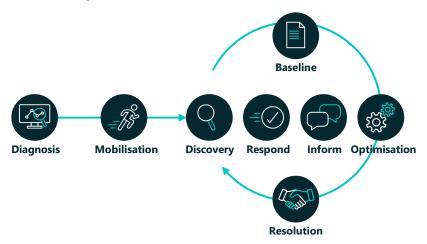


Without Software Asset Management (SAM) processes in place, many businesses either drift into non-compliance or do not gain the value expected from their investments in technology. The oversight and control over your Oracle licensing created by SAM delivers several significant benefits to your business.



Version 1 Control is our market leading Oracle Software Asset Management (SAM) methodology which underpins all our service engagements. Providing structure and processes to help organisations defend against Oracle audits, right-size licensing costs and achieve compliance, the methodology is designed to then maintain this optimal position on an on-going basis.

A recurring SAM process is the best way to avoid unplanned or unnecessary Oracle license costs, extract maximum value from your existing investments (e.g. by license recycling) and mitigate the risk of reputational or relationship damage caused by non-compliance.

Industry experts such as Gartner and FAST say that an effective SAM process can reduce overall IT spend by approximately 20%. Unlock these savings and benefits with Version 1 Control.

# **Key Features**

#### **Cost Control**

Version 1's expertise in mapping Oracle entitlements and usage enables optimal cost configurations. Our experience in hundreds of negotiations also ensures you pay the right prices for precisely the Oracle licenses and support you need.

# **Management of Complexity**

The myriad of Oracle products and license types adds to the complexity of managing Oracle. If usage and entitlement is not tracked carefully, this complexity is compounded, making it impossible to leverage what you already own and realise return on investment.

#### **Software Compliance**

Oracle audits can be particularly disruptive and can generate unplanned costs, create significant activities impacting the business and, in some cases, cause reputational damage.

## **Version 1 Control for Oracle: Methodology Elements**

#### **Diagnosis - Quantifying Your Risk:**

We seek to clarify how your Oracle assets are used today, analyse growth plans for future use and assess the maturity and risk profile of your current license management processes. Our Capability Maturity Model will benchmark your existing Oracle relationship and a Risk Assessment is undertaken to quantify the need for further analysis in this area during the engagement.

#### **Mobilisation - Aligning Stakeholders**

Version 1's consultants and the stakeholders within your business define the data and activities required to support the process. Typically, this will involve the specification of milestones throughout the year to map activity and ensure that the Version 1 Control processes will have the information they require, with a high degree of accuracy, and at the right time.

## **Discovery - Gathering Rock-solid Data**

At each iteration of the Control process, usage and entitlement data is refreshed for all Oracle products during Discovery. Detailed gathering of usage data is achieved using our Discovery toolset, any in-house tools, manual analysis or a combination of these methods, dependent on needs.

#### **Baseline - Monitoring Current Compliance**

After usage and entitlement changes are documented, Baseline again identifies the best fit licensing model for the current usage. This process also aids the management of shelving and recycling licenses organisation-wide to maximise the value derived from Oracle software investments.

#### Optimisation - Achieving the Optimal Licensing Model

No organisation remains static for long and the optimal management of change in license use can save overspend. Plans and business objectives are considered in detail and are used during this step to create recommended actions for a future-proof, optimal Oracle license position, covering such events as business growth, M&A, systems redesign and migration.

#### **Resolution - Negotiating the Optimal License Position**

Version 1 consultants use their extensive Oracle negotiation experience to advise and prepare you for negotiation, or even perform the negotiation on your behalf. Resolution creates the optimal balance between costs and license flexibility with a contract that covers all your needs.

#### **Respond - Providing Assistance as Required**

Respond ensures your employees have a method of getting experts to answer your Oracle licensing queries via a Helpline accessible by email or telephone.

#### **Inform - Sharing Our Expertise**

To avoid costly or complex pitfalls we believe it is critical that stakeholders are up to date and understand current Oracle licensing issues. Inform provides several methods of updating and educating your staff on your licensing position and changes to Oracle rules, polices and pricing models. By providing a monthly dashboard, Version 1 consultants also ensure they have a clear view of on-going compliance and SAM activities.

# **Key Features**

Rapidly attain an optimised cost and compliance profile for Oracle software spend

Track and tune the value delivered by Oracle ULAs

Avoid unplanned or unnecessary Oracle license or support costs

Mitigate Oracle costs on an ongoing basis

Manage uncertainty, organisational change and Oracle audits as they arise

# **Why Version 1?**

28 years of experience

13 global locations

6 strategic technology partners













12 years as a Great Place to Work









**Industry** best practice









