



Simplify Hardware and Software Asset Management Today

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An Overview of Configure Consulting's Quick-Start Solution for Asset Management

Businesses of all sizes face a similar challenge in managing and optimizing IT infrastructure made up of numerous moving and interconnected assets. Increasingly, executives are concerned with optimizing usage, controlling costs and validating compliance across both IT and non-IT assets. Given that organizations may not have time to track assets individually, many are turning to systematic mechanisms for end-to-end asset lifecycle management. These strategic decisions allow IT organizations to efficiently manage their business services, clearly visualize costs, track lifecycle changes and understand the complete service capabilities of existing IT infrastructure.

Configure Consulting's Asset Management Approach

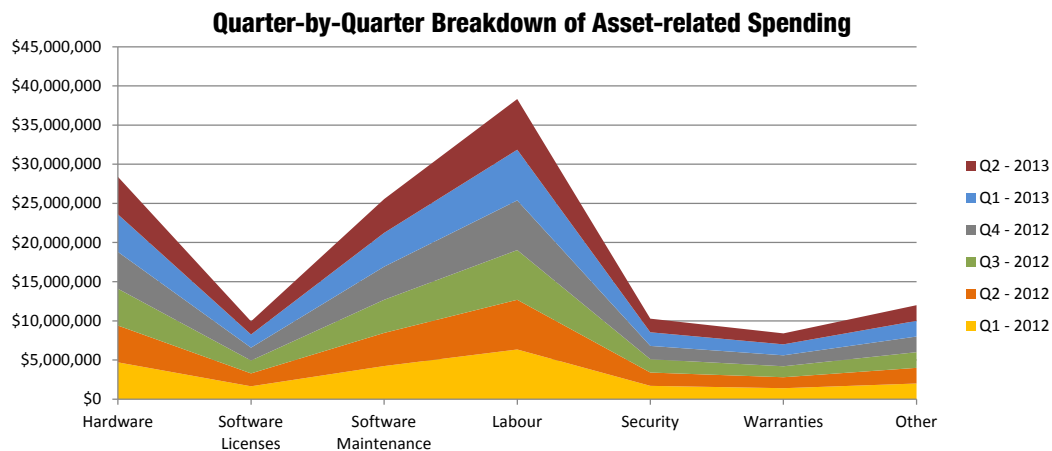
The Configure Consulting Asset Management team works with IT administrators and managers across North America to implement a solution that reduces IT costs, optimizes asset utilization, and mitigates compliance risks.

Leveraging HP software, Configure Consulting promotes an efficient approach to asset management. The solution delivers a single-pane-of-glass for inventory, utilization, license management, contracts and procurement information. Brining this information into a single repository helps IT organizations clearly understand where, how and by whom hardware and software assets are being used. This critical insight has resulted in tremendous cost savings for our clients:

- Avoiding unnecessary hardware and software purchases by identifying under-utilized assets in existing inventory
- Directly tying IT costs to business unit consumption
- Managing software license compliance on a continual basis
- Clearly pinpointing variations between budgeted and actual asset expenses

The Growing Necessity of IT Asset Management

- On average, software constitutes roughly 18 to 37% of the overall IT budget
- Audits are more and more common ("In 2010, more than 60% of enterprise companies will have experienced a software audit – 40% in 2008") (Gartner, 2010)
- Companies were on average 15% over-compliant on desktop applications (Gartner, 2008)
- The whole business depends on IT infrastructure, understanding all of the asset upstream and downstream relationships is critical to dealing with the impact of change effectively across heterogeneous infrastructures
- Demand on business optimization grows
- Virtualized environment makes difficulties to understand where the virtualized resources are, who is using them, and what they are being used for – if they are being used at all



Automated reporting on cost breakdown supports decision-making, budgeting and forecasting for IT finance and asset managers

Features of the Configure Consulting Asset Management Solution

The Configure Consulting solution for asset management has number of essential features, such as:

- **Software asset management dashboard:**
a real-time snapshot of the state of all of the company's software assets. The solution identifies potential compliance risks and opportunities to recapture unused or over-licensed software. It provides a complete breakdown of costs by software title.
- **Simplified interface and workflow:**
ability to manage contracts, define entitlements and retire assets. The step-by-step process opens the process of software asset management to both technical and business contributors, including the contract and procurement managers.
- **Continuous improvement wizards:**
guidance in creating records for contracts, licenses, entitlements, installations, utilization and software counters. It provides visibility of software compliance and existing contracts to identify opportunities, to optimize agreements and reduce software expenditures.
- **Out-of-the-box reports:**
reports on virtual topology, software compliance, entitles, deployments and asset lifecycle management.
- **Integration with HP DDMI:**
out-of-the-box integration for an accurate picture of your IT environment through reliable discovery and inventory techniques, which allows you to have better inventORIZATION and utilization of physical and virtual assets. HP DDMI provides a central source of hardware and software inventory data that helps reduce the complexity of IT environments and optimize investments in management software.
- **Integration with HP Client Automation:**
leveraging integration with HP Client Automation to verify that licenses are available before distribution. Client Automation helps move patches and software out to PCs and servers based on an established set of policies.

For More Information

To learn more about asset tracking, lifecycle management, financial and budget management, audit and compliance, and proactive configuration management contact the Configure Consulting team at 1-800-987-8460 or info@configureconsulting.com.

About Configure Consulting

Configure Consulting implements quick-start solutions to empower IT operations teams with the efficiency, stability and top performance in the delivery of business services. Configure Consulting has been installing solutions globally for Fortune 500 clients across a number of industries. Configure Consulting has particular expertise with monitoring, security, automation, asset and configuration management systems.

After successful implementations, our clients come away with leading solutions following industry best practices. The Configure Consulting team has developed a deep understanding across the HP IT Performance Suite (formerly BTO) portfolio and has attained HP ExpertONE certifications.