

SQL Server 2012 Licensing Changes

One of the big changes in the SQL Server 2012 licensing plans is the price is now per core, and not per processor. So previously if you had a SQL Server with 2 procesors (8 cores each), you paid for 2 licenses. Now in that same scenario, you would pay for 16 core licenses. Although the core prices are less than processors pricing, if you have a 4 core processor or more, it will end up costing you more. Also, there is a minimum of 4 cores for any SQL Server license.

For many configurations this is going to dramatically increase the licensing costs of SQL Server.

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