

Discovery 2005™

from Centennial Software

Make the right decision...

At a glance

Discovery 2005:

- Provides 100% visibility of all IT assets on your network
- Is the only solution to accurately track asset location
- Helps managers understand their software estate with value-add product information
- Has the most accurate Software Recognition Engine on the market
- Provides advanced web-based reports for compliance, project management, security and optimization
- Works across all major platforms, not just Microsoft
- Is quicker to install, deploy and audit than any other asset tracking solution
- Has the lowest impact on network bandwidth of any solution on the market
- Supports all types of networks, including VLANs and SubNets

...first time, every time

Whether you're the CIO planning for a major network upgrade, the security manager assessing your software compliance status or a help desk technician dealing with a user trouble ticket; the key to managing the cost and increasing the effectiveness of IT is for each stakeholder to have immediate access to the latest and most accurate information on all installed IT assets.

Discovery 2005™ helps organizations gain 100% visibility and understanding of all IT assets on the network. It provides all the detailed information you need, from the configuration of every PC, an overview of the installed software, to an accurate and up-to-date record of the location of each piece of hardware.

Increase effectiveness, drive down costs

The availability of accurate asset discovery information will have a significant positive impact on all areas of IT. Discovery 2005 will help you to:

- Improve help desk trouble ticket turnaround by almost 100%
- Cut the number of on-site exploratory visits to PCs by up to 80%
- Dramatically lower new software purchases
- Redeploy unused IT assets, rather than purchase new kit
- Monitor and stop unauthorized IT purchases
- Reduce the cost of major IT projects by up to 40%

Discovery 2005 not only finds all assets on the network, it also actively helps managers understand how individual assets are being used and where the opportunities exist to save costs and optimize the use of existing hardware and software.

Achieve and maintain compliance

Through its unique Discovery.Dashboard, Discovery 2005 provides an 'at-a-glance' view of where you are under- (or over-) licensed on software. Discovery 2005 even contains customized reports for BSA and SIIA compliance, as well as individual software vendors such as Microsoft.

Even if you don't recognize some of the software found by Discovery 2005, the brand-new Discovery.Portal provides a wealth of product-specific information such as: what the software is, who developed it and whether it is licensable.

Plan with confidence

Discovery 2005 puts you in a better position to assess and plan for your organization's future IT needs. What's more, with Discovery 2005's combination of personalized web reporting and advanced wizards, you'll be able to accurately plan costs and timescales for future projects and budgets.

Discover the business benefits of 100% network visibility

Time Savings

Discovery 2005 takes the manual labor out of understanding what's on your network. It automatically identifies all hardware and software – leaving the IT team to focus on more demanding tasks. The availability of accurate asset information dramatically cuts the time required to undertake project planning, as business managers and IT personnel know exactly what they're dealing with.

Cost Savings

Discovery 2005 allows for easy decision making and cuts down on unnecessary expenditure, by highlighting where existing assets are under-utilized (or even not used at all) and so allows them to be redeployed to other users. In addition, Discovery 2005 tracks the location of all leased assets, helping firms avoid costly fines by ensuring this equipment is returned on time.

Personalized Reporting

IT asset information is not the reserve of the network administrator or software compliance officer. Through its new Discovery.Dashboard, Discovery 2005 offers all levels of manager and director their own unique view on discovered assets through a fully customizable web reporting interface.

Total Platform Coverage

Discovery 2005 gives you 100% visibility of your entire network, not just Microsoft platforms. The all-new multi-platform Client Agent allows you to monitor assets running everything from Mac OSX to UNIX, AIX and even Citrix.

Informed Planning Decisions & ROI Tool

By having the total picture of all of your IT assets, you will make cost savings by being 100% sure of what your organization needs to operate efficiently. Rather than having to ask for extra budget to fund additional asset spending you may find, like other Centennial customers, that your existing IT budget can actually be redeployed into other projects.

About Centennial Software

With over three million licenses sold, Centennial Software is the fastest-growing supplier of network discovery solutions to global organizations. Since the solution was launched in 2000, Centennial Discovery has been helping organizations proactively identify and monitor all hardware and software deployed throughout their networks, creating a clear and accurate global view of corporate IT resources and usage.



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New in Discovery 2005!

Discovery.Portal

Discovery 2005 takes the lead amongst audit solutions by providing the user with additional information above and beyond the audit data.

Centennial's online Discovery.Portal enables users to quickly look up discovered software, to establish what the software is, who develops it and whether it is licensable or not.

Discovery.Dashboard

Discovery 2005 introduces a web-based interface that allows easy access by administrators and managers to have a snapshot view of the organization. Discovery.Dashboard comes with a suite of reports designed to represent Discovery data based on specific solutions needs such as: license compliance, asset availability, project planning and risk management.

Dynamic Hardware Audit

The new agent technology enables Discovery 2005 to dynamically recognize and report on changes to hardware – reducing the time it takes for IT to be made aware of changes on the network.

Active Directory Support

Customers using Active Directory will be able to mirror their user groups and organizational units in Discovery 2005, making it easier to deploy agents and report on audits using your personalized view of the network.

AIX Support

The addition of a new Client Agent to support IBM AIX hardware will be an integral part of Discovery 2005, further increasing the breadth of audit coverage.

Section 508 Compliance

The web reporting interface in Discovery 2005 is compliant with US Rehabilitation Act Section 508 legislation.

Supported Client Platforms*

Microsoft Windows

95/98/ME/NT4/2000/2003/XP

Terminal Services

Windows 2000/2003 Terminal Services
Citrix MetaFrame 1.8

UNIX

Red Hat Linux 7/8/9 on Intel
SUSE Linux 8 on Intel
HP-UX 11.0/11i v1 on PA-RISC
Solaris 7/8/9 on SPARC

IBM AIX 5.1/5.2 on Power
Mac OSX 10.1/10.2/10.3 on Power PC

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