

# Netop Asset Control – Release notes



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## What is Netop Asset Control?

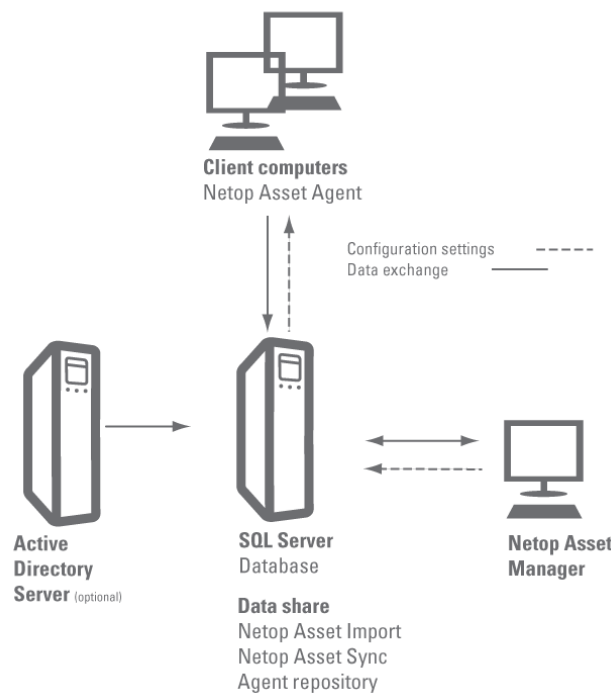
The complete IT Asset Management solution giving organizations 100% visibility and consolidation of their physical, contractual and financial IT assets in one central location.

Managing IT assets to keep costs down, improve service levels, and ensure compliance with regulations and licensing can be tough. With Netop Asset Control, you can proactively track all your company's IT assets regardless of where they are. Straightforward license management and software metering ensure compliance and efficient use of all software. With constantly updated information, using our efficient scan agent and flexible reporting, you will have real-time information for planning budgets, system upgrades and software rollouts. With seamless integration with the Netop Remote Control Guest, a simple right-click means you can perform additional remote management tasks from a single console with ease.

## Technical overview

Netop Asset Control consists of various different components including:

- Manager – the administrative console used to access the database and manage your IT assets
- Agent – small component that runs on your target Windows machines and collects hardware and software inventory
- Database – central SQL 2005 database that stores the collected hardware and software inventory
- Import – SQL job that monitors agent repository and imports scanned data into the database
- Sync – SQL job that synchronises your Active Directory with the Manager



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## Technical specifications

The following table shows the recommended technical specifications for the various Netop Asset Control components:



**Database**



**Manager**



**Agent**

	Database	Manager	Agent
<b>Processor</b>	Intel Pentium III 600 or compatible	Intel Pentium or compatible	Intel Pentium or compatible
<b>Disk space</b>	20Gb	30Mb	
<b>Memory</b>	1Gb	32Mb	32Mb
<b>Operating system</b>	Windows Server 2000/2003	Windows Vista/XP/2000/2003	Windows Vista/XP/2000/2003
<b>SQL Server 2005 SP2 Workgroup, Standard or Enterprise editions</b>	✓		
<b>Microsoft IIS 5.0 or later*</b>	✓		
<b>Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0</b>	✓	✓	✓

\* required for SQL 2005 Reporting Services

## Features

### Discover

- Remote scan – scan hardware and software on target machines without installing any software
- Multiple PC selection – choose single machines or define remote scan lists by computer name, IP address, IP scopes or Active Directory
- Scheduled scanning – install Agent as a service and define intervals for regular updates
- Execute via login script – copy Agent locally and execute each time a user logs on
- Detailed hardware inventory – retrieve all relevant components including system BIOS, processor, memory, hard disk, graphics cards, network information, printers and more
- Small and compact – the Agent component is less than 300KB in size making it fast and simple to deploy
- Discover unwanted files – help identify large movie and music files on the network and free up disk space
- Include and exclude files – specify additional files and file types to include or exclude in scans
- WMI support – agent uses Windows Management Instrumentation to discover hardware and software information
- Delta scans – improve performance by updating only changes made on an agent machine
- Intelligent software scanning – retrieve and identify software type including Add/Remove, Logical and Shortcuts
- Identify printers – retrieve and identify which printers are currently defined on the network
- MSI installation – the Agent can be installed using Windows Installer and deployed through distribution tools including Active Directory

### Manage

- License management – maintain all supplier, manufacturer, agreement and license details in one central database
- Attach license information – include additional licensing items such as electronic certificates, terms and conditions and serial numbers
- Add and edit software – choose to include additional software products and edit missing information
- Email notification warnings – define expiry alerts for license agreements or software maintenance renewals and notify multiple users
- Assign multiple products to licenses – useful when multiple builds or versions of the same software product exist
- Software approval process – manage discovered software in logical groups for quick and easy recognition

### Track

- Collections – quickly and easily retrieve asset details into commonly used groups. Useful for upcoming projects including hardware renewals, software upgrades/installations, operating system rollouts
- Reports – run hardware, software and license compliance reports and export to XML, PDF, CSV, XLS, TIFF and MHTML formats
- License count – track how many instances of a license are actually in use
- Easily locate assets – search functions allow you to locate information including users, software, computers, etc.
- Netop Remote Control support – use your existing Netop Remote Control Guest software to maintain assets from a single console