

Asset Manager

BENEFITS

The Valuemation Asset Manager allows you to

- Achieve a high level of transparency over your IT infrastructure as well as the Total Costs of Ownership (TCO) of your IT assets
- Document your hardware and software assets in an audit compliant manner
- Control and manage the deployment and use of IT assets
- Increase the return on your IT investment through better use of license and maintenance agreements
- Demonstrably lower your IT costs over the entire asset lifecycle.

In this way, you'll give yourself more room to maneuver for future-oriented investments. You'll also lay the foundation for ITIL®-compliant Business Service Management (BSM).

With the Valuemation Asset Manager, you'll be able to manage your IT assets (hardware and software) over their entire lifecycle. Through integration with your ERP system or linkage to additional Valuemation modules for procurement, contract management and license management, you'll be able to add relevant financial and contract information to your inventory data.

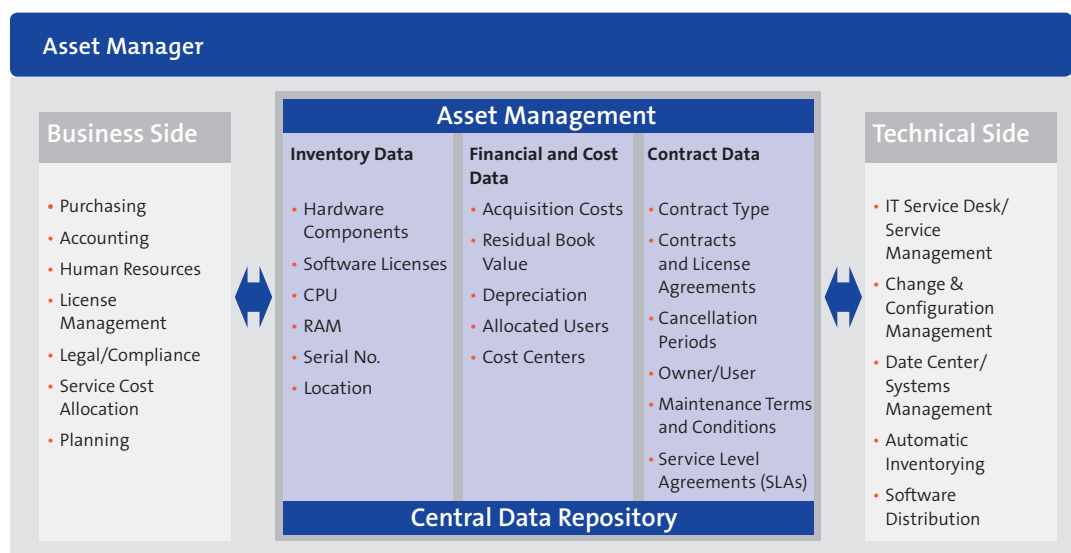
The Challenges in IT Asset Management

How do you find out exactly which hardware and software is installed in which locations? If you ever have a warranty claim, can you readily access your maintenance agreements and know exactly what services they cover? Does your IT procurement department have the consolidated data that it needs to get the most for your money by bundling hardware and software items or through system standardization?

Increasing cost pressure and the ever-increasing complexity of distributed IT infrastructures demand greater transparency. Today's IT managers

have to be adept at managing costs, minimizing risks, fulfilling legal requirements, complying with contractual terms and conditions as well as creating the best prerequisites for smooth, efficient IT operations.

With the Valuemation Asset Manager, you'll have the detailed and up-to-date data on your IT inventory that will allow you to meet all these needs. These complete and secure records will give you the broad picture you need to greatly enhance your managerial options and can help you to realize cost savings in IT procurement, license and contract management. This is the best way to free up money for other investments



and increase the efficiency of your IT service management.

IT Asset Management with Valuation

With the Asset Manager, you manage all of your IT assets in a central database known as the IT Asset Management (ITAM) Repository.

This repository includes the following data:

- Inventory data on all managed IT assets that are either now in use or in stock (new or replacement inventory)
- Financial and cost data, including purchase price, residual book value, depreciation and costs for maintenance and support of IT assets Contract data, including all contractual and licensing agreements, ownership structures, service level agreements (SLAs), warranty agreements, etc.

Thus your technical inventory data is augmented with business/organizational attributes and is clearly assigned to the associated hardware/software components. This arrangement provides a most reliable basis for optimum management and deployment of your IT resources over entire lifecycles. It further supports such functions as IT management, budgeting, planning, implementation/ operation, IT service cost allocation (charge-backs), management of contracts and licenses, and the like. Integrating the Valuation Asset Manager in your workflows for IT service management, purchasing, human resources and facility management will provide valuable process support in these areas as well. Moreover, the Asset Manager's high level of automation will let you achieve some real cost savings, allowing you to better apply these resources elsewhere.

Reliable, Accurate Data is Mission Critical

In the ideal case, the Valuation Asset Manager gets its inventory data from a reliable, centralized source: the Configuration Management Database (CMDB). The Valuation CMDB Manager can be smoothly integrated into the Asset Manager, yielding the following additional benefits:

- Once your IT inventory has been initially recorded, the CMDB permits regular, always updated comparisons of technical as-is data with business-related target data (desired situation) for all IT assets.
- The results of this reconciliation process is documented for all current and historical data.
- In the CMDB, the links between IT assets/infrastructure components and IT services as well as those between IT services and business services are clearly depicted and correlated with missioncritical business processes. Any changes are dynamically recorded and automatically updated.
- The CMDB summarizes the infrastructure components, showing their dependencies as well as possible risks to IT-supported business processes. This allows you to readily and realistically assess risks, avoid malfunctions respectively correct them more quickly.

KEY FACTS

The Valuation Asset Manager is a module in the USU Valuation Suite.

With the Valuation Asset Manager, you can do the following:

- *Link the technical data about your IT inventory with pertinent business information*
- *Establish a detailed, consolidated and reliable database*
- *Control and manage your IT assets and their costs over the entire lifecycle – from initial purchase requisitions on down to ultimate disposal.*

Other relevant Valuation modules:

- *CMDB Manager*
- *Contract Manager*
- *License Manager*
- *Procurement Manager*
- *Service Request Manager*