Dear Sir/Madam,

We present to you the fifteenth edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which provides key insights on IBM® software licensing terms and licensing options in different environments.

Key notes on IBM® software licensing in different environments

- Lack of knowledge on IBM licensing metrics and terminologies. IBM® products are grouped into the following categories: Infrastructure Software, Operating Systems, Development Tools, Databases, Middleware and Systems Management. The leading brands in these categories are AIX (OS), WebSphere, DB2, Lotus, Tivoli, Rational and Cognos. The various licence models include: Authorized User, User Value Units, Processor Value Units, and Resource Value Units. The wide variety of licence models makes it difficult for IBM® customers to get their arms around the licensing.

- Lack of knowledge about product specific licensing terms and restrictions about usage which might lead to mislicensing

- What is IBM®’s licensing policy in Virtualisation environment?
  Sub-capacity (Virtualisation) licensing lets you license a PVU-based software program for less than the full processor core capacity of the server, when the software programme is deployed in an eligible virtualisation environment. With full capacity licensing, customers are required to obtain PVU licence entitlements for all activated processor cores in the server, regardless of how the software was deployed. IBM® Licence Metric Tool (or IBM® BigFix Inventory) is required for sub-capacity licensing.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to arrange for any additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at in-fmkpmgccsbulletin@kpmg.com for any queries or feedback.

Regards,
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