

Asset Manager and Microsoft SCCM

Enable an up-to-date view of your assets

Much of the cost saving on software licenses is achieved by finding out if users or workstations have not been using a particular software title recently, so that you can uninstall it or not renew it. You should also determine if certain installed suites or bundled products (such as Microsoft® Office or Adobe Creative Suite®) are being used as a basic or premium suite. You can also achieve cost savings by discovering if particular users or workstations are using the software as a basic edition, while a premium edition is installed.

Quest® Asset Manager takes both inventory data and usage data from the SCCM environment and provides reports indicating where cost savings can be expected.

The Asset Manager integration with SCCM is based on a service that communicates with the SCCM database on a regular basis (near real time at every 10 seconds). This allows for an up-to-date view of your assets. The last “heartbeat” information is also taken from the SCCM

database, letting you know if a particular workstation (laptop or desktop) is still being used or if someone has disabled the agent.

Asset Manager fully integrates with Microsoft SCCM and does not require the deployment of additional agents.

SUPPORT FOR VMWARE VIRTUALIZATION

Hardware virtualization with VMware® ESX® is a technology being used by many organizations today to save on hardware expenses and increase utilization. Taking an inventory and even usage data from virtual machine is simply not enough in a VMware environment to do proper software asset management. In order to be able to adhere to a number of software licensing rules and restrictions, it is important to know the relationship between an application running on a VMware virtual machine and its underlying host.

The Asset Manager VMware Connector allows you to get these insights.

BENEFITS:

- Obtain real time software data quickly and easily
- Access software usage information
- Manage software assets in a virtual environment
- Identify and categorize software
- Manage license entitlements, license agreements and contracts
- Get easy access to extensive reporting

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SUPPORT FOR CITRIX XENAPP

Running applications on a Citrix® XenApp® server farm (or the older version Presentation Server) can present challenges when implementing a software asset management solution. In this application virtualization environment it is important to know what users have the right to start which applications and from what workstation the user accesses the application. This is the only way to ensure the implementation of specific licensing rules such as “second use rights.”

The Asset Manager XenApp Connector provides integration with the Citrix server or server farm by running a service that gets the published applications from the Citrix environment and combines them with the user information provided by Active Directory and the machine information from the Asset Manager system.

The Asset Manager solution provides:

- Full integration with SCCM based on a service instead of an import. This provides close to real-time data updates without the need to do manual imports on a regular basis.
- Application metering based on usage data that is collected by the SCCM agents. This will help to find out where cost savings can be realized on software licenses.

- Support for VMware integration as a standard feature to help manage software assets in a virtual environment.
- The Asset Manager Citrix XenApp Connector helps to manage software assets in a Citrix XenApp or Presentation Server environment.
- Asset Manager also provides the following value adds:
 - Software recognition using our state-of-the-art software pattern identification database
 - Contract and license management
 - Extensive reporting using more than 100 pre-defined reports or the report wizard

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