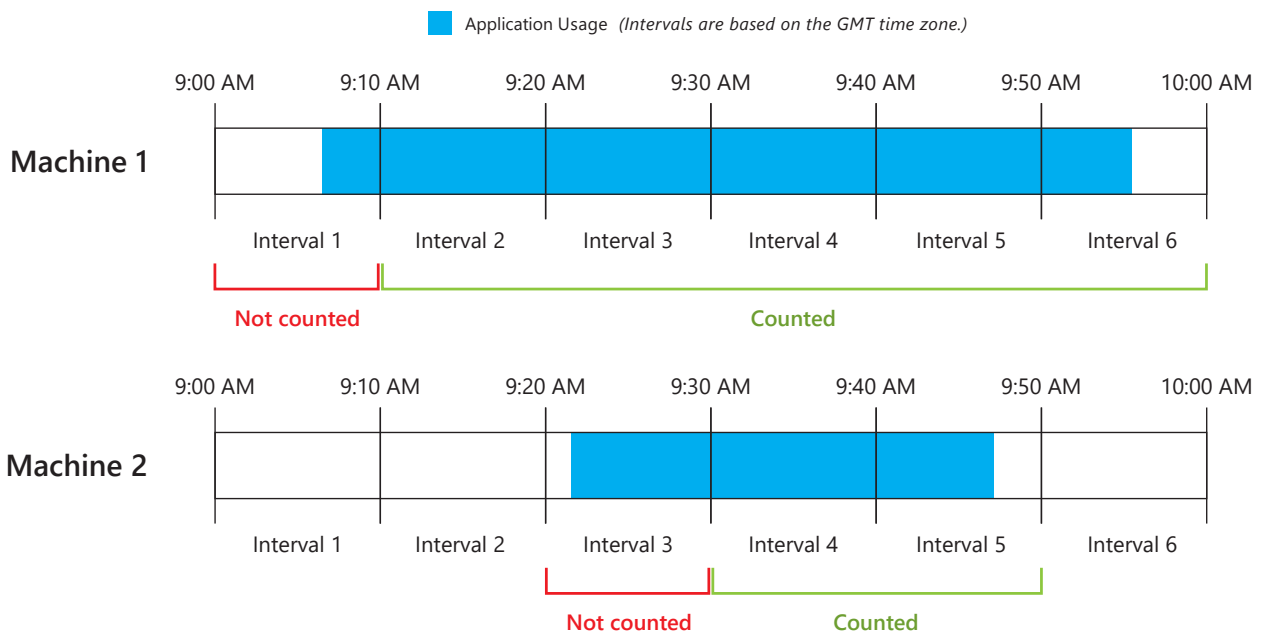# Term License Fact Sheet

What is a term license?

A term license allows you to subscribe to your software applications for a monthly or quarterly fee. You can also use a term license as a supplement to your perpetual licenses, gaining the flexibility to use applications beyond your owned license pool in peak periods or temporary surges in workload.

A term license may offer a more cost-effective option than perpetual licenses when your application usage is variable or short-term. Some organizations may choose term licenses as their primary licensing model. There is no need to estimate or anticipate usage needs in advance; you pay for software only when it is used.

How is usage calculated?

Usage is determined by counting the total number of unique machines that access an application during each 10-minute interval throughout the day. The highest number of machines accessing an application during any one 10-minute interval during the quarter is the peak usage. Intervals are based on the GMT time zone.

The first partial interval of software usage is not counted. As shown in the example below, counting begins in the second interval of use. Each interval thereafter where the device is in use, is counted.

In the above example, there are two machines accessing Bentley applications. We see usage occurring on both Machine 1 and Machine 2 during the #3-5 intervals. If this hour were to be representative of the machines' overall usage for the month, the "peak" would be two machines.

Which programs are impacted by this calculation method?

This calculation method is now used for all SELECT and Cloud Service Subscription term licenses. Usage for the Enterprise License Subscription (ELS) is calculated by the calendar day.

How can I take advantage of 10-minute intervals?

To take advantage of the 10-minute interval, organizations must utilize either the **Subscription Entitlement Service** or a hosted SELECTserver. Organizations utilizing a locally deployed SELECTserver will have peak usage determined by the calendar-hour interval.

When will I receive my invoice?

At the end of each calendar quarter, Bentley reviews your usage for each application. We compare your peak usage to your owned license pool. If there is peak usage that exceeds your owned license pool, you will receive a term license invoice approximately one week after the end of the quarter.

Are there additional advantages to a term license if our organization has a Cloud Services Subscription?

Yes. If you cover your term license under this program, you can lower your costs. With the Cloud Services Subscription, you will benefit from monthly rather than quarterly usage resets.

Can I cover term licenses under an Enterprise License Subscription?

No, covering term licenses under an ELS is not necessary. The ELS is an annual subscription that resets based upon actual usage during the previous year.

Am I able to evaluate products without being invoiced?

Yes, evaluations are available for our latest CONNECT Edition applications featuring the Subscription Entitlement Service. Any continued usage past the evaluation period will be invoiced as a term license at your current subscription rate.

Is our use of licenses restricted to our owned license pool?

No, your license allows you to use an unlimited number of licenses for the application titles that you own. With SELECT Open Access, you can also use an unlimited number of licenses for application titles that you do not own. We have chosen a license management technology model designed to ensure that our users can continue to use software under any circumstance.

What advantages do I receive from my perpetual license pooling benefit?

Your perpetual licenses can be pooled and are not restricted to a specific user or device. SELECT subscribers have the advantage of accessing and running licensed applications on any number of different devices, by any number of users, and in any location within the country of purchase.

In instances when simultaneous usage of applications exceeds the total number of perpetual licenses held, term licenses will cover this peak usage. Please refer to the "*How is usage calculated?*" question above for more detailed explanation of peak usage.

Where can I view the usage reports used for my invoices?

The Product Usage Detail report is the single report that you reference to review invoiced usage. We highly recommend that you use the **Analytics Portal** to access this report, as well as term license invoices, and the term license price book. The Product Usage Detail report shows your organization's application usage by quarter and by machine, and details peak usage relative to owned licenses. You may find it useful to supplement this report with the Usage Details report which provides a detailed view of your usage within the 10-minute intervals.

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