



## Microsoft® SQL Server® Pricing and Licensing Changes – Services Provider License Agreement (SPLA)

SQL Server 2008 R2 will launch May 1, 2010 and includes a new Datacenter edition with increased processor, memory and virtualization limits.

Several key changes to the SQL Server Standard and Enterprise editions are also being introduced with this new version release including increased processor pricing to reflect current hardware technology improvements, as well as adjusted processor, memory and virtualization support limits.

### Details:

The new SQL Server 2008 R2 Datacenter edition delivers on the highest levels of scalability for large application workloads, virtualization and consolidation, and managing an organization’s database infrastructure. SQL Server Datacenter is offered under the Per Processor licensing model only and supports up to 256 logical processors and the maximum memory limits supported by the operating system, as well as provides for unlimited virtualization. You must count and license all of the physical processors, but you may run any number of instances of SQL Server Datacenter software in any number of Operating System Environments (OSEs).

To align SQL Server more closely with Microsoft® Windows Server® editions, Microsoft has adjusted the processor, virtualization and memory support limits for SQL Server 2008 R2 Enterprise and Standard as follows:

Edition	Limits	SQL Server 2008	SQL Server 2008 R2
Enterprise	Processors	Unlimited	Up to 8 processors*
	OSEs	Unlimited	Up to 4 per proc, when all physical processors are licensed
	Memory	OS Maximum	2TB*
Standard	Memory	OS Maximum	64GB*

\* Technical limitation

Also new with this release, Microsoft is announcing **down edition rights for SQL Server**. If you are licensed for Datacenter edition, you may deploy Enterprise or Standard edition in its place; if you are licensed for Enterprise edition, you may deploy Standard edition in its place. Rights to deploy prior versions of SQL Server remain in effect and can be combined with the new down edition rights. For more details on these new down edition rights, as well other use rights changes including the new virtualization limits for Enterprise edition, please refer to the April 2010 Services Provider Use Rights (SPUR).

In light of increasing hardware innovations, Per Processor License pricing for SQL Server 2008 R2 Enterprise is being increased by 10% and SQL Server 2008 R2 Standard is being increased by 18% from the current pricing channel. Per current SPLA policies, these price increases will not go into effect until **January 1, 2011**. There is no change to SQL Server pricing under Subscriber Access License (SAL) model and no change to SQL Server 2008 R2 Web.

For existing partners choosing to deploy the new version SQL Server 2008 R2 software, the new SQL Server 2008 R2 use rights apply. Existing SQL Server SKUs will remain at current version price levels through calendar year 2010, and then will increase as noted above. For partners who continue to provide software services with a prior version of SQL Server, the prior version use rights remain in effect. The new SQL Server 2008 R2 Datacenter SKU will be available beginning with the May price list.