

Z License Verification

Simplifying mainframe software
licensing compliance

Overview

The mainframe industry is pivotally poised at the moment – the increased compliance requirements, the evolving cloud environment, cost reduction pressures, and the need to offer immersive user experiences, all contribute to the growing need for mainframe modernization. Organizations need to scale their digital transformation initiatives by integrating mainframe applications with other critical applications.

The first step in a transformation journey is to **understand where you stand**.

Modern enterprises with large mainframe footprints have a multitude of software assets, various vendors, and many licensing terms. Manual validation and verification of product licensing is too resource intensive and error prone. **Non-compliance is not an option** because of large fines and legal fees for any enterprise.

Challenges

Mainframe users that are running thousands of software programs want to ensure license compliance to avoid penalties. Currently, they do not have a way to do that efficiently because of:



Complex multivendor ecosystem:

Using multiple software assets in a multivendor environment with many stakeholders leads to a plethora of licenses to be managed.



Manual reconciliation:

Manual license auditing can be resource and time intensive. It can also result in errors and raise compliance risks.



Diverse license types:

Licenses can be valid for area-specific applications and tenures can be perpetual or renewable. Manually mapping and managing the licenses on spreadsheets become increasingly difficult over time.

HCL Z License Verification solution – An exclusive offering for IBM's IZSAM customers

HCL Z License Verification (ZLV) is an add-on product for IBM IZSAM customers and extends IZSAM's capabilities by offering exclusive software license verification support. This compares the software inventory and their usage against software license information and empowers enterprises to identify software audit exposures quickly and optimize costs. HCL ZLV imports software entitlement information into products to **create actionable license verification insights** on:



Licensed and installed software

These software are licensed and installed as per procedure and requires no immediate attention.



Unlicensed software that are installed

These software are not licensed but could have been installed as part of bundled solutions by vendors. Attention required.



Licensed software that aren't installed

Licensed software that aren't installed are the ideal candidates for removal.



Software that are entitled but not used

These software are the ideal candidates for removal and can result in cost reduction.



Software that are entitled and used

This is the best-case scenario and requires no immediate attention.



Software that are not entitled but used

This scenario needs immediate attention to avoid audit penalties.

Business Benefits

Identify cost optimization opportunities by



- Recognizing areas to reduce software license costs by verifying software usage against software entitlement.
- Optimizing precise software entitlement information to negotiate a better deal with vendors.

Curtail software audit exposure risks by



- Reducing manual license verification processes with automation.
- Eliminating human errors to mitigate financial risks arising from non-compliance.

Empower your digital transformation and modernization journey to mainframes + cloud by



- Integrating your mainframe applications with cloud applications. To achieve it, first you need to understand where you stand from a mainframe software licensing perspective.
- Finding opportunities for software cost optimization, vendor consolidation, and digital transformation.

Enable your license consolidation evaluations during mergers & acquisitions by



- Gaining visibility into how you are covered from a licensing perspective post the acquisition.
- Renegotiating contracts with vendors according to your existing contracts post the merger.
- Onboarding a new partner as a service provider to take ownership of your mainframe + software.

HCL ZLV for IZSAM is a must have to ensure software license audit compliance during your digital transformation journey. Whether you want to integrate mainframes with cloud or want to optimize your mainframe costs, HCL ZLV can help you. Simplify your mainframe license management and be an integral part of the Digital+ economy to always stay compliant, secure, and profitable.

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