Increasingly complex tasks just became simpler

Streamline IT asset management across cloud environments

IT asset management (ITAM) is a complex, expensive and time-intensive task for enterprises as they continue to adopt a hybrid, multi-cloud strategy with software and applications running across public, private and on-premises environments. Many IT professionals acknowledge they need to better manage and improve the reclamation of underused or unused products—and enterprises face significant cost penalties if licenses are found to be non-compliant or if resources aren’t utilized appropriately. Factor in the gap in skills facing many organizations and this challenge is multiplied. Businesses need IT expertise to manage automation technologies.

But there’s good news. To help overcome today’s complex obstacles, Flexera and IBM have developed another way to help you visualize your entire IT estate, lower costs and automate these increasingly complicated tasks.

Now you have choice and flexibility for IBM software license management

IBM’s License Metric Tool (ILMT) is an on-premises solution that is specific to IBM and provides IBM inventory for reporting license compliance to IBM. It’s required to leverage sub-capacity licensing and for customers participating in IBM’s Authorized SAM Provider (IASP) program.

IBM announced that Flexera One’s IT Asset Management is now an IBM-certified alternative to ILMT. This allows you to see your entire IT estate from on-premises to SaaS to the cloud—and it also lets you automate the manual tasks of software licenses and resource optimization.

“Additionally, IBM Software clients can now use the IT Asset Management component of Flexera One with IBM Observability or Flexera One from Flexera as a certified option to manage their software licenses from IBM alongside other vendors with a single solution.”

Get comprehensive coverage of IBM products

As part of this strategic agreement, Flexera One IT Asset Management now has full access to IBM’s catalog, which contains more than 5,000 IBM products. The access allows Flexera to enrich libraries, including Flexera’s Application Recognition, SKU and Product Use Rights libraries. This ensures 100 percent accuracy when inventorying and recognizing IBM products through Flexera One IT Asset Management.

The comprehensive IBM catalog in Flexera One is a significant differentiator over other SAM providers who must import from ILMT or IBM licensing—even within IBM’s IASP program.
Key benefits

Now you can manage your hybrid cloud and multivendor environment while satisfying audit reporting requirements for IBM software compliance without the need for ILMT. Key benefits include:

- Manage and optimize multiple strategic vendors with a single solution (e.g., IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, SAP, Salesforce and more)
- No specific IBM addendum is required
- A SaaS-based delivery model lowers administrative overhead
- Discover, identify and normalize IBM products
- IBM bundle recognition
- High-water mark and sub-capacity license positions
- Integration with IBM Passport Advantage
- Ease of administration and deployment
- More automated processes
- Ability to manage hybrid IT estates across on-premises, SaaS and cloud with Flexera One

How it works

IBM and Flexera have established an agreement to certify Flexera One IT Asset Management as an alternative solution to ILMT for IBM Virtualization Capacity reporting. In addition, through integrations with IBM License Services, but not stand-alone, Flexera One IT Asset Management is accepted by IBM to report inventory and license usage for software running on Red Hat OpenShift and Kubernetes.

For any environment not supported by Flexera One IT Asset Management, IBM Software customers will need to set up a dedicated ILMT instance connected to the environment or choose full capacity counting (not leveraging sub-capacity savings) for this environment.2

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Get more value by doing less

Finally, you can stay in compliance with IBM without having to deploy a vendor-specific tool such as ILMT. It’s now much easier to take advantage of the cost benefits of IBM’s sub-capacity licensing. With Flexera One, you can expand your optimization opportunities to other major vendors like Oracle, Microsoft, SAP and Salesforce to stay in compliance and reduce licensing costs across your software portfolio.

NEXT STEPS
See how easy it is to migrate from ILMT to Flexera One IT Asset Management

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