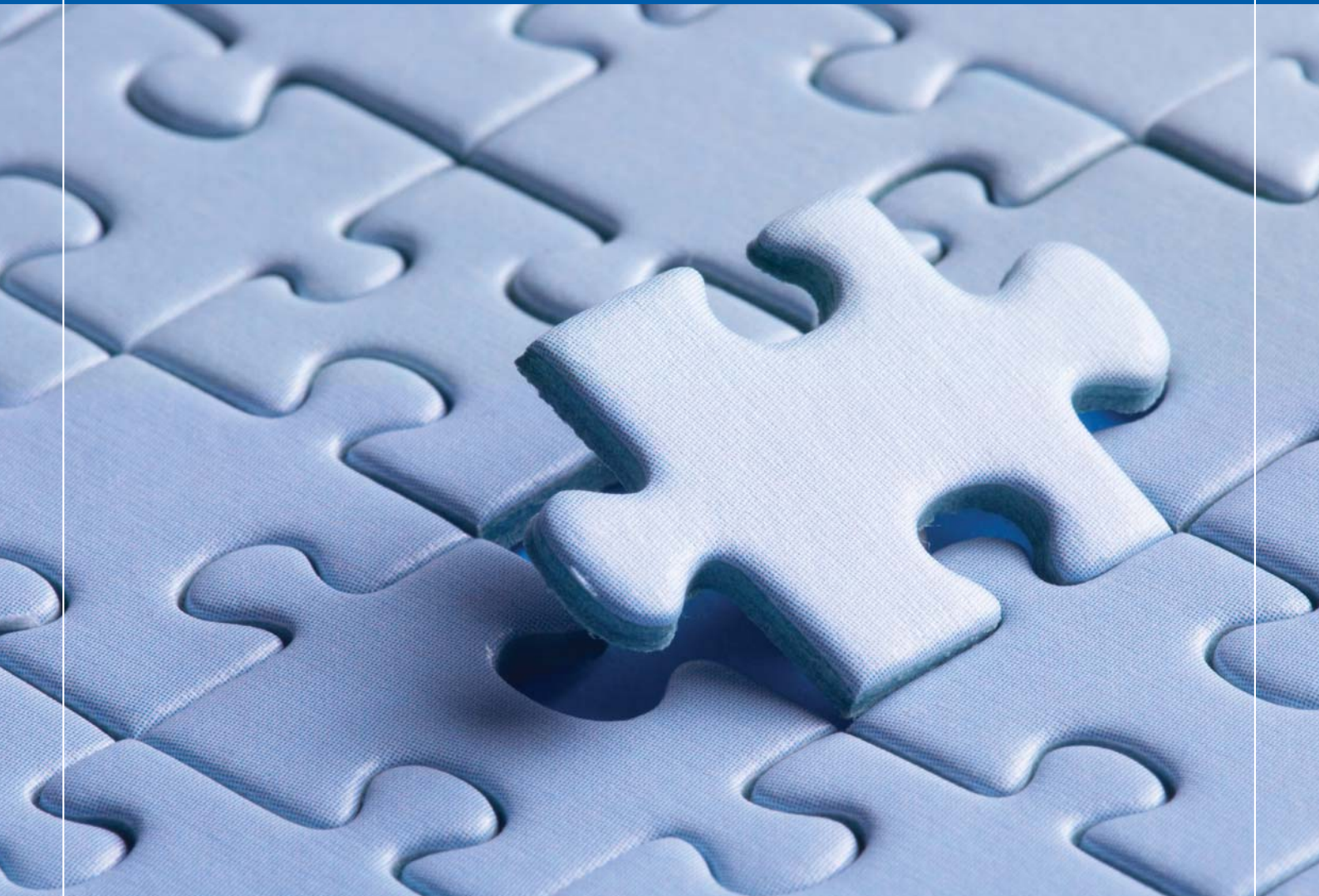




Intelligent Audit Service



Business Benefits

- Achieve software compliancy
- Reduce costs – unused software licensing, unutilised assets, redundant maintenance contracts
- Improve application supportability and reduce support costs
- Reduce power consumption and carbon footprint
- Reduce security threats
- Enable standardisation of infrastructure

IT Infrastructure Audit and Analysis

Most organisations today have complex IT infrastructures that have evolved over time. The result is that maintaining a clear view of IT assets an organisation has, where they are located and how they are being used is often problematic. With a clear view of this, organisations can achieve substantial financial savings and avoid security, compliancy and productivity issues.

Total Infrastructure Visibility

The Intelligent Audit™ service from Esteem Systems provides complete visibility of all IT assets. With a comprehensive audit and analysis of everything accessing a corporate network including PCs, laptops, servers, network devices and software, organisations can reduce costs, improve compliancy and simplify IT management.

