

# ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance

License compliance management is more than just making sure you have purchased enough licenses for the software installed within your organization. Successful software license management requires the ability to adequately address the following questions:

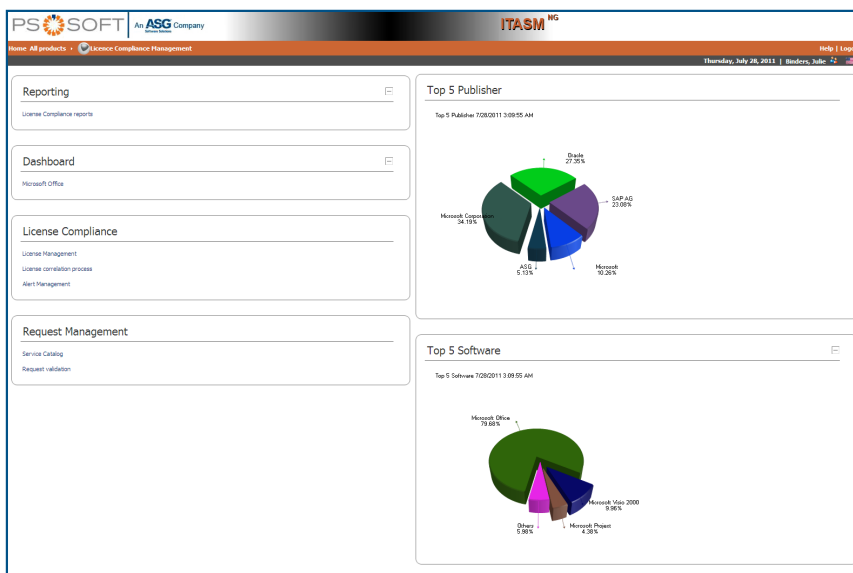
- Do you know enough about your software usage patterns and actual needs to maximize your software license usage, in order to negotiate the best possible licensing terms from your software provider?
- Are you wasting money on licenses that aren't being used?
- Are you vulnerable to non-compliance fines because you haven't purchased enough licenses?
- Can you easily demonstrate license compliance should you ever have to deal with an audit?
- Can you track illegal software (software duplicated or downloaded without authorization)?
- Can you reconcile multiple versions of the same software on the same machine?
- Do you know your actual licensing and maintenance expenditures?
- Do you know how your vendors' new licensing programs should affect your purchasing decisions?

The ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance Management solution gives you the power to proactively manage your software assets and license compliance efforts.

FOR COMPREHENSIVE  
LICENSE COMPLIANCE  
MANAGEMENT

## Benefits

- ✦ Eliminates exposure to financial penalties associated with software audits
- ✦ Improves vendor negotiations through a clear understanding of software usage
- ✦ Leverages your existing investment in discovery and software distribution tools to better manage software assets
- ✦ Reconciles purchased licenses against actual software allocation, deployment and usage.
- ✦ Reduces costs by maximizing software license usage



With ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance you know exactly what your software asset base contains.

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## Reconciling Inventory Data with Business Data

From a central repository, ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance Management lets you manage each step in the software asset lifecycle – from purchase to disposal. Accurate inventory data-gathering is a critical first step to successful software license compliance and asset management. While third-party automatic discovery and software distribution tools provide detailed and useful software and hardware information, it requires ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance to reconcile that technical data into relevant business information that can facilitate your software management efforts.

ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance aggregates and transforms “raw” inventory data into information that can be used to identify software being used within your company and match it to the software brands and quantities that you’ve licensed.

## License Compliance Made Easy

To help your organization avoid non-compliance fines and penalties, ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance includes a License Compliance Dashboard that lets you quickly see any potential trouble areas. The dashboard view presents a listing of all your deployed software; any that are non-compliant are flagged in red, and any that border on non-compliance are flagged in yellow. It allows you to sort the dashboard view by software publisher to facilitate software license negotiations, making it easier to negotiate terms based on actual infrastructure usage. A drill-down on any dashboard item will identify its associated background business details, including complete contract terms and conditions, purchase orders, and invoices.

## Improved Decision Making

ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance provides advanced reporting features that enable you to make financial and management decisions based on accurate software asset and licensing information. The solution includes standard reports in critical areas such as license status and cost, compliance levels, and software usage. Reports can be easily personalized and manipulated to meet the unique needs of different organizations.

## Software Request Management

To make it easy for your users to get the software they need, ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance provides an option that enables you to create a self-service software catalog. The software catalog provides an easy way for you to present to your users the licensed software solutions available to them. You can tailor catalogs for specific departments or groups of

users in your organization, so that users can only see the software sets that they are approved to purchase. The software catalog presents the available software offerings to users in an efficient and easy-to-use shopping cart format. Users can allocate the software they need by using the solution's intuitive tree-view organizational structure or by performing keyword searches. The catalog also lets users see a software package's details, such as pre-negotiated delivery options and service level agreements, making it easier for them to choose the offering that best fits their budgetary and time frame requirements.

## Software Deployment Best Practices

The ASG-PS'Soft software catalog lets you outline exactly how the ordered item should be delivered, enabling you to implement your organization's workflow processes. It gives you the ability to set license control options for individual software packages, such as denying requests for software without sufficient licenses, or requiring management approval before accepting an order. It also enables you to configure software delivery options, including immediate Web download or deployment via third-party software distribution tools. The solution can also be configured to alert you by e-mail when additional licenses need to be purchased for certain software packages. After deployment, the inventory tool automatically discovers the new software and ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance leverages that discovery information to adjust its license and software asset inventory accordingly, making sure you have the accurate license compliance and software asset management information you need.

## Supports International Coverage

ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance provides support for international environments, multi-site, and multi-currency, and can be localized to support several languages, including local regionally-tailored catalogs and pricing.

## Flexibility: On-Premise or SaaS

ASG-PS'Soft License Compliance is available either on-premise or on-demand, delivering real flexibility in the deployment mode. Customers can either acquire a solution hosted on-premise in perpetual license mode (CapEx), or the SaaS solution hosted and managed by ASG as a subscription-based model (OpEx). We also enable you to seamlessly shift between SaaS and on-premise at any time.



ASG provides a full range of practical software solutions that help IT organizations lower costs, save time, and make proactive decisions that drive business success. Best known for its broad portfolio of best-value, results-driven technologies, ASG partners with 85 percent of the world's largest companies to optimize IT service delivery in both mainframe and distributed environments. Founded in 1986, ASG is a privately held global company based in Naples, Florida, with more than 65 offices worldwide.

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