



Key Features at a Glance

- **Comprehensive Out of the Box Business Relevant Answers**
- **Complete and Accurate IT Asset Information**
- **Real-Time Analysis**
- **Risk Alerting**
- **Compliance Management**
- **Utilization Measurements**
- **Aggregation by Department, Geography**
- **Web-Based Intuitive User and administrator Interface**
- **Export to Microsoft Excel**
- **Drill Down/Summary**
- **Integrated with LDAP**
- **Simple installation**
- **Minimal learning curve**
- **Requires Unicenter Asset Management r4.0**



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Unicenter® Asset Intelligence r11

Unicenter® Asset Intelligence automatically converts raw asset data from CA solutions into actionable intelligence so IT executives can quickly and easily make informed business decisions about their IT assets. Unicenter Asset Intelligence provides the necessary executive-level portal view into Key Performance Indicators, enabling busy IT executives to identify opportunities for increased efficiencies and cost savings. Unicenter Asset Intelligence also assists in managing risk by helping ensure compliance with both internal and external policies, regulations and industry best practices. By analyzing asset information and providing quick answers through an intuitive interface, it arms organizations with the intelligence to manage IT assets in a proactive and decisive manner.

The Ever-Increasing Need for Asset Management

Maximizing the value of IT investments and aligning IT resources with the businesses they support is top of mind for enterprises today. To support these goals, hardware and software assets must be effectively managed and optimized on an ongoing basis, and IT executives require insight into their existing asset landscape:

- when considering purchasing new assets or renegotiating contracts
- to increase the utilization of existing hardware and software
- to enforce and monitor standardization initiatives
- when reconciling the perceived enterprise with reality

Standardizing the configuration of hardware and software assets is critical in order to reduce costs and simplify ongoing management. For example, patch management is greatly simplified when there are a limited number of operating systems on your desktop, laptops and servers.

Furthermore, today's executives need to minimize costly risk exposure from a number of different fronts. They are challenged with the need to comply with external policies and regulations (Sarbanes-Oxley, the National Computer Recycling Act, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

(HIPAA) and others). Additionally, keeping internal policies in line with industry best practices for software licensing and usage, and patch and configuration management helps mitigate risk and ensure business continuity.

Maximizing Value from IT Assets

Unicenter Asset Intelligence from Computer Associates International, Inc. (CA) leverages asset information in Unicenter Asset Management, conducts advanced analytics to pinpoint areas of concern and provide guidance for effective decision making. In mere minutes, Unicenter Asset Intelligence enables you to do what would normally take days of data collection, followed by days of analysis.

Asset Intelligence provides instant answers to important questions such as:

- How many and what kind of IT assets do you have?
- Which assets are unmanaged?
- Where these assets are located and which departments are using them?
- Which assets are underutilized and can be consolidated?
- Which assets are running unsupported operating systems?
- How has the enterprise changed from last month?
- Are we heading towards the goals?

