

# Automated Software Inventory Uncovers Surprising Volume of Unused Software

An accurate IT inventory cannot be achieved by relying on manual processes and user reporting. However, the switch to an automated solution delivers many unexpected benefits.



## The Challenge - Reliance on Manual Software Reporting

Faced with a Microsoft License Audit, multi-million pound construction engineering company SIAC recognized gaps in the management of its software inventory. In short, management did not have accurate and up to date information regarding the number of software applications licensed, or in use. This led to concerns about software overspending, or under licensing in the company.

## The Solution – Automated Software Inventory

Clearly, the organization had grown to the point where it could no longer rely on manual querying of Desktops/Servers, or user reporting to ensure software license reconciliation. Thus, the search for an automated software inventory solution began. The result was the selection of iQuate's iQSonar network audit and inventory software.

## Benefits - Cutting Software Costs

iQSonar was installed in a matter of hours and the first comprehensive network scan underway. The results identified a surprising volume of expensive software installations that was unused. That pointed to unnecessary licensing and supporting costs.

The comprehensive software inventory now available, enabled IT Management to accurately plan and budget for software renewals. In particular, it provided the information required to renegotiate licensing with Microsoft and other software vendors. The result was a significant reduction in software spending.

iQSonar also provided a detailed inventory of all hardware spread throughout the organization, including servers, PCs, network devices, etc. Similar to the software inventory, the comprehensive scan pinpointed any devices that were underused, or at risk in terms of compliance with desktop standards, security software, etc.



“We have been able to uninstall unused and unnecessary instances and negotiate special rates based on actual statistics for many applications.”

“It has become so efficient that when someone changes job, for instance, the new user profile will automatically strip out applications that are not required, preventing the typical accumulation of licenses over a few years.”

