

PS'Soft License Compliance

Comprehensive License Compliance Management

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 PS'Soft License Compliance Management solution gives you the power to proactively manage your software assets and license compliance efforts in a manner that enables you to:

- Improve business decisions through advanced real-time reporting tools tailored to the needs of business executives.
- Eliminate exposure to the legal consequences and financial penalties associated with non-compliant software.
- Simplify software license management by automatically reconciling purchased licenses against actual software allocation, deployment and usage.
- Reduce costs by maximizing software license usage.

Reconciling Inventory Data with Business Data

From a repository, PS'Soft License Compliance Management lets you manage each step in the software asset lifecycle – from purchased 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 PS'Soft License Compliance to reconcile that technical data into relevant business information that can facilitate your software management efforts.

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.

Thousands of Software Titles

PS'Soft License Compliance leverages a powerful Software Library to reconcile your software inventory with your license agreements so you can quickly identify your level of compliance. The Software Library is a web-based subscription update service that provides up-to-date list of industry software titles that are used to identify software. The service offers a library of thousands of pre-defined software references from the industry's leading software publishers.

License Compliance Made Easy

To help your organization avoid non-compliance fines and penalties, 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, red flagging any software that is non-compliant and yellow flagging those that border non-compliance. 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

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.

Benefits

- Eliminate exposure to financial penalties associated with software audits
- Improve vendor negotiations through a clear understanding of software usage
- Leverage your existing investment in discovery and software distribution tools to better manage software assets

Software Request Management

To make it easy for your users to get the software they need, 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 timeframe requirements.

Software Deployment Best Practices

The 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 tool. 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 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.



PS'Soft is a global specialist in Asset and Service Management solutions. With over twenty years of experience and thousands of successful deployments, PS'Soft helps organizations develop efficient management processes - whether based on ITIL® or an organization's unique process requirements. Unlike complex frameworks from competitors, PS'Soft solutions can be implemented in less than 30 days, are highly configurable, and easily integrate with other applications in the environment. By delivering a consolidated view of assets and services, PS'Soft's solutions accelerate the transformation to service-driven IT, optimize the economics of assets, ensure compliance, and reduce risk across the enterprise. PS'Soft has offices in Mountain View (California), Paris and London, and a R&D center in Sophia-Antipolis. PS'Soft solutions are installed on nearly 2,000 customer sites worldwide.



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