

IBM LICENSE METRIC TOOL AS-A-SERVICE

Are you compliant?



What is ILMT?

The IBM Licence Metric Tool (ILMT) helps you maintain an inventory of the PVU based software deployed for your Full Capacity or Virtualised (Sub Capacity) environment, and measures the PVU licences required by software Product. It is intended to help you manage your IBM software licensing requirements, and help you maintain an audit ready posture.

Why do you need ILMT?

ILMT must be installed, configured and maintained in order for organisations running any IBM software in a virtualised environment to achieve, and maintain, compliance with their IBM Passport Advantage license agreement. ILMT offers the following features and benefits:

- ✓ Assists in achieving compliance with Passport Advantage license terms which require users to create, verify, adjust, sign, and save ILMT reports on a regular basis.
- ✓ Lowers liability risks by ensuring compliance with licensing terms, and avoiding the expense of unplanned licence compliance purchases.
- ✓ Centrally tracks your IBM PVU-based software inventory.
- ✓ Optimises software licence usage.
- ✓ Provides the ability to accurately forecast future software licensing requirements by tracking previous and current usage.

End-users are responsible firstly for supplying the hardware and installation services required for installing ILMT. Secondly they must ensure it is configured correctly and maintained at all times, and finally create, verify, sign and save ILMT reports regularly.



Installation & Configuration Services

IBM regularly audits organisations at random to ensure they are compliant with the terms of their Passport Advantage agreements, and that usage does not exceed entitlement. We work extensively with clients to help them ensure compliance with ILMT, and whilst the software is always installed, it is rarely configured correctly! This often leads to organisations having to pull IT budget from important projects for unplanned software purchases. Elyzium's installation and configuration services remove this pain from your IT Organisation, ensuring that any unusual scenarios – such as those mentioned opposite – are catered for, and providing peace of mind that your business is 100% compliant with its Passport Advantage agreement.

ILMT as-a-Service

Elyzium's ILMT Software-as-a-Service managed service offering provides an easy solution. We remove the need for our clients to purchase, install, configure and maintain their own infrastructure to run ILMT by locating the server component remotely at our secure datacentre. We then deploy agents within the customer infrastructure as usual, generating ILMT reports every 60 days to ensure compliance with IBM's Virtualisation Capacity Agreement is maintained, and mitigating the risk of unexpected licence purchases.

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Elyzium is the only IBM "Gold" deployment accredited partner for Tivoli Workload Scheduler, and a Software-as-a-Service Solution Provider for Workload Automation Worldwide. Specialising in the provision, deployment, consultancy and support of on premise and Cloud-based Workload Automation solutions, our innovative offerings provide clients with more cost-effective, transparent and efficient Workload Automation environments.



Common Issues with ILMT

Scenario 1

TWS ships with IBM WebSphere. However since WebSphere is also a separately licensed product, ILMT must be configured to confirm that this particular instance of WebSphere actually belongs with TWS. If configured incorrectly, then organisations become liable for an additional WebSphere license at an additional cost.

Scenario 2

ILMT is also required if you are using AIX Express Edition, but many organisations are unaware of this. AIX Express Edition is specifically limited in vertical scalability by the license, but since there is no hard coded limit that programmatically prevents its use to partition more than 4 cores/8 GB of memory per core, clients can easily - and unintentionally - exceed the licence restriction.

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