As well as traditional IT environments, the Intelligent Audit™ service also analyses virtual servers, desktops and applications to help ensure compliancy and security.

Software Licence Compliance

Today, most organisations make significant financial investments in software to enable their business processes to operate efficiently. However many over purchase on software licences and associated maintenance because of a lack of intelligence about what software the organisation has and perhaps more importantly, what it actually uses.

Intelligent Audit™ service enables organisations to gain a full understanding of what applications are on the network with a detailed inventory of application instances and analysis of which of these require licensing.

With this intelligence organisations can ensure they maintain legal compliance, reducing the risk of costly penalties from software vendors. At the same time, organisations can prevent the purchase of unnecessary software licences and maintenance to reduce the overall cost of software ownership.

Carbon Footprint Reduction

IT assets have a significant impact on both carbon emissions and power consumption and can play a big part in meeting targets to reduce carbon footprint.

However, most organisations don't know what the carbon footprint of their IT infrastructure is and therefore struggle to understand how best to reduce it. As part of our Intelligent Audit™ service Esteem provides a Green Audit which identifies the overall carbon footprint and power consumption of the existing IT infrastructure and uses independent calculations from the Carbon Trust to identify the potential cost and carbon emission savings to be made by for example, replacing all CRT monitors with LCD equivalents.

Security and Compliance Intelligence

There are few organisations today that aren't governed by some form of regulation and all want to achieve a secure and compliant IT infrastructure environment. Often the parts of the infrastructure that pose the most threat to the organisation are those that the IT department isn't aware of – an illegal application downloaded by an employee; a database held on a laptop; or out of date version of security software.

The Intelligent Audit™ network inventory addresses this, giving a full view of potential security threats and compliancy breaches.

Reduce Cost of IT Infrastructure

Many organisations focus on server consolidation or server virtualisation to reduce IT costs. But by understanding the entire IT infrastructure, not just servers, organisations can get a clearer view of desktop, server and software utilisation and can make more informed choices about consolidation targets and the re-allocation of existing assets to increase utilisation rates, drive down capital expenditure and create a predictable investment plan.

Standardisation and Simplification

Complex IT infrastructures are expensive to manage. Standardising the infrastructure simplifies management, reduces the time to resolve problems and reduces the overall support costs.

The Intelligent Audit™ service enables organisations to discover the full hardware and software configuration of each device on the network. With this information organisations can easily identify non-standard or out-dated assets and begin the standardisation process.

Intelligent Audit

Creating a full and detailed view of an organisation's IT assets involves collating a wealth of data. However this data alone does not help organisations to make better, more informed decisions. Instead, the data needs to be analysed and interpreted and turned into meaningful business intelligence.

That's why our Intelligent Audit™ is delivered as a service, rather than as a software solution. This approach enables us to ensure that the audit software is properly installed and effectively executed by our team of experts. Typically, the software monitors network activity over a 30 day period and collates and analyses data regarding all assets accessing the network. The software is clientless making it easy to deploy, eliminating any network disruption and improving the accuracy of the audit.

Results are available via a web-based portal providing access to more than 25 analytical reports. Customers also have access to our team of audit consultants to help interpret the reports and ensure that the audit produces meaningful results that benefit the business and deliver a rapid and measurable return on investment.

Depending on individual needs the service can be purchased either as a stand alone audit that provides a comprehensive view of the network at a single point in time. Or as a managed service providing an ongoing audit that allows organisations to track and monitor their network over time, with new IT assets automatically identified and the network inventory dynamically updated.

Rapid Return on Investment

The Intelligent Audit™ service is already helping major public sector and FTSE 100 organisations to achieve software compliancy, reduce security threats and lower the overall cost of their IT infrastructures.

Intelligent Audit Overview

- Comprehensive service to audit and analyse the hardware, software and network devices that exist on an organisation's network, includes software licensing compliancy audit
- Data is collected over a 30 day period without the need for agents to be installed on individual devices, ensuring a high level of accuracy
- Virtual servers, desktops and applications within the network environment are fully audited
- Calculates power consumption of network devices and identifies the carbon footprint of the IT infrastructure
- Remote and mobile connections to the network are fully audited
- Results are provided via a dynamic web-based portal providing more than 25 standard analytical reports

Additional audit services are available either as add ons to the standard audit or as a stand alone audit services including:

- Citrix or Terminal Services audit
- Green IT audit
- Microsoft SharePoint audit
- Database audit
- Microsoft Active Directory audit
- SNMP audit



minimising IT costs, maximising operational efficiency

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