

DynamicLicenseControl simplifies the SAP system audit, avoids additional licensing costs and saves 30% of the costs



The continuing global expansion of SAP is the reason for the Metro AG to introduce SAP in all affiliated companies. SAP is used in over 200 systems via affiliated companies. The SAP CCC of the Metro AG is responsible for executing central system measurement and the updating of data. This regular system measurement is SAP's tool to check if the contractual number of licenses is still in agreement with the original contract or if it was exceeded.



METRO AG

Commercial Trading – that is the world of METRO Group, one of the largest trading conglomerates worldwide. It was founded in 1996 by merging several major trading enterprises. Today, METRO AG is found at the top of a capital-market-oriented, powerful trading conglomerate with an international profile. The METRO GROUP is successfully engaged in commercial trading activities in more than 2,400 locations in 31 countries. Well-known names are recognized by the consumer everywhere:



Initial position of METRO:

Complex structures handicap the central measurement in SAP

The measurement of more than 200 systems with a five-digit number of users exceeds everything previously done before user measurements were executed. A central consolidation of measurement data using SAP standard software is hardly possible because of inconsistent UserID-Schema (the same person was entered with different writing conventions, like John Kaiser or J. Kaiser), and also because of complex codepage- and country settings. The centralized measurement additionally causes different or incorrect user classifications. The inaccuracy of the data is greater than 10%. The central allocation of license costs to subsidiaries according to SAP license measurement results is a function wanted by Metro – but not available with standard SAP functions.

Fast, precise and profitable:

DynamicLicenseControl

DynamicLicenseControl is a module of the IT - Controlling software AccountMan. It offers a new approach in the SAP system audit and thus delivers a functionality that is not available as standard in the SAP License Administration Workbench (LAW). It allows the user to centrally perform compliance checks and consolidate user master data for all connected systems. Within a few minutes the user can detect the data records that would lead to an incorrect evaluation in the system audit.

DLC prevents doublets or multiple counting of one user. Furthermore, by using user roles or user statistics of the CCMS, one can check if the user is really using the assigned license utilities according to the license type.

Using DynamicLicenseControl results in a consolidated system measurement, which produces a clear measurement protocol that shows the exact license need of a client.

Time and expenses for the central administrative tasks in a complex system environment (over 200 systems were measured) are significantly reduced due to the easy and comfortable handling of DLC. Staff members in the support department have the benefit of a decreasing workload.

DLC also delivers exact data for license planning and makes a transfer of license costs to subsidiaries possible.



MGI Metro Group Information Technology GmbH

MGI was founded in 1996 to integrate the individual computer centers of the growing conglomerate. The Informatics/Computer Science-Service Company has accompanied the growth and realized the dynamic development processes of the IT infrastructure. Today, app. 760 staff members work for the largest DataWarehouse in the European Trading Environment. MGI developed the first merchandise management system based on Internet Technology. One of the most comprehensive personnel accounting installations with approximately 100.000 HR postings per month and the stable administration are part of the daily challenges of the largest European conglomerate network.

Conclusions

Using DynamicLicenseControl cleared up the user master data and created the following benefits for Metro AG

- » Avoidance of additional licensing costs which saved
- » a six-digit amount in Euro/expenses
- » Considerable reduction of system measurement time as well as
- » transferring allocation of SAP license costs to the appropriate subsidiaries.

Project Data

Status: Productive since summer 2005
Users: Two employees measure and classify more than 25.000 Users on 200 systems
Platform: Windows 2000 / Oracle