

# Dell KACE™ Software License Compliance



The software license compliance solution that saves you time and money

Dell KACE™ Management Appliances provide all of the inventory, asset management and reporting capabilities necessary to make software license compliance an easy-to-obtain reality.



## The challenge

Being unaware of what software is installed and being used within your organization can result in multiple layers of exposure, both fiscally and from the standpoint of overall network security and control. Managing installed software against license agreements and being aware of unauthorized programs, including games and peer-to-peer programs, is critical in protecting your organization from financial loss and possible litigation risks.

## The solution

Dell KACE provides a comprehensive solution with powerful tools for organizations of all sizes to implement software license compliance that allows them to track and meter software usage, automate software distribution and patching, and thereby proactively monitor and enforce compliance. The K1000 Management Appliance can save money for organizations through optimal utilization of purchased licenses, renegotiating contracts in a timely manner, and avoiding exposure to security threats. Knowledge of what software is installed and who is using it also helps to address software lifecycle management and migration issues, more effectively perform patch management for maximum security, as well as address the need for proof of compliance through comprehensive reporting.

"We're able to get a handle on what is out there, what is installed, how many licenses we are actually using and from that we got a bang for the buck right away."

**Jim Austin**

*Director of Technical Services,  
Webster Central School District*

## KACE Management Appliance Software License Compliance Benefits

- Provides fully automated software inventory and asset management capabilities
- Enables centrally managed software configuration management, distribution and control
- Delivers effective, economical software lifecycle management
- Incorporates comprehensive change tracking and reporting

KACE Appliances are available as both physical and virtual appliances, providing customers with a variety of deployment options and allowing them to leverage their investment in VMware Infrastructure.

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# Dell KACE Management Appliance Features Assisting in Software License Compliance

**Software inventory** includes auto-discovery of software across the network and a comprehensive, real-time view of which applications are installed on which systems.

- Detailed software inventory information for Windows, Mac, and Linux systems
- Agentless device discovery and SNMP inventory
- Easy-to-use web interface

**Software blacklisting** allows organizations to restrict software that may pose security threats or result in productivity loss.

- Allows organizations to tightly monitor and control software installed and used on their systems
- Enables administrators to ensure that blacklisted software is not installed on any system
- Provides organizational confidence of compliance

**Asset management** allows the assignment and reconciliation of software licenses against auto-discovered software to ensure organizations stay within license agreement terms.

- Audit any software title or digital asset and their configurations
- Track complete software asset history, including changes over time
- Ensure compliance with metering of software licenses and contracts
- Manage service and financial impact of asset data, and provide role-based access

**Software distribution** provides for centralized deployment or removal of applications, streamlining license compliance. Includes remote administration, installation and distribution of any application or digital asset to Windows, Mac and Linux systems.

- Schedule distributions and updates for groups of machines at convenient times
- Integration of real-time Active Directory and/or LDAP group deployments
- Enable software metering for license harvesting to reallocate or retire unused licenses

**Reporting and dashboards** provide comprehensive capabilities that help identify and address potential problems and provide proof of compliance in the event of audits.

- Flexible, wizard-based reporting tools for both routine and ad-hoc report generation
- Reconcile assets with financial data to ensure contract compliance
- Obtain quick insight into key management metrics
- 90+ pre-configured reports and support for 3rd party ODBC compliant reporting tools

**Alerts** encompass an important informational aspect of software license compliance and lifecycle management.

- User configurable e-mail alerts for asset changes, compliance policy violations and expiring maintenance, warranty and service contracts
- Individual e-mail alerts, or service desk notifications to automatically generate trouble tickets

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