

Oracle Java Service



\$2M

In penalty avoidance

The Oracle Java problem

Approximately 90% of organizations worldwide use Oracle Java. That means your organization almost certainly uses it even if you don't realize it. But changes to Oracle licensing means your organization could be at financial risk. Here's what's changed:

Binary Code License

Java was provided at no-cost under the Binary Code License (BCL) for over 20 years, but since April 2019, all future releases of Java require a commercial license from Oracle.

Most customers have downloaded and installed the no-cost version but by applying the latest patches, they have unwittingly upgraded to commercial versions requiring a paid-for license.

Oracle has identified Java as a major revenue source and are now aggressively targeting customers who have downloaded and installed the product and who are unknowingly using commercially licensable versions of the software.

Java SE Universal Subscription


In January 2023, Oracle replaced the previous licensing metrics of Processor and Named User Plus with the 'all-employee' Java SE Universal Subscription.

It meant that customers could no longer license the servers and desktops where Java was installed. Instead, they would have to buy a license for every employee, regardless of how much Java they used.

The license defines employees as '*all your full-time, part-time, and temporary employees, and all of the full-time, part-time and temporary employees of your agents, contractors, outsourcers, and consultants that support your internal business operations*'.

The financial impact?

As an example, a business with 25,000 employees would need to pay \$6.75 per employee, per month. That's over \$2m a year!



Livingstone has developed a market-leading, all-encompassing Oracle Java Service to help you understand Java's licensing implications and manage Java in complex environments.

The approach

Discover

We give you a crystal-clear view of your Java deployments across your estate and the associated licensing requirements (your Effective License Position) so that you know your potential risk.

Decide

Choose to commercially license Oracle Java or migrate off it completely. We help you identify the costs and associated risks for both options. Simply removing Java may not be viable if it underpins core systems your organization relies on. Our consultants help you decide on the most cost-effective and business appropriate path.

Do

Once you know what you want to do, we provide you with a roadmap to remove Java from your estate with risk mitigation or give you negotiation strategies to get the best possible commercial solutions if you choose to stay with Oracle.

The Oracle Java Service includes:

- 1 | Holistic review of Java consumption (Effective license position)
- 2 | Risk mitigation and strategic migration plan
- 3 | Commercial negotiation support with Oracle
- 4 | Ongoing support for Oracle Java licensing

Use examples

Uncertain Java license position:

For customers who are aware that the dynamics of Java licensing has changed but aren't sure how it affects them, Livingstone's Oracle Java service gives them clarity on the extent of their Java usage across their organisation so that the most cost effective next steps can be planned.

Contacted by Oracle:

For customers who have been contacted by Oracle about Java and need a plan to on how best to move forward, Livingstone arms you with detailed information on your potential exposure as well as your options for moving forward. If choosing to buy an Oracle license, we give you negotiation strategies to get the best price.

What makes this service unique?

Livingstone's service is results orientated. No matter how Java is deployed within your business, our service will guide you to a position that delivers demonstrable business value. Livingstone has a unique repository of third party Oracle Java redistribution licenses. This provides customers with a greater level of accuracy for their Java license reviews.

The results

Our customers have had the following outcomes:

UK BANK

8,000 Employees
Revenues: \$4bn

Cost saving of

£1m

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

30,000 Employees
Revenues: \$8bn

Cost saving of

\$2m

MANUFACTURING

155,000 Employees
Revenues: €36bn

Java license discount secured

70%

The outcomes



Clarity of Java
license position



Better negotiated
Oracle license price



Java migration
strategy

FAQs

How does Oracle know I have Java deployed?

Oracle can track the email address of users who have downloaded the product from Oracle.com. Moreover, some version of Java include 'phone home' features for sharing functionality and performance data back to Oracle. IP address of devices from where it has been installed can be tracked back to individual companies providing Oracle evidence that Java is in use.

Can Oracle audit me?

It depends on what you have previously purchased and what you have downloaded and installed. Irrespective of Oracle's right to audit, they are the intellectual property owners of Oracle Java and will use all available legal avenues to protect their intellectual property rights.

Can I use my old licenses?

The short answer is yes. The license changes do not affect previous licenses either perpetual or subscription.

Can I buy more of my old licenses?

You can, providing that you have kept your licenses in support. But Oracle hints that this won't continue much longer. As a result, it is critical to understand your Java license position now, as a problem you can currently solve for a small investment could end up costing millions in the long term.

Ready to learn how to solve
the Oracle Java puzzle?

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