

Brief

Enable Software Asset Management



HP Configuration Management System

Effective asset tracking based on up-to-date data helps reduce operational expenditures. The HP Configuration Management System (CMS) provides comprehensive hardware and software inventory capabilities and integrates with HP Asset Manager to enable the Software Asset Management (SAM) module, which in turn provides proactive methods for managing contracts, entitlements, licenses, and compliance.



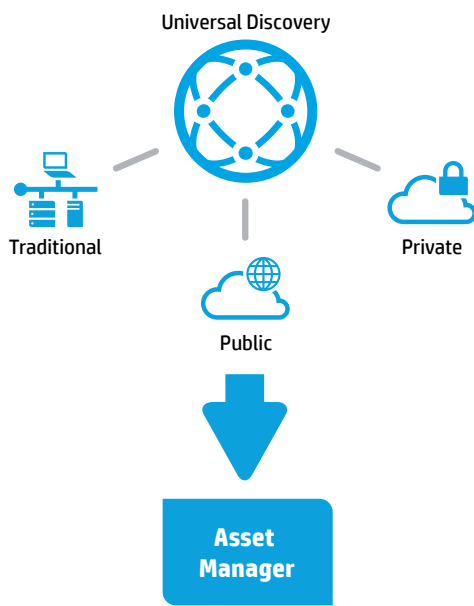
The Software Asset Management challenge

Software has continuously grown in terms of its percentage share of the IT budget, fueling the ever increasing complexity in IT environments. Besides the challenges of automated software asset inventory discovery and its accurate identification, the ever changing terms and conditions in software vendor licensing models have become increasingly complex to track.

Audits by software vendors and regulatory compliance agencies have created an unpredictable exposure to risk – organizations that are found to be out of compliance can face multimillion dollar penalties and considerable negative publicity.

Organizations today look for tools to help them:

- Reduce the over-provisioning of licensed software on desktops and servers
- Find out when Software is deployed in excess of what is permitted by license contract
- Consistently populate the Asset Management system with up to date inventory data
- Understand the impact of virtualized software deployments on Asset Management
- Measure which software is under-utilized where



How the HP Configuration Management System (UD and UCMDB) enables Software Asset Management

As a trusted discovery source for HP Universal CMDB (UCMDB), HP Universal Discovery (UD) provides several key benefits:

- Agent-less, agent based or hybrid inventory discovery approach
- Comprehensive scanner-based discovery that provides accurate and complete software inventory information, based on file system scans
- Software Application Library consisting of over 35,000 application versions, leading to superior data quality through normalization
- Software utilization metrics enabling software license optimization, chargeback and compliance
- Discovery of software assets in virtualized and clustered environments
- Oracle verified discovery solution for collecting and summarizing license information about Oracle databases


Using the inventory data from HP CMS, the SAM module can:

- Identify potential compliance risks and opportunities to recapture unused or over-licensed software
- Provide out-of-the-box reports on software compliance, entitlements, deployments and utilization of software
- Track license counts and detailed software installation information and provide a complete breakdown of costs by software title
- Reconcile licenses against actual installations, user and system entitlements, and actual usage, virtually removing non-compliance risks while targeting cost reductions
- Report on software compliance by taking into account software installed on virtualized systems (soft/hard partitioning)
- Leverage Oracle-verified discovery of databases in complex cluster deployments to calculate the cost of compliance

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