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SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT

Software Asset Management

Software and applications are critical and costly components for Universities, both business processes and learning systems are fully reliant on software, with complex user and business requirements driving growth. Managing a disparate and diverse IT estate, with University owned applications that are often installed on users' own personal devices connected to the network, creates a challenge for University IT departments in tracking and managing the software that is provisioned, how it is used, and who is using it.

SCC Software Asset Management (SAM) holds the key to simplifying this complexity.

WHY SAM?

Software licencing can be complicated when managing more complex estates with the need to find the best solution and advice on how to fund commercial licencing.

SCC ensures our customers are protected from this commercial, technical, and operational challenge as technology continues to innovate and automate. We help universities to take control of the technology lifecycle, driving increased return on investment and reducing the total cost of ownership.

Using SCC's SAM service, we work with universities to evaluate their technology and licencing contracts, assessing software usage, and identifying any issues and commercial risks. We can proactively manage the risk of non-compliance, save money through effective use of licencing, and streamline future renewals and procurements through the correct utilisation of the existing estate. Providing insight into their software estates puts universities back in control and highlights areas of rationalisation to provide savings and ensure compliance with both vendors and legal regulations.

SCC's SAM Maturity Assessment identifies any gaps in existing tools, policies, processes, and governance to help deliver control over software from requirement to retirement, with deliverables including a gap analysis, next step recommendations, and priorities. The aim of the assessment is to determine risk and assess the impact this would have on the University. A plan can then be documented which advises how to minimise exposure, increase management and control, and deliver value back to the University.

Why Partner with SCC?

By identifying how software and applications are used, SCC can map this against a University's licence history to identify savings that can be made through licence consolidation. We review market trends together with licence metrics and price changes to help our customers secure the right product, at the right time, under the right terms.

To ensure Universities can achieve the most value from their software estates, we deliver clear management reports and recommendations for improving efficiency and mitigating risk. We can also provide best-in-class tools to monitor and track usage effectively, ensuring compliance with vendor licencing requirements, where non-compliance carries significant fines and reputational risk.

KEY FEATURES

- Managing software from multiple vendors, all of whom have differing price structures, terms, and policies.
- Proactively assessing the customer's current position with vendor contracts and licenses and identifying issues, on an ongoing basis, which could be hampering business efficiency or pose a risk should a University be subject to a vendor audit.
- Understand how universities can achieve the most value from their software with clear management reports and recommendations for improved efficiency and risk mitigation, as well as providing the right tools to monitor and track usage effectively.
- Our extensive experience means we can be as involved as required in a vendor audit, from offering advice and guidance on information requests, to negotiating with vendors to get the best result for universities. Our services have helped countless customers to successfully handle a vendor audit.

KEY BENEFITS

- Optimising costs through SCC's buying power and partnerships
- Ensuring compliance with industry best practices and vendor licencing regulations
- Visibility and control over software usage across a complete estate
- Predictable software spend
- Licence rationalisation, reducing costs, and risk.