



Standard license entitlements, restrictions, and units of measurement

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Review the standard license entitlements, restrictions, and units of measure for the BMC Discovery offering. Licensing terms and conditions in your contract take precedence over any published description from this site. License entitlements are subject to change.

Related topics

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BMC Discovery appliances

There is no licensing limit on the number of BMC Discovery appliances you can use. It simply depends on the overall number of items discovered.

Licensing units of measurement

BMC Discovery is available with the purchase of the following line item from your ordering document:

License	Unit of Measurement
BMC Discovery	per asset
BMC Discovery– Resource Unit	per resource unit

'Per Asset' measurement

Scanned hosts

Our core licensing model is simple: the customer pays an amount for a license to model up to a set number of unique server OSIs (Operating System Instances); effectively, this means hosts. Licensing is based on the lifetime of a Host averaged over the days in the month. The previous month's counts are considered according to the terms of your contract. A customer is entitled and licensed based on their agreement with BMC, and a licensing compliance team at BMC helps customers ensure that their BMC Discovery usage stays in line with their agreement.

If four scanners discover a host, it still uses just one license. The same applies to a consolidator that has pushed data from a scanner: the same host is found on both, but still uses just one license.

BMC Discovery also collects data on network devices, printers, and other network-connected devices. Those do not count as a license.

BMC Discovery is not aimed at discovering desktop OSIs and does not discover and model them by default. You can discover desktop OSIs, but you must enable this on the appliance. Desktop OSIs do not count towards licensing totals.

'Per Resource Unit' measurement

With the "resource unit" unit of measurement, a subscription is required for the highest monthly average of Resource Units monitored, managed or discovered by the service. A Resource Unit (RU) is any type of physical data center asset or cloud computing service with the corresponding values determining the license capacity and subscription services consumed. The following details the list of supported RUs by asset type and their corresponding value: 1 RU = 20 container resources; 1 RU = 5 client devices (e.g., laptop, mobile device, or other hardware device permitting access to the Subscription Service(s)); 1 RU = 5 network devices; 1 RU = 5 PaaS resources; 1 RU = 1 Server; 1 RU = 5 storage ports; 1 RU = 5 telecommunication devices; 1 RU = 10 IoT devices, 1 RU = 1 undocumented asset. For example, if the desired License Capacity consists of 100 servers, 200 Kubernetes pods, and 50 network devices, the License Capacity would equate to 120 RUs.

Resource unit licensing

Resource unit type	License ratio	What is counted?	Notes
Servers	1:1 The Server is used as the basis for licensing other discovered units.	Physical and virtual server operating system instances (OSIs), that is, hosts that are not desktops or laptops, both on-premises and cloud-based. The server has a licence value of one, that is, discovering one server requires one licence.	Cloud services that also use cloud compute services, such as virtual machines, could also infer server OSIs, both of which will be counted if discovered as PaaS or Server RUs. Examples include Azure Databricks, Kubernetes clusters, and Google Dataproc clusters.

Client Devices	5:1 Five Client Devices are the equivalent of one Server.	Physical and virtual client operating system instances (OSIs), that is, hosts that are desktops or laptops, both on-premises and cloud-based.	Cloud services that also use cloud compute services, such as virtual machines, could also infer server OSIs, both of which will be counted if discovered as PaaS or Server RUs. Examples include Azure Databricks, Kubernetes clusters, and Google Dataproc clusters.
Network Devices	5:1 Five Network Devices are the equivalent of one Server.	Network Devices.	For example, Routers, Switches, Access Points, Firewalls, Hubs, Wan Accelerators, Wireless Controllers, Gateways, Blade Systems, Bridge/Extenders, Chassis Managers, Load Balancers, Appliances, SAN Switches, Web Caching, Stack Switches, virtual contexts, etc.
PaaS Resources	5:1 Five PaaS Resources are the equivalent of one Server.	Deeply-discovered non-administrative services, updated monthly and documented.	Cloud Virtual Machines, such as AWS EC2, and Azure Virtual Machines, are counted as PaaS RU type, that is, as a compute infrastructure service. Any OSIs hosted on the compute service are discovered and counted as either a server or client RU type, discovering OS details, software, and relationships.
Software Pods	20:1 Twenty Software Pods are the equivalent of one Server.	Kubernetes/OpenShift Pods.	Individual containers are not counted.
Storage Ports	5:1 Five Storage Ports are the equivalent of one Server.	All Fibre Channel Front End ports and physical non-management network ports on storage systems.	

Individual license entitlements

The following sections describe the individual licensing entitlements and indicate the licensing measurement units used for that entitlement.

BMC Helix CMDB (on-premises only) license entitlement - 'Per Resource Unit' and 'Per Asset' measurements

BMC Discovery includes three named user licenses for BMC Helix CMDB (on-premises only) administration only. The three licenses are provided for BMC Helix CMDB (on-premises only) CMDB administration only, not as licenses to administer other AR System or BMC Helix ITSM applications.

Additional user licenses can be purchased through different BMC Helix products, please contact your sales representative if required.

