INDUSTRY GUIDE

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Best Practices

Maximize ITAM Organizational Value

1. Treat ITAM as a Strategic Discipline

Position ITAM as a critical enabler of financial, operational, and compliance performance. Align ITAM with business strategy, IT governance, and enterprise risk management—not just as a technical toolset.

2. Establish ITAM Ownership and Governance

Define clear roles for asset owners, custodians, and license managers. Formalize ITAM governance policies to ensure accountability, lifecycle visibility, and operational adherence across departments.

3. Automate End-to-End Asset Discovery

Deploy agentless, real-time discovery tools to continuously map all hardware, software, cloud, and virtual assets. Full visibility across hybrid environments is foundational for ITAM effectiveness.

4. Connect ITAM with Core IT and Business Systems

Integrate ITAM data with ITSM, cybersecurity, ERP, and procurement platforms to enable smarter incident response, risk assessment, financial forecasting, and lifecycle cost management.

5. Enforce Data Integrity and Inventory Accuracy

Maintain a dynamic and validated asset inventory with rigorous data quality standards. Incomplete or outdated asset records undermine strategic decisions, compliance, and performance optimization.

6. Discover and Manage Shadow IT

Proactively uncover unauthorized software, unmanaged cloud services, and rogue devices. Expand ITAM coverage to mitigate security risks and enforce usage policies across the digital estate.

7. Visualize Asset Relationships and Dependencies

Use advanced dependency mapping to show how assets interact. Improve change management, incident triage, and strategic planning by understanding cross-asset impacts in real-time.

8. Align Discovery Scope to Organizational Priorities

Right-size your ITAM initiative. Focus initial discovery efforts on high-value or high-risk areas, then expand iteratively to scale insights without overwhelming systems or staff.

9. Streamline Regulatory Compliance and Audit Readiness

Leverage ITAM to simplify compliance reporting and support IT controls. Real-time inventory and audit trails reduce manual effort and accelerate time-to-certification.

10. Operationalize Cost Optimization

Make ITAM a driver of financial efficiency. Identify reclaimable licenses, right-size infrastructure, reduce cloud overspend, and inform smarter procurement and renewal decisions.

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