

FrontRange License Manager™

Drive Down Cost, Reduce Risk and Improve IT Governance with Effective Software License Management

Why License Management?

For most organizations, purchasing and supporting the software used within the business is a major annual expense, and yet the true cost is often hard to quantify. Analysts believe that as much as 30 percent of all software expenditure is wasted as firms buy more software than they need, purchase the wrong software, and continue to support applications that are no longer in use. What's more, significant sums are spent and resources displaced to deal with vendor audits and reviews to prove that software is legally licensed. With an estimated 60 percent of organizations facing at least one compliance audit each year, the need for effective preparation and license management is crucial.

A Complete Integrated Solution

FrontRange License Manager enables organizations to both reduce software spend and avoid compliance failures by providing an intuitive and fast system to record and validate software license entitlements, and then dynamically reconcile these against currently deployed software applications - both across the organization as a whole, as well as at a Business Unit level.

This visibility of both software in use and entitlements held promotes more effective and efficient decision-making when it comes to software procurement, deployment and ongoing support.

For companies that want to avoid the unnecessary cost of over-licensing, eliminate the fines and negative publicity associated with under-licensing, and better manage a sprawling software estate, FrontRange License Manager™ is the answer.

Baseline Discovery

For something to be managed, it must first be identified and inventoried. FrontRange License Manager™ supports automated data feeds from inventory management solutions such as the market-leading FrontRange Discovery™ as well as popular tools such as Microsoft SMS 2003 and SCCM 2007. FrontRange Discovery can either be purchased alongside License Manager, or configuring the license management solution to work with other audit solutions takes just a few moments.

As a result, FrontRange License Manager has the up-to-date audit data it needs to identify and validate:

- A formal count of the software deployed across the organization
- A breakdown by version of programs being used
- The volume of unused or under-used programs that can be removed or redeployed
- License shortfalls by specific applications
- Usage levels for software on a machine-by-machine basis*



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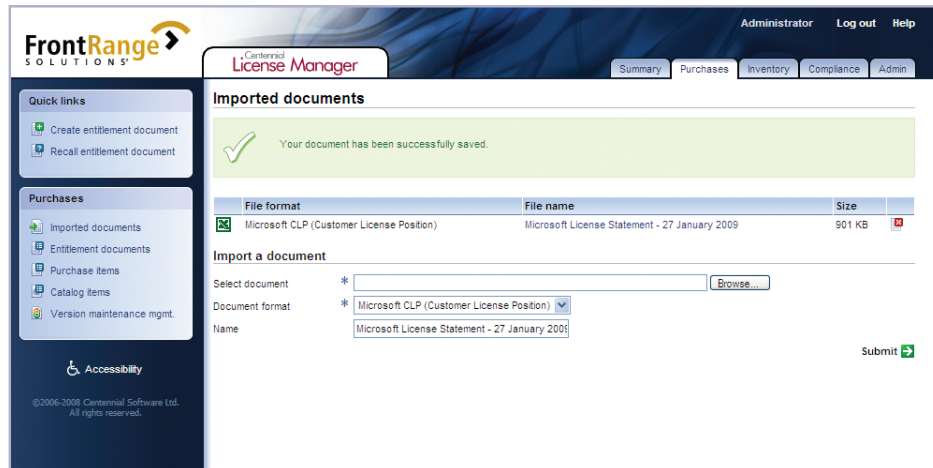
KEY BENEFITS

- Accurate and dynamic reconciliation of software usage vs. license entitlements to reduce licensing costs
- Proactive compliance reporting to drive commercial negotiations and understand true-up risks
- Efficient, provable governance of software assets

KEY FEATURES

- Automatic product validation of major software vendor titles from unique software library
- Ability to bulk-import data from a Microsoft Customer License Position Report
- Support for multiple licensing models ranging from boxed product to CALs
- Assign and reconcile licenses to specific Organizational Units
- Automatic "best-fit" entitlement reconciliation to achieve lowest cost compliance
- Multi-user role-based wizards for fast, accurate data entry and confidential control
- Automatic alignment of relevant software upgrade and downgrade rights
- Centralized license management control with distributed access across offices, departments and organizational units
- Fast, accurate reporting using current state data
- Out-of-the-box integrations with FrontRange Discovery, Microsoft SMS 2003 & SCCM 2007

Capture License Entitlements within FrontRange License Manager™



Intelligent “Proof of

Entitlement” License Capture

Once software assets are inventoried, FrontRange License Manager™ enables organizations to capture proof-of-entitlements for all installed applications. This semi-automated process reduces human error with techniques such as bulk data import, wizard-driven data entry, and data validation against a hosted commercial software library. The solution is role-based, ensuring data entry and compliance reporting can be managed by different parties with appropriate security and controls.

A unique feature of FrontRange License Manager is the online hosted ‘Nexus’ database of over 1.25 million software records. Whenever a new license is recorded into the License Manager repository, FrontRange License Manager automatically attempts to validate this against the Nexus to ensure the correct information (including the vendor’s official title for the software) and licensing conditions (such as upgrade and downgrade rights) are attributed to each record. This aims to ensure the best match between available licenses and discovered software.

Intelligent “Best Fit” Reconciliation

FrontRange License Manager automatically matches and reconciles proof-of-entitlement information against the imported software inventory. Automated functionality accelerates the process, reduces errors, and facilitates future licensing discussions. Just as importantly, because FrontRange License Manager can link entered information to actual proof of entitlement; such as scanned images of invoices, email confirmations and more, it greatly simplifies compliance audits and streamlines the demonstration of best practices as established in ISO/EN 19770-1 and the Microsoft SAM Optimization Model (SOM).

Extensible Solution

FrontRange License Manager™ is easily extended with other FrontRange IT Asset Management point products and solution suites such as the FrontRange SAM solution, FrontRange Desktop & Server Management and FrontRange IT Service Management.

End-to-End SAM

The FrontRange SAM (Software Asset Management) solution is a powerful asset management suite that integrates FrontRange License Manager with FrontRange™ SAM Essentials™, FrontRange Discovery™ and FrontRange NetInstall®. All modules work together as part of an intelligent solution that discovers installed software, monitors ongoing usage, simplifies how license entitlements are handled, and enforces corporate software policies. The modules are integrated using an industry-leading project management framework that guides each step of a successful SAM initiative, from initial planning through implementation through ongoing deployment and optimization.

MORE INFORMATION

Discover how FrontRange License Manager drives down cost, reduces compliance risks and improves IT governance.

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