The three named users provided with BMC Discovery are entitled to administer all functionality in BMC Helix CMDB (on-premises only). For example, they can:

- Configure data sources.
- Create normalization and reconciliation rules.
- Use Atrium Explorer for impact analysis, and so on.
- Manage Service Catalog.

Sync for ServiceNow CMDB licensing - 'Per Resource Unit' and 'Per Asset' measurements

Sync for ServiceNow CMDB is a separately licensed add on. Sync for ServiceNow CMDB enables synchronization connections to ServiceNow CMDB, and provides downloadable mapping files.

Discovery for z/OS licensing - 'Per Resource Unit' and 'Per Asset' measurements

Discovery for z/OS is a separately licensed add on. When licensed, it provides details of z Systems running the z/OS operating system which feed into the BMC Discovery product. This includes information about the z System itself, the z/OS LPARs and the sub-systems running on the LPARs. For customers also running BMC MainView, BMC Discovery can also provide additional details about transactions and databases.

Discovery for z/OS is licensed based on the MIPS capacity of the z/OS environments being discovered.

Mainframe observed communications

From version 22.2, BMC Discovery supports the discovery and modeling of observed communication from mainframe computers.

Storage licensing - 'Per Asset' measurement only

Storage discovery is a license add-on for the 'Per Asset' license measurement only. It uses the same unit of measure as the base BMC Discovery licensed product and must have a matching one-to-one license count with the base license. BMC Discovery for Storage consists of regularly updated downloadable patterns like an extended data pack or TKU. For information about purchasing licenses for storage discovery, contact your BMC Account Manager.

Cloud discovery licensing - 'Per Asset' measurement only

Cloud discovery is a license add-on for the 'Per Asset' license measurement only. It is built into the core of BMC Discovery, so is a feature that you choose to enable. When you enable it, cloud licensing is charged *for each managed asset-cloud resource* on the following basis:

"A license is required for the **highest monthly average of Cloud Resources** monitored, managed (directly or indirectly), or discovered by the Product(s). A "Cloud Resource" is any instance of a cloud infrastructure that provides a service for other Cloud Resources, Computers or Users connected to it. For example, a Cloud Resource may include compute, network, storage or platform services that run in private or public clouds."

The following list shows examples of the type of service that will consume a cloud license. Not all are currently supported, though may be as cloud providers are added with future TKU releases:

- Application Hosting—for example, Azure Cloud Services, Azure Websites and Apps, Amazon Elastic Beanstalk, Google App Engine
- Containers as a Service—for example, Docker VM Extension, EC2 Container Service, Google Container Engine
- Scaling Options—for example, Azure Autoscale, AWS Auto Scaling, Google Autoscaler
- Database as a Service—for example, Azure SQL DB, AWS RDS, Google Cloud SQL, Azure DocumentDB, AWS Dynamo DB, Cloud Bigtable
- Analytics Options—for example, HDInsight, Elastic MapReduce, Google Cloud Dataproc
- Caching—for example, Azure Managed Cache, Amazon Elastic Cache
- Cloud hosts/VMs

See the [Supported-Cloud-Providers](#) pages for information on what is currently supported.

Cloud licensing FAQs

- Q – When a cloud host is discovered, does it count as a host or cloud resource?
- A – A VM in the cloud which is associated with a scanned host incurs a single cloud license. The scanned host does not incur a cloud license or a data center license.
- Q – When a cloud VM is discovered, but its host is not scanned, does it count a cloud resource?
- A – A VM in the cloud incurs a single cloud license whether or not the host it runs on is scanned.
- Q – When an on-premises VM is discovered, does it count as a license?
- A – No, an on-premises VM does not count towards a cloud resource license

How can I tell what is consuming cloud licenses in real-time?

A cloud license is consumed for the following:

- A software instance (SI) node representing an item of software running in the cloud.
 - The following query shows software instance (SI) nodes that represent an item of software running in the cloud. These SIs each consume a cloud license. This query is used on the licensing page and the licensing reports that you can access from that page.

```
search SoftwareInstance where cloud
```

- A virtual machine (VM) node representing a discovered virtual machine running in the cloud
 - The following query shows VM nodes that represent a discovered virtual machine running in the cloud. These VM nodes each consume a cloud license. This query is used on the licensing page and the licensing reports that you can access from that page.

```
search VirtualMachine where cloud
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How can I tell what is consuming host licenses in real-time?

Host licenses are only consumed for server OSs. Host licenses are not consumed for virtual hosts running in the cloud, or for any physical host you discover that forms part of the cloud infrastructure. Host licenses are still not consumed for desktop hosts.

The following query shows host nodes that are not desktop hosts, and are not part of the cloud. The resulting host nodes each consume a host license. This query is used on the licensing page and the licensing reports that you can access from that page.

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search Host where not (host_type has subword 'desktop' or host_type has subword 'client') and not (cloud and nodecount(traverse ContainedHost:HostContainment:HostContainer:VirtualMachine where cloud))
```