



IBM processor Value Unit licensing for IBM POWER6 processor cores

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Overview

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 per processor licenses for software available on that platform. Existing per processor licenses can be used on an "as if converted" basis using a ratio of 1 per processor license equals 100 processor Value Unit licenses. Given the significant performance improvement of 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.

You will license software based on the number of Value Units assigned to each processor core. All future license and software maintenance entitlements will be obtained in processor Value Units. This practice provides the required licensing granularity, while offering the flexibility to configure systems to best support your objectives.

For a complete listing of processor families and their assigned processor Value Units, visit

http://www-142.ibm.com/software/sw-lotus/services/cwepassport.nsf/wdocs/pvu_table_for_customers

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions regarding POWER6 processor Value Units, visit

http://www-142.ibm.com/software/sw-lotus/services/cwepassport.nsf/wdocs/pvu_assignment_for_newpower6_processor_family

Planned availability date

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