

Case Study

Oracle Java ELP

Exec Summary

As a technology and engineering business, this customer has a long-standing relationship with Oracle, utilising various on-premise products across a variety of functions within the business. They are also an existing customer of Livingstone having entered a multi-year managed service partnership focusing on tier one publishers such as Oracle, Microsoft, and IBM.



The challenge

The customer owned some older perpetual Java licenses and after becoming aware of the changes in the licensing metric they were concerned they could be targeted for a Java audit without knowing their compliance position. The customer engaged Livingstone to perform a compliance analysis of their Java consumption.



The solution

Livingstone engaged with the customer to perform a full effective license position (ELP) of their Java consumption.

Initially performing a full review of the licenses the customer had previously bought, Livingstone collaborated with the customers technical teams to extract the relevant inventory as well as environmental and infrastructural data needed for a comprehensive Java review.

The next step was data processing, Livingstone have designed and built a unique Java data processing engine which uses multivariate analysis to crunch through millions of lines of Java inventory data to accurately assign each installation of Java into its correct licensing scenario.

MAIN STATS

30k

Number of employees

£8b

Revenues

Multinational

Client location

£2m

Cost avoidance

Livingstone processed the customers data and were able to identify thousands of installations of Java.

However, with Livingstone's market leading Java solution providing in-depth analysis on these installations it was possible to map them to the use existing Oracle products which contained Restricted Use rights for Oracle Java and 3rd Party products which possess a Java redistribution right.

Subsequently, only a small number of deployments were discovered which would have required an additional commercial Java license. Even though small in number, because those deployments sat on VMware this finding could have resulted in a \$2m commercial resolution being insisted on by Oracle. Regardless that most of the Java use from within the business was covered under existing licenses or the restricted use rights granted by other Oracle products.



The result

The customer was able to remove the small number of deployments of Java which were not covered by their existing licenses.

On top of this, as they now understood how the risk had been created, they were able to implement policies to ensure that individuals couldn't download and install commercial releases of Java outside of core IT policy. This provided them with protection from any claims from Oracle for additional Java licensing.

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