

Softwaremanagement.org's License Management Audit Services (LIMAS) serve security and business efficiency purposes, providing knowledge about the installed and acquired software basis, gaps and pools, processes and policies. LIMAS enable effective and intelligent planning and optimized purchase decisions regarding software licenses.



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Global initiatives like the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (USA), KonTraG (GER), Basel II (EU), Turnbull Report (UK) have raised the issue of financial transparency and asset management. License Management Audit Services (LIMAS) support organizations of any size to handle software and license asset management.

LIMAS integrate software and license management into your organizational workflow to manage business and legal risks. The scope of LIMAS includes all required steps to create excellent and ongoing software asset management (SAM) workflows in your organization.

Startup with LIMAS Workshop

The best way to start SAM in your organization is a LIMAS workshop. A LIMAS Workshop gives an understanding of legal and business management principles of SAM and the organizations' individual risk position. After the status of the organization is determined, it is explained what should be provided as proof of license. The workshop also provides know-how of professional software and license management and how to implement it. For this an individual project plan is developed.

A LIMAS workshop is the most excellent basis for your license management and start your LIMAS license management project.

Workflow & Policies

In heterogeneously grown structures software and license management can be complicated. LIMAS therefore closely analyzes purchasing, budgeting and IT administration processes. All relevant policies are checked for availability, correctness and completeness.

SAM Database

All license and software facts will completely be entered into the separately available Software Management Suite 3.0 or another SAM tool. This data is the basis for the automated License Balance Report. Other tools than Software Management Suite 3.0 can be used, if the license database meets the following requirements:

- All available licenses in the enterprise
- All possible license types
- Licenses of all involved manufacturers
- License history (updates/downgrades)
- Match of license and software inventory

Software Management Suite and ITIL

Software Management Suite 3.0 fulfills the requirements of the IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL) for a successful license compliance process and an ongoing software and license management.

Software Inventory

To create a software inventory, data about installed software is collected. The software inventory will be generated automatically by the separately available Software Management Suite 3.0 or another software asset management tool. Data about the scanned installed software will be added to the license database. However, be aware that it may take up to approximately four weeks, until all data is collected completely. Desktop computers might not be connected when employees are on vacation or on business trips. Servers, terminal servers and client access licenses (CALs) are addressed separately. Most often it is not possible to scan CALs automatically. They are examined and added separately.

Final Workshop

The results of all LIMAS steps are discussed in a final workshop. Strengths and weaknesses of the SAM organization as well as the license balances as an expression of license compliance are presented. As a conclusion, optimization potentials and solutions are suggested and will be discussed.

Expert Reporting

The expert report is the temporary finish of the project and the start of your ongoing SAM process. All results from the project flow into an expert opinion and reflect the state of software management in your organization.

Important and detailed exception reports e.g. about software installations which may cause troubles are also provided.

Softwaremanagement.org's License Management Audit Service offers the most comprehensive solution for your software and license asset management.

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1. Confidential agreement



2. LIMAS Workshop / Risk analysis



3. License inventory & history



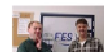
4. Software inventory / Scanning



5. Process / Problem analysis



6. Final SAM Workshop



7. Expert reporting



License Inventory

The license inventory is a qualitative and quantitative analysis of all available single licenses and volume agreements with all license types like update advantage, maintenance, software assurance and others. Licenses are inspected for authenticity at the same time.

License History

A precise business license history is constructed by the correct assignment of updates to previous versions and possible downgrades to unused licenses. The result is a corrected license inventory with usable licenses necessary for reconciliation in the balance report.

