



# A + B = C: How the Effective License Position Calculation for Software Isn't That Simple

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## ABSTRACT

A foundation of effective software asset management, the Effective License Position (ELP) is a seemingly straightforward calculation: What software is deployed in your organization versus what your organization is entitled to use. This is simple in theory, but more complicated in practice. Software deployment and entitlement datasets have multiple sources which must be collected and processed to provide useful information to IT operational, financial, and compliance activities. This talk will introduce the Effective License Position, why it is important, how to calculate it, and what to do with it.

## CCS CONCEPTS

• **Applied computing** → **Business-IT alignment**; • **General and reference** → **General conference proceedings**.

## KEYWORDS

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