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Product Brief

CA Asset Portfolio Management

Key Benefits

- **Get more from your IT assets**. Know your hardware fees and reallocate underutilized assets.
- **Negotiate better contracts**. Better control of vendor relationships and contract negotiations.
- **Minimize contract penalties**. Properly administer vendor contract terms to reduce extra fees and penalties.
- **Streamline efficiency**. Automate the review, approval, and fulfillment processes for hardware requests.

Key Features

- **Unified Self-Service**. A search-centric approach to access knowledge, ask questions, collaborate, resolve issues, request services, and view assets from one screen, even on mobile devices.
- **Financial management**. Identify assets and costs, manage payment schedules, and increase visibility into the financial impacts of assets.
- **Vendor management**. Manage vendor profiles and vendor contracts.
- **Contract management**. Manage and standardize legal documents and terms.
- **Impact analysis**. View relationships between assets, models, vendors, individuals, and legal documents.
- **Automated IT processes**. Receive rule-based notifications of critical dates, and integrate with systems through Web services.
- **Comprehensive decision support**. Graphically map data from various sources for comprehensive analysis through advanced search and reporting.

Overview

CA Asset Portfolio Management provides an enterprise solution that enables you to holistically manage your organization's IT hardware assets, from planning and requisitioning, to retirement and disposal. These capabilities manage IT assets and resources as they relate to vendors, contracts, and the financial impact on the organization. The solution helps you rein in spiraling IT costs and boost ROI by identifying underutilized hardware assets, improving hardware usage profiles, managing contracts and usage patterns, and giving you a thorough understanding of the true costs of your IT asset base.

Business Challenges

As IT infrastructure complexity continues to grow, tracking and managing hardware infrastructure becomes more challenging. You need to determine what assets are being leveraged and you must also reduce asset sprawl while aligning with existing leasing agreements. Many organizations today are unable to manage the entire asset lifecycle, vendor history, contractual elements, and cost elements of their assets.

With poor visibility into asset lifecycles, organizations cannot efficiently allocate existing resources and often rely on costly manual fulfillment, management, and inventory methods. Pools of unleveraged assets sit idle while overwhelming demand puts a strain on others, resulting in the over- or under-purchasing of assets.

Manging IT assets effectively over time is difficult because IT assets are complex and ever changing. If you are improperly managing assets, it is virtually impossible to put a true value on your technology investments, to calculate ROI, and to control costs.

Solutions Overview

CA Asset Portfolio Management provides comprehensive asset lifecycle management that helps control IT spending and improves service delivery with stock-on-hand inventory fulfillment. From hardware to facilities, and mobile terms to maintenance contracts, CA Asset Portfolio Management helps you to determine precisely what you are paying for. Armed with that knowledge, you can optimize your cost structure and reallocate underutilized assets. Further, you can improve service delivery with automated review, approval, and fulfillment processes for hardware requests. And your business consumers can view their assets, collaborate and get answers in a modern self-service experience.,

CA Asset Portfolio Management enables financial analysis of asset costs via payment streams based on contract terms, such as recurring periods and escalation percentages, to see past payments and future commitments. Reconcile vendor invoices by capturing the negotiated cost and payment details. And automate notification of upcoming maintenance renewals, cancellation deadlines, payment due dates and lease expirations.

Solutions Overview (cont.)

CA Asset Portfolio Management helps you to manage documents, create contract templates, and standardize terms and conditions for easy reporting and analysis. You can create an aggregated view of a vendor, including electronic documents, pertinent agreements, costs and total dollars spent, that can give you better leverage during contract negotiations.

CA Asset Portfolio Management overcomes the following challenges:

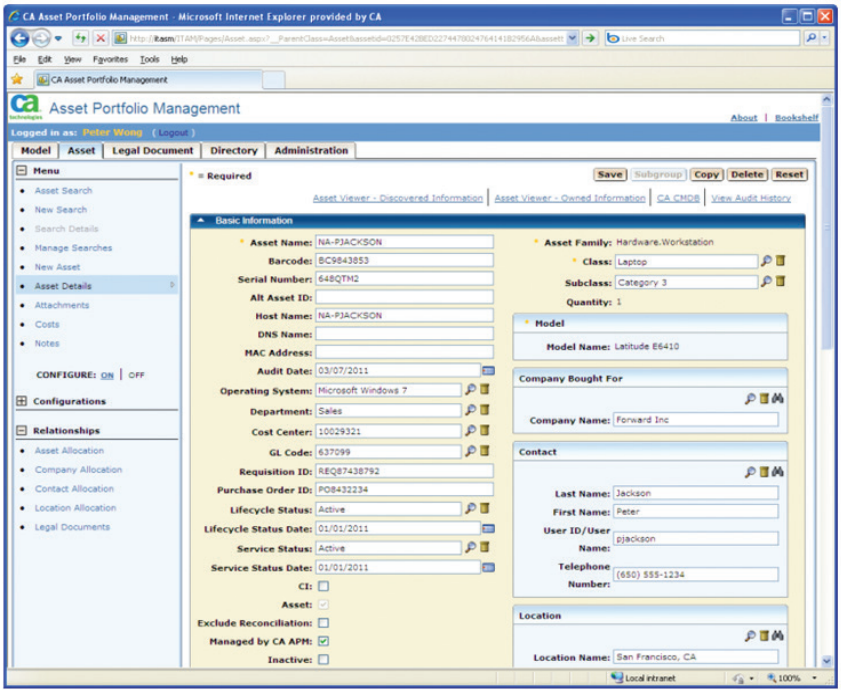
- **Infrastructure constraints**. Reduce the amount of hardware and software needed for a highly scalable, productive, unconstrained development and testing environment.
- **External service constraints**. Eliminate barriers and streamline development by simulating dependent systems including mainframes, external service providers and ERP systems.
- **Parallel development constraints**. Allow projects to be developed in parallel instead of a classic serial, waterfall model, accelerating development and time-to-market.
- **Test scenario constraints**. Dramatically simplify the creation and management of development and testing processes, such as test data, system configuration, and other non-value-add activities.

Critical Differentiators

CA Asset Portfolio Management is a market leader in IT asset management, providing strong financial, contract and vendor management, enabling data-driven negotiations and business-driven decision making. CA Asset Portfolio Management provides a fully web-based, scalable technology to suit the needs of organizations of all sizes, accelerating return on investment, and reducing total cost of ownership. Also, you get a clear asset management approach that can be integrated with the Broadcom project and portfolio management, service catalog, and service desk capabilities, including an integrated CMDB. The result is a defined and achievable pathway to asset management maturity.

The rich out-of-the-box content and an easily-configured user interface enable intuitive navigation and flexible reporting without performing and supporting cumbersome and expensive customizations. Business consumers can see and act on hardware assets assigned to them. They can also search and collaborate using the self-service capabilities of CA Service Management.

These capabilities enable CA Asset Portfolio Management to provide visibility and control of IT assets throughout their lifecycle, to reduce costs, mitigate risk, and enforce consistency.



CA Asset Portfolio Management provides visibility and control of IT assets.

Related Products

- **Service Desk**. Associates assets to incidents, problems, or changes, and to the CMDB.
- **Service Catalog**. Automates review, approval, and fulfillment. Users can request assets and services with self-service.
- **Advanced Reporting**. Users can easily create and share interactive dashboards and reports.

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