

# THE WAY FORWARD ...

"This unique product enables organisations to comprehensively manage an effective Software Asset Management programme. At Microsoft we look at ways in which we can help our customers achieve ongoing SAM processes and provide long term benefits from being compliant - Licence Dashboard enables you to achieve that."

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## BENEFITS TO THE END USER

- Easy-to-use
- Intuitive single user interface
- Greater accessibility
- Built-in licence intelligence
- Simplifies software lifecycle management
- Simplifies the management of software licences
- Simplified, advanced reporting
- Increases individual productivity

## BENEFITS TO THE ORGANISATION

- Effectively manages software compliance
- Drives Software Asset Management
- Reduces risk & financial exposure
- Improves negotiating position
- Improves strategic infrastructure planning
- Prevents over-deployment of software
- Reduces hardware costs
- Improves purchasing arrangements
- Reduces costs of internal licensing support
- Better quality and more informed decision making



Licence Dashboard™ has now become the leading Software Licence Management tool within the UK, facilitating and driving more Software Asset Management programmes than any other application on today's market

With its easy-to-use interface and built-in licence intelligence, now you can manage the full lifecycle of your software, including maintaining comprehensive licence and software usage inventories and having the ability to verify your organisation's compliance status at any time, with limited licensing knowledge.

Either as a new or existing user of Licence Dashboard, you will quickly recognise the significant benefits that can be achieved by using this unique product. From reducing software spend to eliminating illegal exposure, Licence Dashboard is an essential component that every organisation will need when controlling its compliance status.

 **LICENCE DASHBOARD™**

## WHICH VERSION?

PRODUCT FEATURE	STANDARD EDITION	PROFESSIONAL EDITION	ENTERPRISE EDITION	SMALL BUSINESS EDITION	SCHOOLS EDITION
Licence Inventory Management	•	•	•	•	•
Relationship & Contract Management	•	•	•	•	•
Licence Entitlement Register	•	•	•	•	•
Dashboard Discovery				•	Optional
Software Usage Management	•	•	•	•	•
Licence Agreement Register	•	•	•	•	•
Licence Compliance Management	•	•	•	•	•
Procurement Assistance & Monitoring	•	•	•	•	•
Multiple Licence Metrics (i.e. Device, Concurrent, CALs)	•	•	•	•	•
Integrated Security	•	•	•	•	•
Fully Automated Administration	•	•	•	•	•
Extended Web Interface		•	•	•	•
Data Cleanse - Software Asset Identification		•	•	•	•
Software Signature Updates (Software Executables)		•	•	•	•
Advanced Reports		•	•	•	•
Mainframe/Midrange Support		•	•	•	•
Number of Multiple Business Units		Up to 10	Unlimited	1	Up to 10
Recommended Number of Users	Up to 5	Up to 10	Unlimited	1	Up to 10

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### DATABASE SERVER:

Microsoft SQL Server 2005 (SP2 or later) or Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express (SP2 or later)

#### APPLICATION SERVER FOR WEB REPORTING (OPTIONAL):

Microsoft Windows Server 2003 (SP1 or later)  
 Microsoft Internet Information Server (WWW, ASP.NET)  
 Microsoft .NET Framework v3.5 (SP1 or later)

#### WINDOWS CLIENT:

Microsoft Windows XP (SP2 or later), Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 (SP1 or later)  
 Microsoft Windows Server 2008  
 Microsoft .NET Framework v3.5 (SP1 or later)

## FIND OUT MORE

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## FEATURES

### LICENCE & CONTRACT INVENTORY

The basis of any good Software Asset Management programme is to keep accurate and up-to-date software licence information, together with processes for controlling and maintaining its accuracy. The Licence and Contract Inventory enables you to record and track all licence evidence including characteristics such as licence model, metric, constraint and purchase history.

### LICENCE ENTITLEMENT

Using the built-in advanced licence intelligence, Licence Dashboard automatically aggregates an organisation's installation rights and subsequently maintains and tracks licence entitlement tasks such as availability, on order and renewals.

In addition, it effectively manages software entitlement across multiple geographical areas or legal entities and has the ability to publish entitlement across multiple purchasing centres without infringing the contractual agreements specified.

### DATA CLEANSE & SOFTWARE USAGE

Licence Dashboard interfaces with over 150 different software discovery tools such as Microsoft SCCM, Symantec Altiris, HP AssetCenter, IBM Tivoli or Centennial Discovery. Most of these software inventory tools are excellent at scanning the network for hardware and software information, however manipulating this software information into a format that enables you to identify your licensable products can become a nightmare

Licence Dashboard's Data Cleanse feature, however, extends the software recognition process and then further distils the scanned software, highlighting the associated licence liability of all installed products.

### VERIFICATION & COMPLIANCE

Licence Dashboard automatically allocates licence entitlement to software usage. In addition, where usage information is difficult to consolidate by using traditional discovery tools, Licence Dashboard provides advanced management capabilities for monitoring systems such as Oracle, Citrix, Midrange applications and Mainframe systems.

### REPORTS

From a single interface, an organisation can report its compliance status, highlighting what the organisation is entitled to install, how many times it has been installed or used, how many licences are still available and which software is non-compliant or over-licensed.

In addition, the advanced reporting interface allows you to customise your own reports and publish specialised reports required by manufacturers, FAST and BSA.