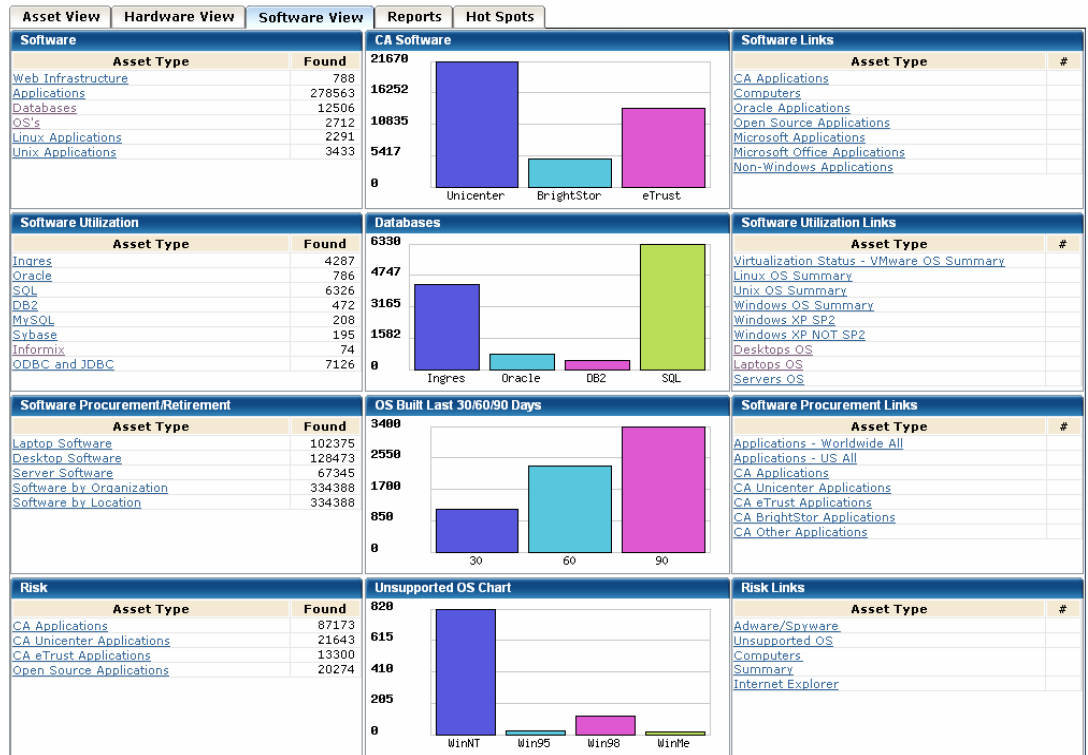


Figure 1: Get a quick overview of the software assets, such as databases, web-applications and open-source applications in your organization.

Unicenter Asset Intelligence augments Unicenter Asset Management, the primary function of which is to support the operational management of IT assets, with a layer of intelligent analytics.

Unicenter Asset Intelligence adds a layer of intelligent analytics beyond the value provided by Unicenter Asset Management. Unicenter Asset Intelligence also features an executive-level portal interface specifically geared to guide decisions so IT organizations can reduce IT costs, optimize the infrastructure and manage risk. Additionally, in an upcoming release, Unicenter Asset Intelligence will enable integration with Unicenter Financial Asset Management (formerly Unicenter Argis Portfolio Asset Management) and Unicenter Service Desk to help executives, for instance:

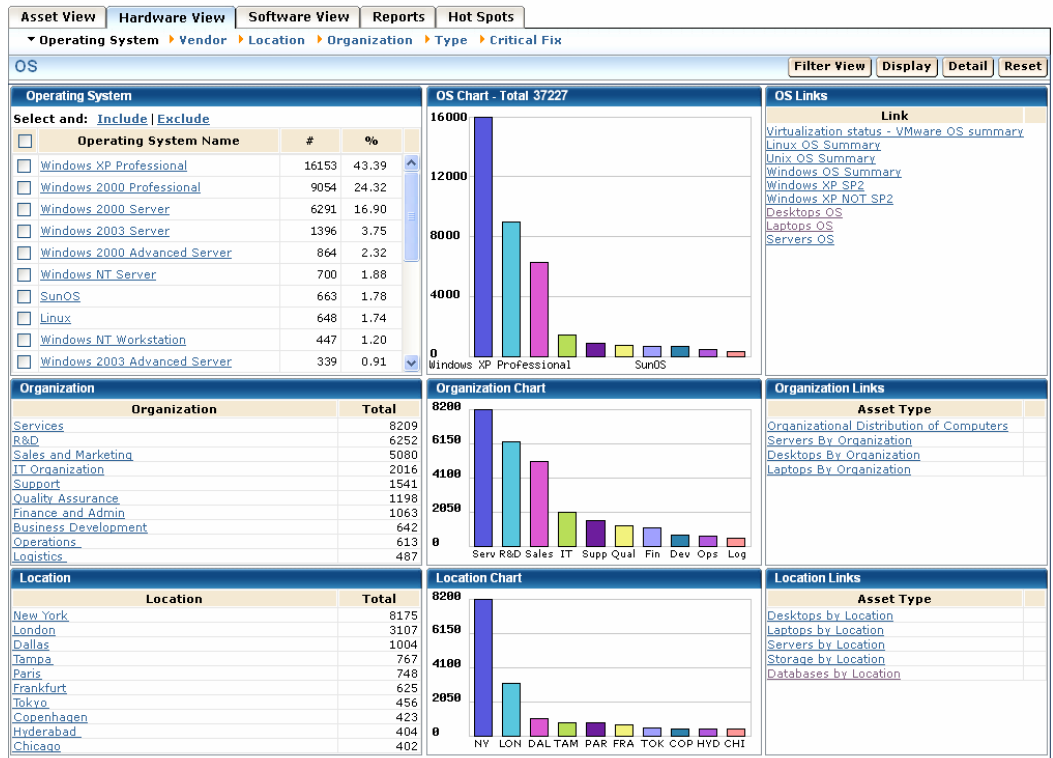
- “Right-size” their software licenses and maintenance contracts

- Ensure hardware and software license compliance
- Determine which vendors’ assets perform best and worst in terms of incidents.

