

Software Inventory Evaluation

Improve Decision-making by Knowing Your IT Assets and Migration Risk

Do you know...

- If all of your software is registered to your plant?
- Whether you are paying for support on software licenses you're not using?
- Your risk associated with operating system migration?
- What software can be used concurrently?

A Software Inventory Evaluation can help you:

- Document all installed software and IT assets
- Determine whether current operating system and automation equipment hardware will support software upgrades, and identify migration requirements
- Improve performance by determining which of your software packages will need to operate concurrently and which will need to be license-based
- Optimize licensing and support

This service helped us optimize our software and save over 20 percent in the process. It gave us a roadmap to manage risk on our operating system migration.

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A Rockwell Automation Software Inventory Evaluation analyzes your IT assets, identifies incompatibilities and cost-reduction opportunities, and recommends an action plan to bridge the gap between the software you have and what you need.

Providing Insight into Your Software and IT Inventory

A Rockwell Automation® Software Inventory Evaluation provides a thorough analysis of your software, hardware and servers. This gives you a clear picture of which Information Technology (IT) assets must be upgraded, which will work concurrently, how you can avoid migration risk and where costs can be reduced.

Similar to the Installed Base Evaluation™ (IBE), which provides an analysis of your critical plant assets and condition, a Rockwell Automation Software Inventory Evaluation identifies your IT hardware, software assets, versions, and potential risk. This analysis can help you determine whether the hardware and corresponding operating system can support a specific software upgrade, for example, to avoid potential incompatibility. We collect information and provide detailed analysis of Rockwell Automation and Microsoft software.

Our assessment provides a baseline to help you take action based on risk and savings opportunity, in preparation for automation equipment migration.

LISTEN.
THINK.
SOLVE.®

What You Need to Get Started:

Step 1 – Site-readiness Planning

Review the resources required and system prerequisites to assist in preparing the site for field collection. A Rockwell Automation project manager and your designated champion coordinate the collection process.

Software Prerequisites

- Operating system
- Specific Microsoft patch
- WMI infrastructure
- Windows .net 3.5 framework

Customer Requirements

- Escort for visit
- Knowledge of collection scope
- Access to machines

Step 2 – Field Collection

Multiple collection tools are used to gather software and license information installed on all PCs, laptops and servers that have been identified. Machine interrogation via standard Microsoft protocols is employed. This step includes a Rockwell Automation engineer and your designated champion or escort.

Step 3 – Analysis

Our proprietary analytic engine is used to categorize, assess risk, and provide detailed reports and recommendations. This step includes the Rockwell Automation project manager and technical analysts.

Step 4 – Strategic Review

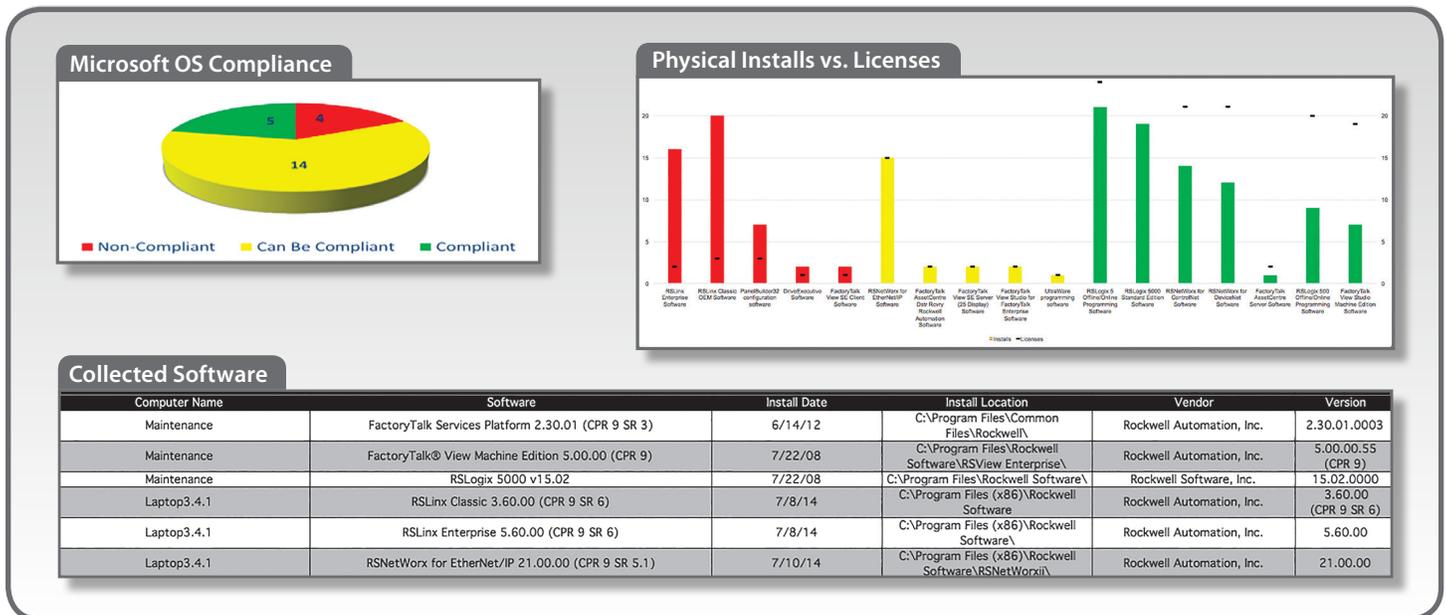
We deliver recommendations and collaboratively develop an action plan. This step includes the Rockwell Automation project manager, account manager, distributor and appropriate customer stakeholders.

Reports will provide:

- Operating system upgrade compatibility
- Collected software on PCs, laptops, servers
- Licensed software under TechConnectSM Support
- Activated vs. licensed installs
- Activated vs. supported installs
- PLC firmware/software compatibility

For More Information

For more information about Software Inventory Evaluation, contact your local authorized Allen-Bradley[®] distributor or Rockwell Automation sales office or visit: [Installed Base Evaluation website](#)



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