



# Software Categorisation Service

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SCC's Software Categorisation Service provides organisations with the understanding of what each piece of software installed on their network is. Organisations can understand by application category the software installed, and classify products to drive licensing planning and procurement decisions.

Our service will analyse the data and produce a deployment report listing the top 5 software categories to rationalise that provides a detailed summary with recommendations.

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## Challenges

1. **Do you want to rationalise down your software estate?**
2. **Do you want to optimise software spend?**
3. **Do you want to enhance procurement decisions?**

## Benefits of categorising your software

- Rationalise software to reduce spend
- Report spend and compliance by category
- Enhance procurement by preventing unnecessary spend
- Understand the purpose of all software installed
- React quickly to cybersecurity risks
- Free up time and resources for business critical tasks
- Reduce risk of licensing non-compliance

## How we do it

SCC's Software Categorisation Service enables IT and Operations Managers to make the best, most effective business decisions using the global standard United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC) classification system. This allows our service to provide recommendations for;

**Software Rationalisation:** We ensure the application category of each piece of software installed across your organisation is easily understood, enabling IT Managers to decide whether there are advantages to rationalising down the range of products in use.

**Reporting by Category:** By categorising software, IT and Procurement departments can create more detailed reports on annual software spend by product type; enabling them to understand exactly which products the budget is predominantly allocated. The procurement team can scrutinise the reports and decide whether savings can be made with alternative providers.

**User Profiling:** By gaining insight into the deployed software, as well as the capability to associate each piece of software to a user, the IT department can build accurate user profiles based on the categories of products in use. This enables organisations to ensure that users have the software they need and avoid paying for redundant software.

**Intelligent Procurement:** Instead of blindly obtaining new software on an ad-hoc basis for each single request, teams can easily check if similar software is already installed based on its classification. If a similar piece of software is already available, there may be no need to purchase new licenses, saving time and money.

**React to Vulnerabilities:** Cybersecurity issues occur in numerous different guises. It may become essential for an organisation to identify all of the, for example, internet browser products installed on a network. Ordinarily this would involve creating a list of known browsers and then comparing this to the network install list from a discovery solution. This is risky as any browser currently unknown to the IT department will be overlooked. With software product categorisation, the IT Team can simply filter their discovered software by category and isolate the internet browsers, ensuring they capture 100% of the desired installations.

## Powered by License Dashboard

SCC's Software Categorisation Service is powered by License Dashboard's Software Asset Management technology platform. License Dashboard enables both large and fast-growing organisations to optimise their virtual, cloud and desktop estate in order to vastly reduce software costs, ensure licensing compliance and drive efficient business processes for users beyond the IT department.

