

Continuous License Reconciliation™ and Optimization

CLR for Oracle® Applications™

Managing your Oracle licensing can be challenging. It's complex and it seems like the rules are always changing. VMs, Processors, NUPs, Database Options, Cloud Installations and Enterprise licensing options make gaining control of your organization's Oracle license position feel like an impossible task.

Licensing of Oracle applications can represent a significant portion of your software budget, so having visibility into the current state of Oracle environments at all times is critical. It's also easy to get out of license compliance. Changes made by well-intentioned individuals who are not aware of the licensing consequences may result in very expensive out-of-compliance conditions. Technicians may turn on features or options during service work procedures, and if these are left enabled, your organization is liable for the cost of using them. These changes are often discovered for the first time during an Oracle audit, resulting in very costly penalties.

Eracent's automated discovery, reconciliation and optimization process helps reduce the stress around Oracle licensing. CLR for Oracle Applications provides clear visibility into Oracle database product installations - whether on-premise or in cloud environments - as well as the many configuration attributes that can have a significant impact on licensing costs. A modeling function also helps to optimize licensing and reduce costs by showing multiple "what-if" scenarios and the costs associated with each one.

The solution alerts software managers to any changes to their installed applications, newly utilized options and features, and any configuration changes to the physical and virtual server environments on which these applications are running.

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Solution Overview

Dashboards and reports in CLR for Oracle Applications provide software managers with a comprehensive view of Oracle-related activity:

- License agreements with grants, rights, terms and conditions
- Configuration of physical and virtual Oracle servers
- All instances where Oracle database products are installed
- Products, features and options that are installed and in use
- Usage data for cloud/SaaS installations
- Associated costs, payments and ongoing expenditures
- Upcoming renewal dates, and more

License Registration

Wizards guide users through the process of registering new Oracle licenses and associating them with servers and virtual machines, application systems, and license agreements.

Installation Detection

The ITMC Discovery™ process automatically identifies any physical or virtual servers where Oracle database products are installed. Detailed collection scans provide a comprehensive, real-time view of installed products, features and options. Granular utilization data is also provided for any Oracle installations in hosted cloud-based environments.

Reporting

The CLR process provides detailed reporting on actual license consumption and usage in comparison to purchased licenses. This information is provided in the Oracle Server Worksheet (OSW) format to meet Oracle's specified reporting requirements. The results may be viewed via the system's web interface, and reports and dashboards provide various combinations of data required for current license position reporting.

Benefits

- Automate Oracle license management processes
- Maintain a current license position baseline
- Optimize licensing and reduce expenditures
- Reduce audit risk and complexity

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