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VALUEMATION ASSET MANAGER

Reliable and complete information is vital in IT asset management (ITAM) for keeping an overview of the IT inventory in increasingly complex and distributed IT landscapes. This transparency is a must for identifying cost drivers, avoiding costly redundancies and being able to prove compliance with contractual terms and conditions. To do that, you need a central database containing always up-to-date inventory data and detailed information on every hardware and software asset. Only then can you gear the IT inventory to actual needs, control it actively, identify surpluses or shortages of assets, take well-informed investment decisions and support IT operation with valid asset data.

BENEFITS

Valuemation enables you to

Cut IT costs by consolidation of hardware/software assets and systematic reduction of excessive stocks

Increase the return on your IT investment through better use of license, warranty and maintenance agreements

Make well-informed investment decisions because you know your current IT assets and actual and future asset requirements

Speed up IT support, since complete business and technical data on IT assets is available at all times
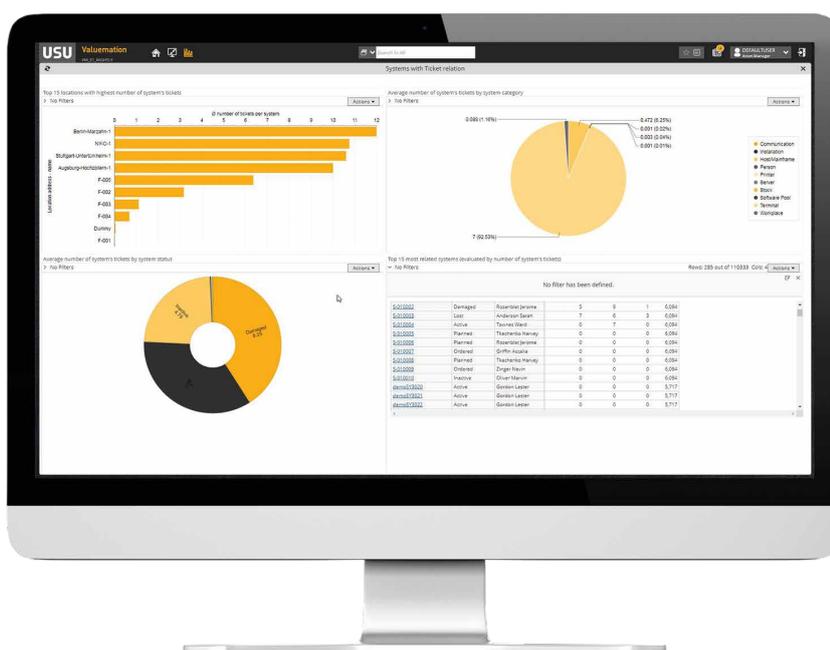
Overview of the number of assets/systems per location

Objectives

—— With the Valuemation Asset Manager, you'll be able to manage and control your IT assets (hardware and software) over their entire lifecycle. By integrating financial/cost data from the ERP system, configuration data from the CMDB, inventory, license and contract data from optional Valuemation modules and user data from user administration, you intelligently link business and technical information. As a result, you have access to extensive, up-to-date and historical data on your IT assets at all times.

Keeping IT Asset Data Up-to-date

—— With the Valuemation Asset Manager, you administer your IT assets in a central database, the IT asset management (ITAM) repository, which is connected via an interface to the sources and systems supplying data. The ITIL®-based asset management process ensures that IT inventory data remains up-to-date and complete. Data is maintained in the ITAM repository by largely automated means, and information on IT assets from procurement, inventorying, contract management, accounting, etc., is automatically pooled here.

Proactive Planning of IT Investments

—— Comparison of the IT inventory with actual needs and use of the IT assets means you can easily identify surplus assets. New investments can be avoided or existing (licensing) agreements used better by targeted redistribution of existing assets. Future requirements from IT budgeting can also be taken into account in impending purchase decisions and contract negotiations. In the case of maintenance agreements that are due to expire or types of hardware prone to faults, you can initiate new purchases in good time and plan and carry out software upgrades better. Reliable ITAM data is therefore crucial in order to know what service customers' current and future needs are and cater for them ideally.

Cut IT Costs Lastingly

—— You can slash IT costs not only by reducing excess assets, but also by identifying cost drivers among your assets. You have a better foundation for making decisions to procure new or substitute IT assets if you know their total cost of ownership. You can also prove to your service customers what factors influence IT service costs and how subsequent costs for procurement, operation and support can be reduced by standardized IT services and products. If assets need to be repaired, you can access the contract data for them to ascertain if they are covered by the maintenance/warranty agreement. If required, you can call configuration data directly from the CMDB and answer service requests in IT support faster.