

# From Spreadsheets to Strategic Asset Management: A Transformation Fueled by ServiceNow SAM

The customer is a leading IT services organization with a global presence, dedicated to delivering innovative technology solutions to businesses across various sectors. With a workforce of over 3,000 employees and a client base that includes Fortune 500 companies, the customer has built a strong reputation for excellence in IT management and services. Their extensive portfolio includes cloud services, data analytics, and managed services, showcasing their commitment to driving digital transformation for their clients.

## “Managing Software Assets Manually is like Managing Your Finances with a Shoebox of Receipts”

The organization's remarkable success and rapid expansion created new opportunities and challenges in managing its software assets. As a growing industry leader serving Fortune 500 clients, their initial Excel-based license management system—which had served them well in their early stages—was reaching its natural limits in the face of their impressive scale.

This growth-driven evolution brought several key areas into focus:

- **Scale and Complexity:** Their expanding global footprint demanded more advanced tracking



and optimization capabilities

- **Enterprise-Level Requirements:** Growing adoption of mission-critical products like Microsoft SQL Server and VMware necessitated automated license management
- **Business Agility:** Continued market success required a more integrated approach to support rapid scaling and new opportunities

To meet their goals, the customer recognized the need for a comprehensive solution. ServiceNow Software Asset Management (SAM) Pro emerged as an ideal fit, offering robust capabilities to enhance

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visibility, control, and compliance over software licenses.

After careful evaluation, the organization partnered with INRY to implement ServiceNow SAM Pro. INRY's proven expertise in ServiceNow implementations and commitment to long-term success made them the ideal transformation partner.

In just 11 weeks, INRY delivered a comprehensive solution that revolutionized their software asset management approach.

## INRY's Winning and Transformative Approach

Recognizing that true digital transformation goes beyond mere automation, INRY architected a solution that would provide real-time visibility into license utilization while proactively identifying cost-saving opportunities. INRY's approach also focused on usability, building an intuitive workspace for IT stakeholders where complex licensing data could be easily accessed, analyzed, and acted upon. INRY established a foundation for proactive license management rather than reactive compliance checks. This strategic vision materialized through six key components.

- **Comprehensive License Management:** Microsoft SQL and Windows Server licenses were integrated to ensure compliance and optimize software usage. Reclamation rules were implemented to recover unused entitlements, reducing costs and maximizing license utilization
- **Streamlined License Recovery and Reconciliation:** Automated workflows were configured to simplify license recovery during software decommissioning, while reconciliation processes were enhanced to maintain compliance accuracy and minimize errors
- **Centralized Contract and Content Management:** Centralized software license contracts were established to enable cost tracking, renewal management, and seamless linking to software entitlements. The Content Library Portal was configured to provide AI-driven searches for software versions, lifecycle dates, and updates, enhancing efficiency
- **Efficient Renewal Tracking and Notifications:** A robust reporting mechanism was implemented to give detailed insights into expiring entitlements. Users can easily access the Renewals Calendar within the

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Software Asset Workspace to track upcoming and expired renewals

- **Enhanced Discovery and Asset Tracking:** Discovery Source configurations were refined to accurately identify installations using tools like SCCM and ServiceNow Discovery, ensuring precise tracking of software assets and reducing discrepancies
- **Unified Workspace and Advanced Dashboards:** A comprehensive Workspace was created to consolidate all SAM activities, providing intuitive dashboards for real-time insights. Features such as Software Asset Analytics, Publisher Analytics, and Normalization Dashboards delivered actionable metrics to support informed decision-making

## Key Business Outcomes Achieved

- **License Optimization:** The implementation allowed the customer to maximize the value derived from their software investments by ensuring optimal use of licenses and reducing unnecessary costs

- **Enhanced Visibility of Software Licenses:** Provided the customer with full visibility into their software assets, allowing for better tracking of licenses, ensuring compliance, and optimizing usage
- **Cost Optimization:** Reclamation rules and automated workflows, the customer reclaimed unused software entitlements, leading to significant cost savings and more efficient software license management
- **Improved Efficiency:** Automated license recovery workflows and the streamlined Software Asset Workspace increased operational efficiency by reducing manual efforts and simplifying the management of software assets
- **Easier Audit Management:** Comprehensive reporting streamlined audit preparation, ensuring compliance with licensing agreements and mitigating risks associated with software audits

## Beyond Implementation: INRY's Ongoing Partnership and Support

The partnership between the customer and INRY extended beyond the SAM Pro implementation, with workshops, show-me sessions, and comprehensive user training enabling the customer to effectively leverage



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SAM features and manage other licenses. Ongoing post-implementation support includes regular check-ins, ensuring any challenges or queries regarding system usage and enhancements are addressed.



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