



Service Sheet 4 Installation Data Report



Many organisations acquire discovery toolsets to help them understand what applications they have installed across their IT estates. The function of the toolset is to identify all the software applications in a chosen format.

These tools are not intelligent and rightly so, with ever-changing licensing and application suite combinations it would be a mistake to allow a software product to skew your installation data. One small mistake or alteration could cost millions at the resolution of a project.

This raises a major challenge in utilising the information for your SAM Project and prompts a number of questions: from the volume of information what can I remove? What do I need, and what does it mean? The normalisation of installation data is imperative to the final results of your strategy. SAM Practice approaches this challenge with the Installation Data Report.

In essence, this is the application of licensing intelligence to your install data, across your chosen vendors and toolset data repository. Additional are as addressed include the removal of duplications, the grouping of application suites and separation of licensable and non-licensable applications. Pooling on the wealth of licensing projects and data experienced, SAM Practice can provide a definitive list of the information you need when working through your SAM projects. SAM Practice has dedicated programmes and specialist teams to address every stage of the process.

Benefits

- No internal resource required
- Dedicated teams working on your data
- Multiple vendors
- Multiple toolset data repositories
- Provide reports essential for SAM.

Stages

1. Project kick-off
2. Upload of data repository to SAM Practice
3. Primary review of data repository
4. Change management of data repository
5. Hardware reports and analysis
6. Primary data analysis (scripts and algorithms)
7. Data team analysis:
 - Removal of duplications
 - Data integrity checks
 - Records management analysis
 - Key .exe investigation
8. Licensing team analysis:
 - Separation of licensable into primary database
 - Collation of suite combinations (Office Pro, Office Std)
 - Final primary DB preparation
9. DB amalgamation
10. Creation of Primary Report
11. Delivery of Primary Report with any change management issues.

Deliverables

- IT Estate overview
- Hardware overview
- Media summary (Peer 2 Peer, MP3, JPEG etc.)
- Networked devices (printers/switches)
- Cleanse of data repository
- Data repository recommendations
- Draft primary software data list
- Final definitive licensable software application data list
- Delivery on site.