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Software Licensing and Pricing

Software pricing is a complex subject and varies by vendor and application. Weighting of multicore processors is also a complicating effect in TCO evaluations. In addition, some vendors offer subset pricing if hardware or software virtualization is being used.

Comparison of IBM and Oracle Software Pricing

Chip Type	CPUs	Cores	Oracle Processor Factor	Oracle Licenses	IBM Processor Value Units	IBM Total Units	IBM:O Ratio
AMD / Intel	2	2	0.5	2	50	200	0%
UltraSPARC T1	2	4/6/8	0.25	2/3/4	30	240/360/480	+20%
Single core servers	2	1	1.0	2	100	200	0%
Risc dual core	2	2	0.75	3	100	400	+33%
Itanium dual core	2	2	0.75	3	100	400	+33%
P5 dual core	2	2	0.75	3	50	200	-33%

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