

Flexera Data Platform Solutions for Microsoft Platform

BENEFITS TO YOUR ORGANIZATION

- Create a structured taxonomy to turn raw ConfigMgr data into clean, consistent, categorized data
- Transform ConfigMgr into a platform for application rationalization, true-ups, software audits, Windows 7/8 migrations, and desktop transformations
- Normalize millions of rows of ConfigMgr data in minutes
- Access the normalized and enriched data through your ConfigMgr console and easily create queries, collections, and SSRS reports
- Leverage more than 200 included queries, collections, and reports
- Automatically receive new Technopedia content and updates daily to keep normalized information current

Normalize transforms Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager into a platform for driving many enterprise initiatives including application rationalization, true-ups, software audits, Windows 7 migrations, supportability initiatives, and desktop transformations.

Leveraging Technopedia®, the most trusted and comprehensive hardware and software asset information source, Normalize transforms ConfigMgr's often inconsistent, incomplete data into powerful information that enables confident, timely decision-making and makes your information-driven operational tasks more effective.



Introduction

Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager® (ConfigMgr) can deliver vast amounts of information about your servers and client computers, but its primary source of information—your installed software and hardware—can't tell you everything you need to know. Applications report inconsistently on key data like vendor names, applications, and software versions. Hardware details are often incomplete. Extraneous data about patches, updates, and drivers clutters your records. What's more, ConfigMgr is limited to the data it can discover, which doesn't include vital information such as whether an application is standalone or part of a suite, where software is in its support lifecycle, or how much power a piece of hardware consumes.

Flexera Data Platform transforms Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager into a platform for driving key initiatives across the enterprise by clarifying and supplementing the data it contains. The Data Platform normalizes ConfigMgr data, aligns it to current vendor information, and enriches it with non-discoverable market intelligence such as end-of-life, support dates, compatibility, and more to create a platform for instantly actionable data.

How It Works

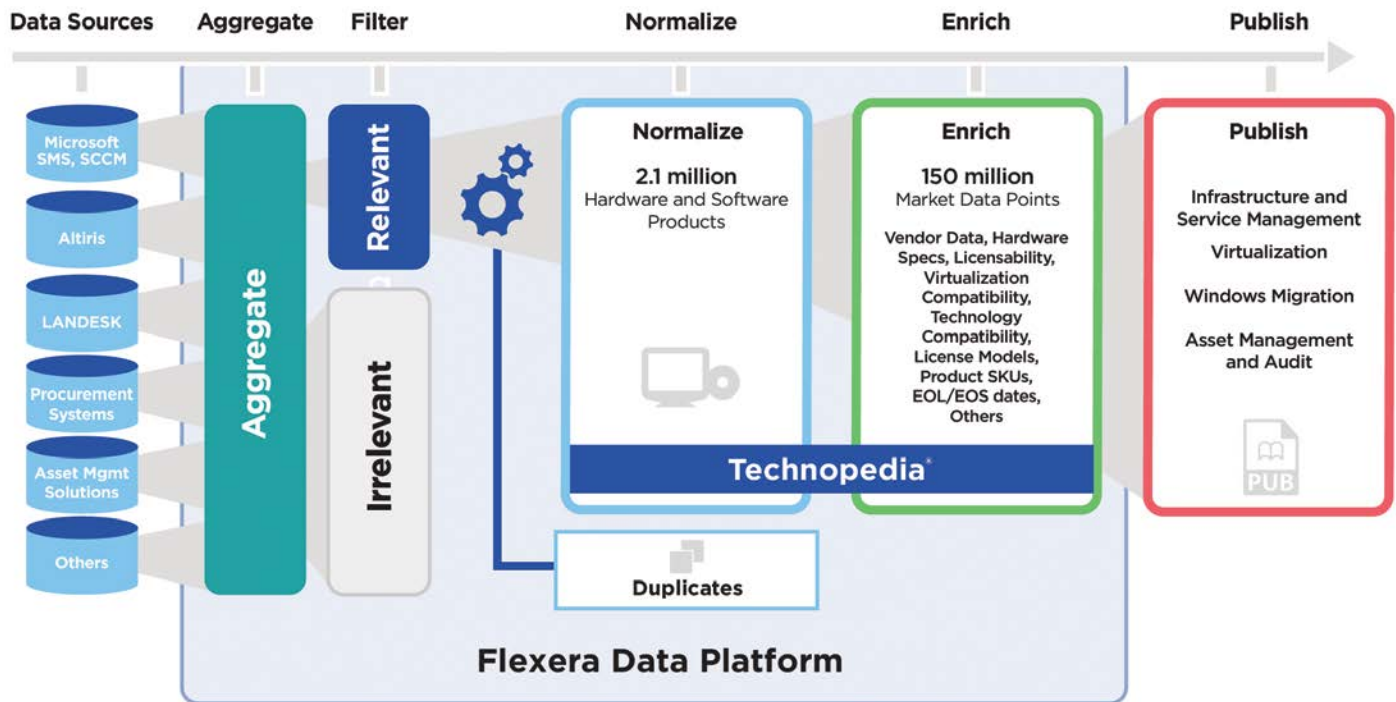
The Normalize plugin for ConfigMgr extracts raw data from Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager and writes back cleansed, enriched data. It aligns the extracted data with the structured, categorized taxonomy of IT data in Technopedia® to do all the following:

