

8 Tips to Ace Your Next SAP Licensing Audit

Learn some top tips to sail through your next SAP licensing audit—supercharging your organization while saving time, money, and ensuring compliance.

#1: Prepare Ahead of Time, Plan Accordingly



Break down the process into attainable milestones. Gather license data of all users and license types

#2: Do Your Homework



Consider previous audit inspections, identifying what worked and what didn't

#3: Apply the 80/20 Rule



Narrow down which applications should be inspected, scanned briefly, or ignored completely

#4: Remember Software Engines and Other Risks



SAP licensing is based on software engines as well as license-per-user.

Ensure multiple logins, developer and technical staff activities, and third-party application access may be audited as well

#5: Combine User Names and Remove Duplicates



Leverage audit inspection to confirm actual users—removing duplicate users and combining usernames for a specific employee

#6: Classify Users by Actual Usage



Stick to the classification methods outlined in your SAP contract, but classify users by their actual usage and not according to their granted authorizations

#7: Don't Send Invalid Numbers



Analyze a sufficient amount of data and user activity over time to submit accurate license numbers

#8: Consult a SAP Licensing Expert



Seek advice from someone who is an expert in SAP licensing negotiations, who can guide you through the entire process

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