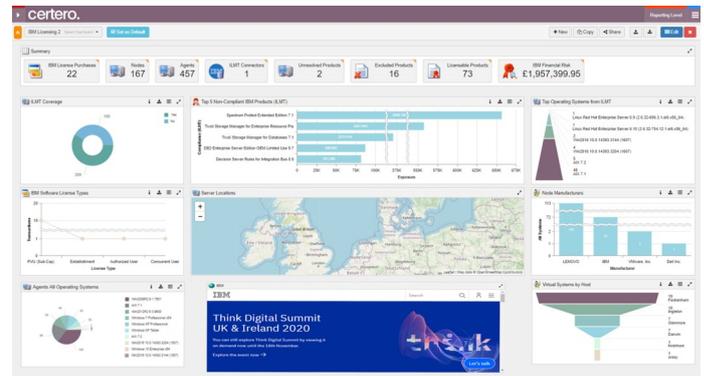# Certero for IBM

Discover and manage all IBM software & entitlements across the network to understand licensing risks and optimize license spend

Certero for IBM offers much more than your average IBM software license management solution.

It automatically provides an inventory of all IBM applications across all platforms and generates an accurate IBM Effective License Position (ELP). The IBM ELP allows the identification of infrastructure optimization opportunities to realize true cost savings by reducing overall license consumption.

Organizations with complex data center environments use Certero for IBM because it is:

- Quick to provision – with both on-premise & cloud deployment options

- Intelligent – resolving IBM product-to-bundle challenges has never been easier

- Comprehensive – discovers all IBM software across all platforms

- Trustworthy – supplement or challenge ILMT data

- Unified – part of the wider Certero Platform for SAM & ITAM

Why do you need Certero for IBM if you've already got ILMT?

Using ILMT to gather and report on IBM inventory data is a prerequisite if you want to take advantage of IBM licensing schemes such as sub-capacity.

But can you trust the data to help you optimize your IBM costs? Probably not.

Certero for IBM can either be used with or separate to ILMT, giving you a more customer-centric view of your IBM software usage, making it easier manage entitlements and to identify potential compliance problems as well as opportunities to reduce costs.

Key Features of Certero for IBM

Discovery & Inventory

Certero for IBM can either take inventory information direct from ILMT or can run its own discovery and inventory process alongside ILMT (or in the absence of ILMT if you are not bound by sub-capacity reporting obligations). The benefit of running Certero inventory separately is that it gives you the ability to challenge ILMT data where it might not be accurate and also helps ensure you identify where the ILMT agent needs to be installed rather than relying on where you think the agent needs to be deployed thus keeping you compliant with IBM's Sub-Capacity licensing obligations

Product-to-Bundle Reconciliation

Certero for IBM makes it easier than ever to reconcile IBM software and to map relationships between individual products and commercial bundles. This saves many hours of error-prone manual effort.

IBM Entitlement Clarity

IBM license entitlements can be captured, processed and reconciled against inventoried software usage. Full IBM software license management capabilities include downloading and importing Passport Advantage agreements, automatically calculating start and end date of maintenance agreements, capturing PO and other supplier or procurement information.

The result is a fully informed, accurate view of entitlement as well as important information such as PVU values.

Virtualization & Sub-Capacity Licensing

Certero for IBM asset management software can cope with all virtualization technologies, including IBM's own. It has a connector into IBM HMC (Hardware Management Console) and has all the information it needs to automate the inventory information required for an Effective License Position to be created.

IBM Licensing Models

Certero for IBM asset management software supports a IBM license models including PVU (Full-Capacity), PVU (Sub-Capacity), Install, Server, Virtual Server, Authorized User, Floating User, UVU, RVU, Client Device and Establishment. Custom metrics can also be supported.

IBM Effective License Position

Whether it uses inventory data from ILMT or from Certero's own inventory technologies, Certero for IBM features the fastest and most reliable Effective License Position thanks to its advanced IBM compliance engine and intelligent reconciliation features.

Have it your way – Product & Services bundles

For skilled SAM practitioners and IBM licensing experts, Certero for IBM is the fastest way to establish and ELP and collect the information necessary to optimize your IBM software estate.

For teams new to SAM or lacking IBM-specific skills, Certero for IBM can be provided with expert help from Certero's qualified IBM licensing specialists. Learn more about our IBM ELP & Optimization services.

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