

# HOW TO SPEND UP TO 30% LESS ON IBM MLC COSTS



As modern organizations take on the challenges and opportunities of [digital transformation](#), their core technologies become critically important. This includes the mainframe, a platform that is processing more transactions than ever as business goes digital. But more volume can also mean more cost – which is old news to anyone with IBM Monthly License Charge (MLC) software products, like Db2, IMS, and CICS.

In fact, IBM MLC can consume as high as 35-50% of your mainframe budget. Prices continue to rise, but for many companies, the exact reasons behind these growing bills are unclear. It's manual and time-consuming to verify that each monthly bill is correct, difficult to know what departments' activities are impacting peak usage, and unclear how current and new contracts will impact your budget down the line.

That's where BMC Mainframe MLC Cost Management comes in. BMC provides the only comprehensive approach to optimizing MLC costs, reducing MLC costs by up to 30%. With MLC Cost Management solutions, you gain transparency into your MLC costs, get fine granularity to see which products and activities comprise peak usage, and can build forward-looking predictions of costs and budget status. These capabilities allow you to maximize savings potential before entering into new long-term commitments with new pricing models as prices continue to rise.

What makes BMC Mainframe MLC Cost Management solutions different? They are 100% dedicated to saving you money. Unlike manual MLC cost management efforts, BMC addresses MLC cost optimization in multiple ways:

- **Minimize MLC charges** by identifying manual peak R4HA optimization options and automatically capping workloads where needed, while helping you to reconfigure software

subsystems to optimize for lowest MLC cost.

- **Prevent unexpected budget impacts** by rapidly identifying unexpected MLC cost increases, predicting future MLC costs vs. budget status, and identifying remedial action before costs increase.
- **Reduce staff time and knowledge requirements** by eliminating the need to build and maintain spreadsheets and investigate MLC licensing offerings.
- **Minimize risk to SLAs** by ensuring that critical work is not constrained while capping low importance work to provide necessary capacity.

IBM MLC costs will continue to increase – but yours don't need to.