
IT DOESN'T STOP HERE

We can hand back the on-going management of ILMT to you and your team or alternatively we can continually manage this on your behalf as a service.

To find out more about our Installation and Configuration Service or book an initial review, simply email us via the button below and one of the team will be in touch to discuss next steps.

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IBM SOFTWARE LICENSING COMPLIANCE GUIDE



With organisations having to 'do more with less' it's no surprise that business owners have turned to technology to gain that competitive edge.



Technology has dramatically enhanced our ability to see the bigger picture and drill down to get the finest details. Unfortunately all this insight comes at a cost – the initial investment needed to install and train staff, and the ongoing maintenance required to keep everything working as it should.

But one of the most complex and often tedious tasks is dealing with software licensing – it’s an essential part of any software implementation, but far too often it gets overlooked.

And no wonder – the wording of many license agreements can be ambiguous yet, as a customer, you can’t afford to get it wrong. Unfortunately, some unscrupulous licensors have been known to use this ambiguity to maximise income for themselves.



In a bid to make their license agreements as clear as possible IBM have updated their Passport Advantage Agreement and one of the main changes is that IBM customers now have to keep clear and accurate records of their software usage – if you fail to do so you could be liable for a full two-years’ maintenance back payment on top of paying for any software license shortfall.

SOFTWARE LICENSING TOOLS

IBM regularly audits organisations at random to ensure they are compliant with the terms of their Passport Advantage Agreements, checking usage doesn’t exceed entitlement.

Any organisation that is found to be non-compliant is liable to pay charges that IBM specifies for:

- **Any ‘excess use’**
- **Support for excess use for the lesser of the duration of such excess use or two years**
- **Any additional charges and other liabilities determined as a result of such verification**

IBM isn’t just here to rap the knuckles of those who aren’t compliant – they have a solution, it’s called the IBM License Metric Tool (ILMT). This free tool helps you maintain an inventory of the PVU (Processor Value Unit) based software for your Full Capacity or Virtualised (Sub Capacity) environment and measures the PVU license required by software product.

HOW CAN YOU USE ILMT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES AND REDUCE COSTS?

Many are already using ILMT for Sub-capacity licensing – which makes it possible to license a capacity based licensed software program for less than the full processor core capacity of the server, when deployed in an eligible virtualisation environment.

Using ILMT allows you to achieve:



REDUCED SOFTWARE COSTS

Allows you to license less than the full processor core capacity of the server.



LOWER TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP (TCO)

Allows you to leverage server virtualisation to more effectively consolidate your infrastructure and reduce TCO.



FLEXIBLE LICENSING

Flexible software licensing using advanced virtualisation capabilities such as shared processor pools, micro-partitioning, virtual machines and dynamic reallocation of resources.

IF YOU'RE STILL A LITTLE CONFUSED, HELP IS AT HAND.

Portal has partnered with Elyzium, our IBM Automation Tool Partner of Choice, to take away the pain associated with license compliance. Together we've created a solution called the **Implementation and Configuration Service** that ensures you achieve your licensing obligations – freeing up internal resources to focus on the things that matter to you.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Portal and Elyzium will identify if you're using ILMT, if you're not we can start the process; If you are we will advise where changes need to be made to ensure you're on the right side of the agreement. Due to our extensive experience in this area – you'll find the process easy to understand and simple to implement.

First we'll undertake an initial review of your software set-up, work out where you are and then manage the whole process from start to finish – everything from remotely locating the server components, to generating the agents and providing you with the reports needed every 60 days to ensuring compliance with IBM's Virtualisation Capacity Agreement.

ILMT will allow you to:

- Maximise compliance with Passport Advantage license terms
- Regularly create, verify, adjust, sign, and save ILMT reports
- Lower liability risks by ensuring compliance with licensing terms
- Avoid the expense of unplanned licence compliance purchases
- Centrally track your IBM PVU-based software inventory
- Optimise software licence usage
- Accurately forecast future software licensing requirements
- Aid in asset tracking