Regain control of your IBM sub-capacity licensing

- Certero inventory to manage ILMT
- ILMT connector, dual inventory view
- Easy-to-use, speedy bundling
- True license management
- Comprehensive product recognition

…it’s just a better experience
With a unique automated approach, which eliminates over-reliance on time consuming and error-strewn manual process, Certero for IBM overcomes all the technical and management issues, putting you fully in control and providing all the evidence you need to push back against any challenge.

- **Certero for IBM** has a connector for ILMT that can be set up in minutes: job done. Its intelligent, simple to use, powerful user interface with associated wizards, make resolution of the component-to-product-to-bundle challenge a much easier activity.
- **Certero for IBM** is one of very few solutions that can actually accommodate entitlement. Passport Advantage information can be imported and then value automatically added, such as calculated start/end dates of maintenance agreements.
- **Certero for IBM** has intelligence built-in, enabling dynamic ELPs to be created automatically.

Once you have experienced the benefits of *Certero for IBM* compared to other options, you won’t look back.

### Clarity on inventory

If you adopt the IBM virtualization licensing metrics known as PVUs (Processor Value Units), then the associated Ts&Cs state you need to use an IBM tool to collect inventory; normally this is ILMT.

*Certero for IBM* has an out of the box connector that will connect to ILMT, ensuring that you don’t violate your Ts&Cs. This data can then be used by the rest of the functions in *Certero for IBM*, such as component-to-product-to-bundle entitlement management and ELP creation.

*Certero for IBM* also has its own inventory capability, which you can run alongside ILMT inventory. This will actually help you manage your ILMT deployment, by identifying whether or not it is fully deployed across your landscape: something which is very common and carries significant risk. It will also provide you with the inventory information independently so you can validate against ILMT. *Certero for IBM* gives you a position of strength from knowledge and puts you back in control. No longer do you have to be at the blind mercy of ILMT.

### Virtualization and sub-capacity licensing

IBM hardware can be configured in very complex ways. From full physical servers to servers being segmented with virtualization technologies (LPARs), there are also other unique configurations such as shared pools and capped shared pools. All of this makes inventory extremely difficult to collate and present in a meaningful way and has huge implications on software licensing. These are the main ‘gotchas’.

*Certero for IBM* can cope with all virtualization technologies, including IBM’s. It has a connector into IBM HMC (Hardware Management Console) and as such has all the information it needs to automate the inventory information required for an ELP to be created.
Clarity on your entitlement

Without entitlement you can’t do software asset management (SAM).

**Certero for IBM** has the ability to manage entitlement in a highly automated manner. For example, downloading and importing Passport Advantage agreements, working out start and end date of maintenance agreements automatically, ensuring you capture PO and other supplier or procurement information. The result is a fully informed, accurate view of entitlement, which obviously includes your PVU values.

Clarity on your effective license position

**Certero for IBM** has in place the component-to-product-to-bundle reconciliation information, along with the required entitlement information. Thus all the necessary information is available to automatically create the ELP.

You now know where you are, in real-time. Gone are the days where you had to go through lengthy expensive processes just to create a point in time, manually-generated ELP, that may in actual fact be incorrect. We think this is a huge advancement on managing IBM software.

Reconciliation of component-to-product-to-bundle

The next great challenge which **Certero for IBM** helps with is reconciliation of software, primarily component-to-product-to-bundle. We have gone to great lengths to develop an intuitive, easy to use user interface which provides a quick and simple method to perform the reconciliation process.

Licensing model support

**Certero for IBM** supports a great number of license models including PVU (Full-Capacity), PVU (Sub-Capacity), Install, Server, Virtual Server, Authorized User, Floating User, UVU, RVU, Client Device and Establishment.

If that is not enough, **Certero for IBM** will even allow you to define a custom metric.

Did you know?

For their most popular license metric, PVU, IBM’s licensing T&Cs (International Passport Advantage Agreement Section 1.14) state that end users are required to utilize ILMT, TAD4D or Bigfix to capture inventory data which is then used for evaluating licensing requirements. ILMT is notoriously difficult to manage, has limitations and certainly doesn’t have the necessary functionality of a SAM tool.

But did you know that organizations are able to negotiate with IBM to gain an amendment to allow a more manageable solution to be used instead?

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Certero is a leader in the development, delivery and enablement of Cloud-ready, easy to use, enterprise-level solutions that modernize IT hardware & software asset management and help drive organizational transformation. Easy to do business with and applying our unique architectural advantage, complemented by world-class services, we deliver single pane of glass visibility and control across even the most complex estate, from mobile to mainframe.

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