Types of Software Licensing and a SMART ALTERNATIVE

Managing software across every PC in your network with a single license is fast and easy. However, many businesses can be overwhelmed by the number of different licenses out there, and **if done wrong, money is lost.**

Here are the most common types of licenses you will come across when considering your needs.

Volume
Limited to a specific number of PCs.

Site
Location specific software only accessible online.

Server
Single copy license accessible to a set number of devices per server.

Per Seat
PC specific, requires additional copies per machine.

Per Core
Requires all the physical cores on a server to run an instance of the software.

Per Processor
Unlimited but dedicated to one server and the number of processors located there.

Per Mailbox
Education specific, typically used with an exchange server for mailbox mode license deployment.

Upgrades and Add-ons
Software can offer additional solutions beyond their standard capabilities.

Not sure which you need and how much time it will require initially and routinely? Don't worry, with so many license types, it's easy to become overwhelmed.

Here's 3 approaches you can take:

- **Direct:** One time purchase
- **Cloud Marketplace:** Recurring revenue subscription
- **XaaS:** Bundle hardware and software

Choosing Cloud or XaaS is a more streamlined experience that most businesses opt in for:

- **More customized purchasing options**
- **Easier upgrades**
- **Time saving**

Contact us to learn how your business can speed up the licensing process while always staying up to date across all your channels!

How to Prepare for Software
AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

Refreshing technology and software is a common occurrence for businesses that want to stay modern. However, incorporating all your software licenses and making sure everything is compatible with your new machines can be a daunting task.

Back-up everything

Don't just make a single backup plan, make two that are different from one another to ensure your valuable data is safe and secure no matter what.

Understand the upgrade requirements

Determine any re-development needs and integrations including any historical data from customizations.

Have an upgrade plan

Figure out what needs upgraded, redeveloped, or newly developed. Also understand how the upgrade will be performed as well as the time, people, resources, and budget required to do so efficiently.

Have a roll-out plan

Know what to do if there's an outage or any other potential setbacks. Send out messages to stakeholders that break down your plan and keep everything clear, so they know how to pivot if needed.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO CONSIDER WHEN UPGRADING SOFTWARE AND TECHNOLOGY:

Run a trial upgrade

Running a copy of the live site is a perfect way to identify code or database conflicts, this way you'll know exactly what kind of added work will be needed before your deadline.

Configure what's needed

Allot your site administrators the time needed to guarantee functionality and more that's been newly introduced, so they can properly configure it to their specific needs.

Always make documentation:

Knowing how to highlight the differences between upgrades will help you leverage a more cost effective and streamlined upgrade in the future.

Finally, make sure you review your upgrade annually to determine its impact on your business.

Don't have time for all this? We can do it all for you! Contact us now to uncover the potential of XaaS and other modern solutions.