5 IFLs



Cores to be licensed

1 IFL or CP engine = 1 processor core

DB2	MQ	Partition
2	2	Linux 1
	3	Linux 2
2	5	Total IFLs for Partition
5	5	Capacity Limit
2	5	Total IFLs

License Rule: The sum of each partition for a product, or the physical capacity of the server

2 logical IFLs assigned to LPAR 1
3 logical IFLs assigned to LPAR 2

5 IFLs in the server

ILMT Licensing Counting Rules for Single Server Environments

- The lower of the sum of each partition for a product, or the engine capacity of the shared pool that the partition obtains its resources from. Note: This limit does not affect the additional licenses that might be required for dedicated partitions
 - Example: Maximum of 7 IFLs to be licensed for a shared pool with 7 IFLs.
 - For z/VM guests: The lower of the sum of the virtual engines available to each guest for a product, or the engine capacity of the z/VM LPAR that the guest obtains its resources from.
 - Example: Maximum of 5 IFLs to be licensed for a z/VM LPAR with 5 IFLs.
- The maximum licenses required for a program on a server, will not exceed the number of activated engines of the given type (IFL or CP engine) in the server, that are available to the program.
 - Example: Server with 4 IFLs and 3 CP engines. IFL capacity is available to DB2. CP capacity is not available to DB2. Maximum 4 IFL engines need to be licensed for DB2.

- The licensing rules in the preceding pages reflect how ILMT will operate to calculate PVUs
- If ILMT does not yet support a Eligible Virtualization Environment, or you qualify for an exception to use ILMT, you will need to follow the Manual Calculation of Virtualization Capacity.
- The Manual Calculation of Virtualization Capacity rules can be found in the following pages
- To find out if a Eligible Virtualization Technology is supported by ILMT visit [Passport Advantage Sub-capacity licensing information](#)

Manual Calculation of Virtualization Capacity

- Eligibility Criteria: Customers must use the IBM License Metric Tool, with the following exceptions
 - ▶ ILMT does not support the Eligible Virtualization Environment
 - ▶ Customer has fewer than 1000 employees and contractors - [Tool recommended](#)
 - ▶ Customer server Full Capacity licensing for a PVU product is less than 1000 PVUs (on servers with an Eligible Virtualization Environment) - [Tool recommended](#)
- Requirements: For the above exceptions, customers must manually manage, track and prepare Audit Reports
 - ▶ An Audit Report must be prepared at least once per quarter and identify the following detail: Each Eligible Sub-Capacity Product deployed in each Eligible Virtualization Environment
 - ▶ An Eligible Virtualization Environment can be a Single Server or a Group of Servers (Server Cluster)
 - ▶ In addition to the above detail, the report should provide a summary total of the required number of PVUs by and for each Eligible Sub-Capacity Product
 - ▶ Audit Reports must be prepared as frequently as is required to maintain a history of increases to Virtualization Capacity and Full Capacity
 - ▶ Each Audit Report must be **signed and date stamped**, at least once per quarter

The above is only a summary. For detailed terms please see the [Sub-capacity licensing attachment](#)

Manual Calculation of Virtualization Capacity – Rules

For Single Server Environments:

License Rules for LPARs and z/VM guests for each product:

- ▶ for a Dedicated LPAR, the highest* number of logical engines or IFLs allocated to the LPAR for a product
- ▶ for a z/VM guest, the highest* number of virtual engines available to each guest for a product

**The greater of what the partition starts with or the result of an increase in capacity (in whole cores)*

The PVU licensing requirement is based on the maximum number of virtual engines (cores) in the partitions available to a product.

The lower of the sum of the virtual engines or server capacity (number of activated engines of the given type { IFL or CP engine } in the server)

If you want to use sub-capacity licensing for any other IBM System z technology, including shared processor pool, you must use the ILMT tool

Manual Calculation of Virtualization Capacity - Worksheet Example

Worksheet has 2 tabs;

- Instructions & Information
- Single Server

[Web Link: Worksheet for Manual Calculation of Virtualization Capacity](#)

VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT - SINGLE SERVER		
- This worksheet is for one standalone server for one Software Product		
- Per the Instructions on the first tab, you may choose to leverage this approach or develop / leverage your own processes and reporting format so long as you capture all the mandatory information below		
- Enter data in input fields below (shaded area)		* Mandatory
Date of this Audit Report *	March 31, 2009	
Product Name *	IBM WEBSHERE APPLICATION SERVER NETWORK DEPLOYMENT	
Program Identification Number (57xx-xxx)	5724-H88	
P/N Description	IBM WEBSHERE APPLICATION SERVER NETWORK DEPLOYMENT PROCESSOR VALUE UNIT (PVU)	
Part Number	D55WJLL	
Server ID / Location	Server ID # F6015; Bldg 1, Room 1, Somers, NY	
Server Vendor / Brand	IBM System x	
Server Model	xxxxx	
Virtualization Technology used *	VMware ESX 3.5	
Processor Technology (Vendor, Brand, Type, Model#) * (A)	Intel Xeon Quad Core Model 35XX	
PVUs per core * (A)	70	
Total Activated Cores on Server * (C)	8	
Full Capacity PVUs for Server * (C)	560	
DO NOT DELETE ROW		
VM, Partition ID * (whatever identifier used for any subdivision of a server such as LPAR #, IP address, hostname, etc.)	Cores (B) per Partition or VM *	User Comments
A	4	
B	4	
C	2	
D	2	
Sum of Virtual Cores *	12	
PVUs per core *	70	
Virtualization Capacity PVUs by Product for Server *	840	
PVU Licenses required by Product for Server * (C)	560	
* Mandatory Field		
(A) PVU's required for each physical processor core are listed on the PVU table (see link below, including vendor/brand designations) http://www-01.ibm.com/software/lotus/passportadvantage/pvu_licensing_for_customers.html		
(B) For purposes of 'Manual Calculation' of Virtual Capacity, 1 virtual core (or CPU) is equivalent to 1 physical core. Enter values in whole cores.		
(C) Lower of Full Capacity or Virtualization Capacity		

Key Web Links

- PVU

- [PVU table and other information](#)

- Sub-capacity

- [Passport Advantage Sub-capacity licensing Information](#)

- [Virtualization Capacity License Counting Rules](#)

- [Sub-capacity licensing attachment](#)