

Case Study

Oracle Java ELP

Exec Summary

It pays to get a second opinion. Read how Livingstone helped a UK bank navigate their Oracle Java licensing, avoiding a hefty £1 million license fee.

A long-standing customer of Oracle technology, this UK banking client utilizes both on-premise and cloud-based products across a variety of functions within the business. They are also an existing customer of Livingstone's, having entered into a multi-year managed service partnership, focused on tier-one publishers including Oracle, Microsoft, and IBM.



The challenge

While engaging with Oracle as part of the bank's annual renewal (to support the various on-premise and cloud-based products they use) the subject of Java licensing was raised.

Oracle indicated that the client would have to buy a license to cover all their employees, agents, contractors, and outsourcers. Something the client had not planned for in their budget.

By seeking a second opinion with Livingstone, we helped the client avoid unhidden license costs of over £1 million.

The bank wanted a second opinion and turned to Livingstone's market-leading experts to understand the licensing rules concerning Java and if an additional license from Oracle was required.



The solution

After confirming that no Java licenses had been procured by our client, Livingstone invited the bank's technical teams to a Java workshop.

This collaborative exercise explored the bank's inventory technology, as well as their known usage of Java within core business applications. The purpose of this was to deep dive into what the bank was actively using the software for, as well as discovering any outliers.

At the end of the workshop, Livingstone's experts identified which of the bank's existing inventory tools would be capable of providing relevant inventory data to perform the effective license position (ELP). As well as this, they verified that Java's prime use within the bank was as a platform for existing Oracle technology.



The solution

The next step was data gathering. Using techniques prescribed by Livingstone's experts, the bank set about gathering the relevant raw inventory needed for a comprehensive Java review and shared this with Livingstone.

Livingstone designed and built a unique Java data-processing engine that uses multivariate analysis to crunch through millions of lines of Java inventory data. This accurately assigns each installation of Java to its correct licensing scenario.

Livingstone processed the bank's data and was able to identify thousands of installations of Java within the bank. With Livingstone's market-leading Java solution providing in-depth analysis of these installations, it was possible to map them to the existing Oracle products containing Restricted Use rights for Oracle Java.



The result

Armed with Livingstone's Java ELP, the bank was able to refute Oracle's claim of an additional Java license being required, thus avoiding over £1 million in license fees.

MAIN STATS

8k
Number of employees

£4b
Revenues

UK
Client location

£1m
Cost avoidance

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