

Saving money with zNALC

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System z New Application License Charges (zNALC) is a new pricing metric, for z/Architecture servers running z/OS, announced by IBM on January 9th, 2007.

zNALC is the evolution of NALC. The main differences between new and old metric are:

- the definition of New Applications is now much clearer;
- New Applications don't have to run in dedicated machine anymore to be eligible to zNALC.

zNALC allows paying a reduced price for z/OS base feature and z/OS priced features, which are a big part of mainframe software costs.

Biggest savings are for small sites but every site could have an interesting opportunity to reduce mainframe costs.