IBM LICENCE METRIC TOOL SERVICES
Licence management made easy

Use of the IBM Licence Metric Tool (ILMT) is a contractual requirement for all businesses using IBM Passport Advantage software. It is a requirement defined in the IBM Sub-Capacity terms and conditions. The problem is that while the ILMT is free, getting it up and running can be a challenge – and keeping it running even more so.

Many companies mistakenly believe they don’t need to maintain their ILMT to keep a consistent record of their IBM licence usage because they have special terms and conditions. This is not the case. Every customer must maintain a consistent record of their IBM licence usage, including for software that has been uninstalled for up to 24 months.

The comprehensive nature of the ILMT requires you to deploy considerable hardware and software resources to keep it running, often greater than that used by the IBM software itself. Additionally, the tool is complex, requiring specialist knowledge of its IBM BigFix deployment platform and it requires frequent manual updates of both the processor and software signature tables.

How Invictus Partners can help
Invictus Partners offers ILMT Cloud Services based on the latest ILMT version. Our service frees up your existing ILMT/BigFix physical server and human support resources and provides you with a monthly status report and quarterly audit snapshot. So you don’t have to worry about IBM licence compliance, or resourcing and managing this complex tool.

Our service is performed by highly skilled ex-IBM software licensing and auditing personnel. Our reporting is completely confidential, with all data held in Australia on our own private servers.

Our service is contracted on a monthly basis by the number of monitored endpoints for the predominate PVU metric. There are additional services for non-PVU based metrics and mobile workstations.

Benefits of choosing Invictus Partners to manage your ILMT
• Knowledge and experience – we know how to manage the tool and make it work for you
• Frees your resources – we maintain it on our private servers
• Cost avoidance – we ensure the right remedial actions are taken to avoid over-licence deployments
• Cost savings – we ensure you pay the optimal IBM subscription and support charge

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How the Invictus Partners ILMT Cloud Service works

Most customers require an initial baseline audit review to resolve any errors in IBM’s subscription and support billing and other metrics like UVU (users), Tiers (terabytes) or Tokens. If you have not done a baseline audit, we begin by running this for you to prepare your business for the managed service.

From there the Invictus Partners ILMT Cloud Service takes over the management of your ILMT, and provides the support, knowledge and report collateral you need to successfully and effectively manage your IBM licence usage.

The Invictus Partners’ ILMT Cloud Service is a hosted/managed service that provides:

- A monthly usage report maintained for IBM’s mandated period (currently 24 months)
- Monitor VMware every 30 minutes
- A report snapshot every three months for your IBM Licence Audit
- Extensive and immediate support to rectify any over-licence deployments across your business and remedial help to ensure the right actions are taken to address any potential issues going forward
- Expert advice and support to ensure that any IBM Passport Advantage terms and condition changes do not impact your existing contract. This can be an issue because IBM regularly announces changes to Passport Advantage which can impact on your contract.

About Invictus Partners’ IBM Baseline Consulting Services

IBM, like most other software companies, charges annual maintenance through software subscription and support. Invictus Partners’ IBM Baseline Consulting Service is performed by ex-IBM software employees and will validate your renewal quotation in line with IBM’s published Passport Advantage terms and conditions.

IBM is one of the world’s most complex software vendors, with over 200 licensing metrics that stretch from mobile devices to mainframe computers.

Our Baseline Consulting Service staff have experience with all forms of IBM software, including distributed, System z, System p and System i. Our service calculates and resolves not only the well-known processor or PVU IBM metric but also other forms of IBM Value Unit such as user-based (UVU) or tier-based structures.

Invictus Partners’ IBM Baseline Consulting Services ensure you pay the optimal IBM subscription and support charge consistent with your supplied software deployment information. We receive no software revenue from IBM, so you can be assured of our recommendation accuracy, confidentiality and independence.

The importance of a baseline audit

The ILMT’s accuracy and audit defensibility is dependent on an accurate subscription and support baseline, as most IBM software publications consist of many individual titles. These titles may be bundled with the original licence depending on the method of deployment, installation and user access.

Invictus Partners’ ILMT services require an existing and current IBM baseline report in order to resolve ILMT product bundling and input of non-PVU based metrics that are collected by manual custom scripting before annual subscription and support renewal or IBM audit.