Distinctive Features and Functionalities

Strategic Decision-Making. Unicenter Asset Intelligence enables you to make a wide range of business decisions, including:

- **Optimizing the Lifecycle of IT Assets.** This product provides insight into each piece of IT equipment deployed as well as associated software licenses. You can accurately decide how resources should be deployed or re-deployed, which user has which IT asset, and where they are located. In addition, you can quickly plan IT asset acquisition, deployment and retirement, and perform budgeting and vendor



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Figure 2: Instantly see the distribution of various operating systems in your environment and across organizations and locations.

- analysis – all based on accurate and timely information.
- **Properly Plan for Changes.** Accurate hardware and software assessment helps to simplify project planning and enable accurate budgeting for IT projects.
- **Reduce Cost through Standardization** Unicenter Asset Intelligence and automatically aggregates IT asset data for rapid access to an accurate and true inventory of software and hardware assets, as well as the ability to standardize rapidly on hardware vendors, operating systems, application versions and policies (see Figure 1). You can “right-size” software licenses across geographies, business units, and departments. Ensuring compliance to standardized configurations helps to reduce support cost and increase productivity.

- **Planning for Technology Rollouts**
This product provides immediate visibility to any necessary acquisition of equipment and software based on considerations such as the availability of all pre-requisite software and hardware. It coordinates the deployment and configuration of every computer resource affected by a rollout.

Best Practices Views. Unicenter Asset Intelligence provides a series of ready-made views to give instant value within hours

- **Out-of-the-Box Answers.** An intuitive user interface provides information that used to take days of effort to collect and analyze. There are four types of answers provided:
 - Counts (number of laptops; number of SQL server



installations; number of servers without Microsoft Windows XP sp2)

- Metrics/volume (available storage; performance and utilization)
- Historical Trends (growth of Windows XP installations; diminishing Windows NT installations)
- Compliance (discovered versus inventoried assets)
- **Comprehensive Software Views** Pre-configured reports are available by default for all major applications, databases etc.
 - Specialized vendor reports on Oracle, Microsoft, CA, Sybase, Informix, Adobe etc.
 - Category application reports on open source, databases, web-infrastructure, Unix and Linux applications etc.
- **Wide-Ranging Hardware Views.** Instantly see your assets segmented by vendors, hardware attributes and operating system.
 - Overall Laptops, Desktops or Servers by hardware manufacturer
 - Operating systems, including Service Pack information
 - Quickly find systems with multiple processors or more than 2 GB of RAM
- **Important Risk Views.** Quickly assess whether you have an enterprise non-supported operating system, or are missing important patches.

Visualization and Ease-of-Use. This product provides features that make the planning and management of IT assets easier and more intuitive than ever.

- **Single Repository** Through a single data repository that includes data from hardware and software inventory combined with performance, utilization, location and organizational

data, Unicenter Asset Intelligence provides complete, accurate, robust and responsive analytical capabilities that were previously unavailable.

- **Real-time Analysis** Unicenter Asset Intelligence goes beyond reports and summary information. Real-time analysis of information provides the agility and responsiveness that is often missing in large enterprises. This enables you to make on-the-spot decisions in a highly informed and strategic manner.
- **One-Click Data Reorganization.** When you have selected a sub-set of the assets to view (i.e. all laptops in sales), you can easily look at this sub-set of assets from multiple points of views:
 - Which OS are the laptops in sales running?
 - Which locations, HW Vendor, RAM size etc.?
- **Save Customizable Views.** You can easily save customized views to monitor progress or keep track of policy violations, such as systems in Finance with Remote Access/Control Software installed, or database outside the IT Department.
- **Export to Excel or CSV.** Allows users of Unicenter Asset Intelligence to easily do further manipulation or notify non-users.
- **Multi-dimensional and Granular View** This product provides summarized data at an enterprise, departmental, functional or geographic level. In addition, it provides granularity, down to individual assets, for relevant metrics and status (such as each applied patch).

Administrative Features. A web-based interface allows administrators to easily set up or make changes to how Unicenter Asset Intelligence operates.

- **Customize Views.** Although the product comes with a vast array of



pre-configured views, administrators can easily customize and personalize how and what information is presented by adding or deleting views.

- **Integration with existing Directories.** To facilitate views into location or organizational structures Unicenter Asset Intelligence uses an LDAP or CSV interface to integrate easily with existing directory implementations such as:
 - Microsoft Active Directory
 - Microsoft Exchange
 - Lotus Notes
 - Novell NDS
- **Interfacing with Unicenter Asset Management**
 - Interface to multiple Unicenter Asset Management r4.0 Domain Databases
 - Collects data on a daily schedule automatically

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