

Software Licence Compliance for SAP®

Overview

The effective management of SAP user licences can be complex but if managed well can result in efficient licensing with lower spend levels and optimum access for users. It can maximise your return on investment in your SAP systems. It can also offer peace of mind, knowing that SAP's periodic licence audit will not lead to issues and unplanned costs.

su53's Software Licence Compliance Solution is a range of packaged and tailored services to implement licence administration tools, show how to use the software, help translate your licence terms to get accurate analysis for your specific situation, and integrate licence management with effective role design and security & authorisations processes.

Solution details

su53's Software Licence Compliance solution provides information on what software has been deployed, and provides a clear picture of exactly what applications and specific features are in use, and to what extent. Clients using this system across the globe report various benefits – this insight into licence usage can:

- **reduce spending** on unnecessary or unused software
- **increase productivity** by enabling users to access the applications they need
- **maintain compliance** by managing and documenting usage

su53's Software Licence Compliance solution enables enterprises to gain better control of software usage, needs and costs throughout the organisation, allowing more accurate forecasting of software needs, maximise the value of existing applications, and support software compliance efforts. Granular details help combat and control rising software costs and inherent software value maximisation capabilities can increase resources for your organisation. The system complements any existing software asset management tools by providing accurate information about usage of software and specific features, and proposes suggestions for future spending, in real time.

Why would I need this?

One of the root causes of the complexity can be variances in the definition of SAP user licence categories. Whilst the initial classification at the time of implementation may seem straightforward, as the organisation and SAP footprint grows and diversifies, translating the definitions into technical terms that could be used to classify users becomes increasingly difficult. The definitions are often supplemented by discussions with SAP themselves and these nuances and subtleties need to be reflected to fully define the definitions.

Similarly, understanding how these definitions then relate to the user population becomes increasingly complicated as the number of systems and layers increase. To assess user licences can become a highly complex and time consuming exercise for an organisation – but one that needs to be carried out regularly.

Organisations naturally focus on provisioning rather than constraining access and, as a result, access assigned to users can become wider than they actually need and therefore the licence requirements may also be wider than they need. Through analysing the actual usage of the user population, a more accurate picture of user requirements can be attained enabling not only a more accurate assessment of user licence requirements, but a more controlled and more secure operating environment.

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su53 Solutions' services are targeted at helping organisations maximise the value of their SAP User Licence Arrangements. Three services are offered, varying from assessment through to a full service integrating licensing considerations with role design & provisioning.

Level 1 – Licence Articulation and Assessment

This involves working together with the organisation to understand, interpret and articulate the definition of the user licence categories that they have agreed with SAP. These definitions will then be used to assess the licence requirements of the user population within the organisation.

Level 2 – Licence Optimisation

In addition to understanding the user licence categories for your organisation, this service runs deeper analysis of the actual utilisation of access by your users to assess their true requirements. With this information it is possible to revise the role assignment of users to more closely meet their requirements and ensure that the best use is made of more expensive licence types.

Level 3 – Authorisations Optimisation

This is the most in depth level of service offered. As part of this service the actual user analysis is used as a basis for developing a new authorisations structure which will optimise the authorisations structure and management as well as facilitating the on-going categorisation and management of SAP user licences for the organisation.

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su53 Solutions focuses exclusively on GRC and Security in businesses using SAP and is one of the few businesses dedicated to the continued development of expertise in applying SAP Security and GRC technology

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