

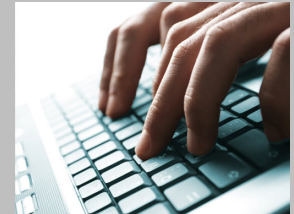


Microsoft is Auditing Businesses for Software Compliance

Microsoft has developed a process that is designed to audit a company's use of Microsoft's software. Audit specialists have been deployed and have already begun to contact some of our clients.

What is a Microsoft Software Audit?

Software Asset Management (SAM) creates a detailed report on the gaps between software installations, licenses, and usage rights. It is an inventory system set in place by Microsoft that is designed to identify and track licensed and unlicensed software.



Why SAM?

Software Asset Management exists in order to promote software compliance, that is, the legal use of a company's software license. Companies, such as Microsoft, audit their client's licenses in order to ensure that the software is being used legally and is adhering to the terms that are stated in the license agreement.

How Will This Affect My Business?

If the software deployed at your office is illegal or incorrect, Microsoft will ask you to purchase the required software to be compliant.

When Will I Be Audited?

Currently, Software Asset Management consultants choose companies to audit through random selection. If your company is selected, you will be contacted by one of Microsoft's Software Asset Management Consultants.



Need Help?

Fortify has already assisted our clients with their software evaluations, as we understand that license audits can be stressful and inconvenient. If you are contacted by Microsoft and require assistance with your software evaluation, please contact us at:

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