

>> KEY FACTS

What Valuation Inventory can do for you:

- > Find all hardware and software components in use in your network
- > Inventory your hardware and software components across all platforms very quickly without any manual intervention or use of agents
- > Verify IT components using unique fingerprints
- > Supplement technical raw data with helpful product data

Valuation Inventory is the OEM version of the patented technology from BDNA Corporation. In compiling inventories, it accesses an extremely comprehensive and continuously updated hardware and software catalog that now has more than 124,000 entries. In short, there is no comparable product available today on the market.

Valuation Inventory based on BDNA Technology

An exact, comprehensive and constantly updated IT inventory is critical for optimum management of hardware components and software licenses. Valuation Inventory supports close, rigorous management of your IT resources by first discovering them, inventorying them and then constantly comparing your as-is (actual situation) with your target data (desired situation).

> The challenges in inventorying your IT

Are there any hidden risks in your network? Could it be possible that you're inadvertently using unlicensed software? When software maintenance

agreements expire, how should you upgrade? Could you save money by consolidating your servers? How many of your existing clients are suitable for Windows Vista upgrades?

> No agents needed for inventorying

Valuation Inventory creates a fast overview of all IT components in your network across all platforms. Its server-based technology seeks and finds IT assets – without using agents. This approach ensures quick and smooth installation of the scanner, without first having to install special software on each client.

Expansion and enhancement of inventory data	Owner	Department Location Network	Product Solaris	Version 8	Manufacturer Sun Micro-systems	Category Unix OS	EOL 12/2009	Department Finance	Location New York head quarters
	Market data	Release plan Support plan Age of equipment	Product Solaris	Version 8	Manufacturer Sun Micro-systems	Category Unix OS	EOL 12/2009		
		Categorizing Manufacturer catalog Product catalog	Product Solaris	Version 8	Manufacturer Sun Micro-systems				
	Fingerprints	Verification IT Infrastructure	Product SunOS	Version 8.5					
Discovery	Accumulated raw data	SunOS mercury 8.5 Generic_10852 8-27; sun4u,SUNW							

>> KEY BENEFITS

Valuation Inventory provides a significantly greater added value compared to traditional software tools used for discovery and inventory.

Its comprehensive inventorying of all IT components will help you to do the following:

- > Cut costs
- > Minimize risks
- > Standardize your IT resources
- > Make well-informed decisions
- > Optimize your IT usage

Valuation Inventory is seamlessly integrated into the Valuation suite:

- > Uniform user interface and operation is very user-friendly.
- > Scanned data can be displayed in Valuation catalogs and reports.
- > Inventory data can be further processed in an automatic and rule-based manner in all Valuation modules.
- > In the event of discrepancies between an intended and an actual status, a change request is automatically generated.

- During the hardware inventory process, all hardware components and additional information on each configuration (RAM, storage capacity, processor speed, operating system, etc.) are recorded along with peripherals such as printers, external storage devices, and the like.
- During the software inventory process, all software components installed on clients and servers are similarly recorded and uniquely identified by electronic “fingerprints”.

The scanning/inventorying process can be carried out as often as needed and can provide daily updates of your desired vs. actual level of resources. Any discrepancies between the two conditions are automatically investigated. In critical/sensitive cases, the matter is immediately escalated and, if necessary, change requests are promptly created and issued.

> A comprehensive product list

When compiling an inventory, Valuation Inventory relies on the BDNA product catalog. This catalog, the best on the market, contains a massive, constantly updated product list with entries on over 80,000 software product versions and over 44,000 hardware models. After being verified during the inventory discovery process, the scanned-in data about IT components is matched to definite products. The powerful BDNA catalog includes other important brand information such as release plans, end-of-life data for support and maintenance services as well as the age of each device found. This information is added to the library of

inventory data, adding yet other supplement of useful information. By linking the technical details gathered during the inventory process to business data and user information from ERP and other systems, it is possible to match IT components with specific locations and cost centers.

> The benefits of Valuation Inventory

With Valuation Inventory you are able to

- Cut costs
by facilitating optimum deployment of your IT resources and preventing over-licensing
- Minimize risks
by preventing under-licensing and uncovering security loopholes in your network
- Standardize your IT resources
by checking whether guidelines for procurement and IT usage are being adhered to
- Facilitate well-informed decisions
by providing complete, up-to-date information and a better basis for evaluating your options.

By providing updated, dynamic information about your IT inventory, Valuation Inventory is a powerful tool that can help you make more-informed decisions and conduct better-informed negotiations concerning your IT resources.