

SAM Connector

Your Key Business Value Lies in Data Integration

Data Integration Is Key

Take the Frustration Out of Assembling SAM Data

Compliance data can exist in diverse formats and be scattered across your enterprise. Assembling relevant data can be frustrating, time-consuming and difficult. In the worst cases, the challenges can derail a project or erode the value of a SAM implementation as data is not refreshed often enough to remain relevant.

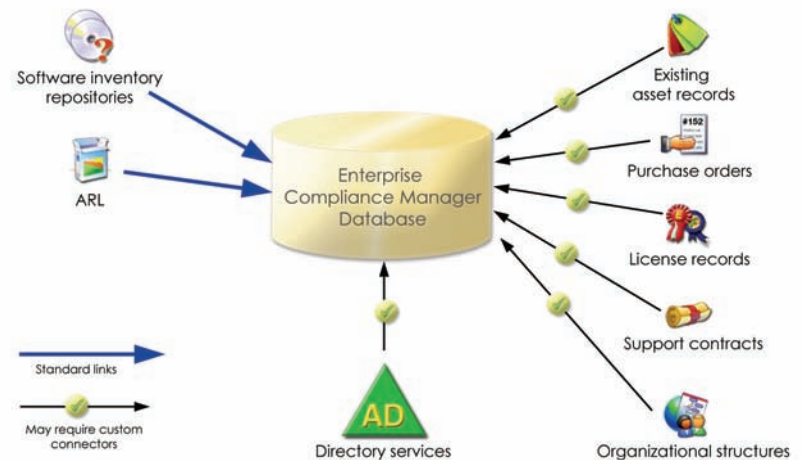
Data Integration Designed for You

ManageSoft can build custom data connectors that establish the data links between your diverse systems. These tools are supported with processes that ensure the data connection is maintained over time.



Most organizations have purchase and contract information in financial and procurement systems that store data in repositories such as spreadsheets or databases. Assets are often identified in these systems by codes that are unique to the organization, making customization essential.

ManageSoft consulting services can develop specialized “connectors” that allow you to load your purchase and contract information into the Enterprise Compliance Manager database.



While Enterprise Compliance Manager has a number of data connectors available, the diversity of systems in use even within a single enterprise often requires some customization.

Connecting You to Your Purchase and Contract Data

Successful compliance management requires that you can link the electronic inventory of your software assets with business records of your legal entitlements to those installations. This linking process cannot be sidestepped; it is the essence of compliance validation.

Connectors are tools for data integration that provide a mapping of source (procurement) data, to target (ManageSoft) data. This mapping allows Enterprise Compliance Manager to reconcile installed software against purchased licenses.

Connectors can import diverse types of data such as:

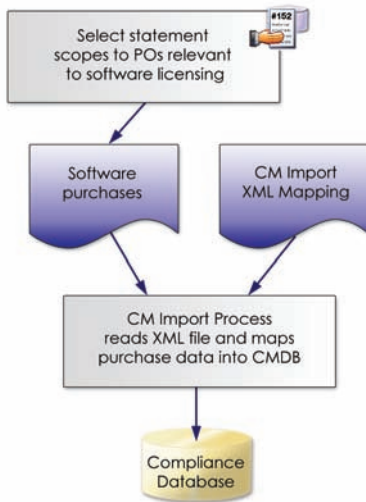
- Inventory data from third-party data sources
- Software asset/purchase spreadsheets from VARS (Insight, ASAP, SHI, and so on)
- Software purchase information from the procurement system
- Hardware asset/purchase spreadsheets from hardware vendors
- Enterprise groups or corporate business unit information from spreadsheets, Active Directory, or the HR system
- User data from the HR system.

Each connector provides a template for the ongoing data load from its designated source.

What We Do and What You Get

ManageSoft consultants:

- Analyze existing purchasing and contract data



A data connector links to the appropriate database, selects the relevant data, and maps it into the relevant columns of your Enterprise Compliance Manager database. Where the existing system is not a candidate for retirement, processes are put in place to automate this data gathering cycle over time.

Deliverables

SAM Connector design and implementation that includes:

- SAM Connector design
- Connector mapping file
- Initial data load report.

Timeline and Milestones

ManageSoft consultants develop a delivery timeline that fits your specific data transfer requirements.

Connector development engagements range in time from one week for simple, single table type connectors, to multiple weeks for complex, multi-table, or system-to-system connectors.

- Map collected data to tables and fields in the Enterprise Compliance Manager database
- Build and test XML files that embody the resulting mapping to enable reusability
- Develop procedures for validating and cleansing imported data
- Provide an ongoing process for regularly importing data.

The ManageSoft consultants will complete the engagement by performing an initial data load and completing an initial data load report.

ManageSoft Expertise

For more than 15 years, the team at ManageSoft has been at the forefront of software deployment and software asset management best practices. Our professional services consultants are SAM and ITIL certified with broad experience that enables them to quickly reach an understanding of your business issues and imperatives. In partnership with you, they apply proven methodologies to deliver best practice SAM processes tailored to your specific organizational requirements.

About ManageSoft Consulting Services

ManageSoft Consulting Services help you implement compliance and software deployment solutions to gain control of the software assets distributed throughout your enterprise and effectively manage those assets. A combination of packaged and customized services ensures that your investment in SAM rapidly delivers real business value.

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