

IBM License Management

IBM has licensing rules that allow companies to benefit by making use of available tools and expertise. This may lead to savings up to 70%.

THE CHALLENGE

Your organization is likely to have accumulated large amounts of hardware and software over the years running IBM software, including systems that were acquired through mergers and acquisitions.

As a result, it is easy to lose track of what you have, and many systems and tools are probably used inefficiently and no longer provide any added value and only cost money. This means your business is losing the benefits, as well as commercial and innovation opportunities.

In many cases, the costs of the total IT landscape are unpredictable and considerably higher than necessary. What is more, you run significant risks of legal, financial or reputational damage if the agreed licenses do not match the actual use.

THE SOLUTION

- CGI offers an ILMT service based on licensing knowledge and free tools offered by IBM, consisting of inventory tooling (BigFix) and IBM's License Metric Tool (ILMT).
- The combination of tooling and expertise provided by our License Management team help to deliver an inventory database, where the software deployments and license entitlements are documented and made presentable. Supported by the tools CGI's License Management team delivers reports to support the daily operations in maintaining a documented, compliant and optimised software estate.
- The tools used within this service generate reports that meet IBM's requirements, whenever requested by IBM or when in a compliance audit review. ILMT Reporting is in general mandatory for sub-capacity licensing.

ILMT: How does it work?

ILMT is server/agent-based solution designed to provide on-going monitoring of sophisticated server virtualization technologies across complex server configurations. Most customers capable of deploying complex virtualized server technologies such as PowerVM and VMware, will have the capability of deploying ILMT.



IBM LICENSE MANAGEMENT BY CGI IN BRIEF:

With IBM License management service from CGI, you can achieve the following:

- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of software assets
- Gather information about your hardware
- Ensure license compliance of your enterprise.
- Know what software you have, where it is, and how it is used.

By monitoring PVU and RVU MAPC consumption of IBM products under full and sub capacity licensing terms, not only can you understand current license consumption but you can also predict the future one, thus providing the means to optimize your license costs.

ILMT provides the information that is needed to ensure compliance with processor value units (PVU), and resource value units (RVU MAPC) audit reports licensing terms.

ILMT calculates the maximum core capacity of the server that is available to the installed IBM software. The application also determines the number of processor value units (PVU) or processor-core entitlements that are required.

Benefits:

- **Easily comply with PA license terms:** The software generates reports to help you determine if you have the appropriate number of PVU license entitlements for each Passport Advantage PVU-based product installed in your environment.
 - **PA sub-capacity compliance:** Terms require you to create, verify, adjust, sign and save License Metric Tool reports. With sub-capacity licenses, you pay only for logical or virtual server capacity in use by PA PVU-based software.
 - **Distributed server virtualization:** IBM License Metric Tool helps provide PVU-based software inventory reports to help manage diversified workload consolidations onto virtualized servers.
 - **Lower liability risks:** Reduce the risk of not meeting your Passport Advantage PVU-based contractual licensing conditions. You will also avoid the expense of unplanned license compliance payments.
- Track IBM PVU-based software inventory:** This tool helps maintain that continuously updated inventory of Passport Advantage PVU-based software assets are installed on your network.

ABOUT CGI

CGI is the world's fifth largest business and IT service provider, with 68,000 professionals working across 40 countries. We enter into local partnerships with our clients, in which we can rely on the almost endless technology know-how within our company.

Our focus on IT Modernization, Cybersecurity and Big Data helps our clients align their service offering with customers' wishes. We can reduce costs, make businesses more flexible and prepare IT environments for the future. We do this with the greatest dedication and care, as a business partner that offers unparalleled experience in working with clients' mission-critical systems and data.

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