- Update vendor names
- Standardize on consistent product names
- Align version information
- Fill in incomplete or missing data
- Add nondiscoverable market data such as support information, licensable details, compatibility, and more

The resulting data set is current, complete, correct, and consistent, ready to be used as is or loaded back into ConfigMgr as native classes to enable a range of tasks and processes.

By delivering complete visibility into your client and server computers and applications as well as patches, drivers, hotfixes, and more, Normalize transforms Configuration Manager into a platform for driving your Windows 7 migrations, true-ups, software audits, supportability initiatives, application rationalization, and desktop transformations.

The Normalize plug-in for ConfigMgr works quickly with minimal footprint in your environment. It requires no complex systems and can be implemented in less than a day. And because it's powered by Technopedia's continually updated IT reference catalog, Normalize maintains maximum accuracy in reference data at all times.



How Is the Data Platform Solution for Microsoft Platform Used in an Enterprise?

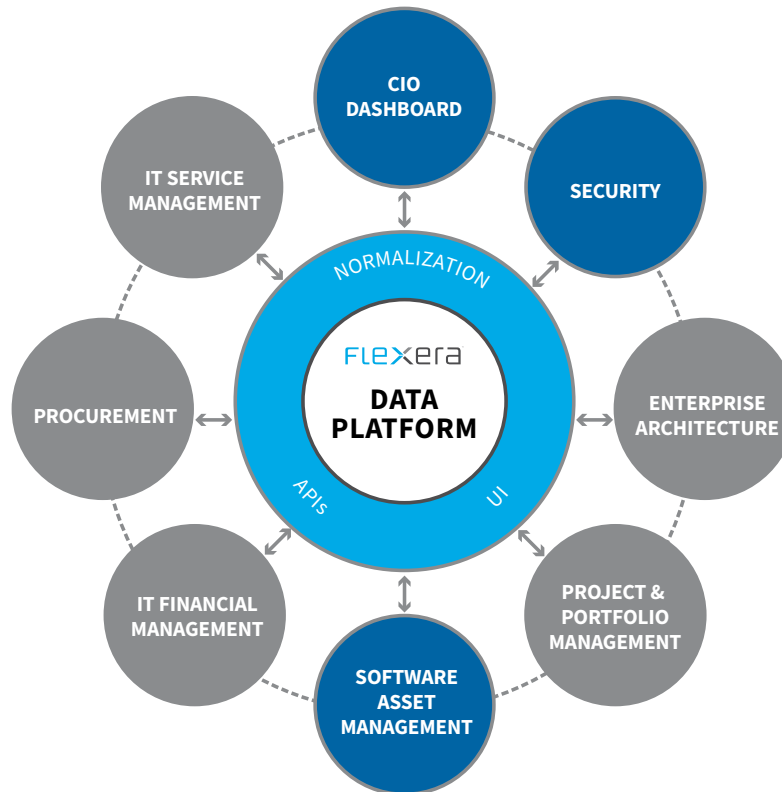
Data Platform for Microsoft System Center

The Normalize plugin for ConfigMgr transforms System Center Configuration Manager into a foundation for key enterprise initiatives by providing a complete, common language for IT. Rich product and market intelligence is added to the clean baseline data so that users can report on any initiative from within the ConfigMgr console. The information normalized by the Data Platform lives natively in ConfigMgr, where it is available for immediate, actionable use as native ConfigMgr classes in WMI queries, SSRS reporting, or the Analyze UI. In addition, it can

align enterprise data outside ConfigMgr with the new normalized taxonomy. IT can easily target specific computers and users based on details like support lifecycle information, version compatibility, and more.

Normalize is compatible with System Center Configuration Manager 2007 and Configuration Manager 2012 as well as ConfigMgr IT has existing integrations with Microsoft Assessment and Planning Toolkit (MAP) 7 and MAP 8.

The Flexera Data Platform Delivers Comprehensive, Actionable Intelligence on all IT Assets to Improve the Management and Performance of your IT Infrastructure



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