

QinetiQ have chosen xAssets xAM Discovery for IT Asset Discovery and IT Asset Audit Functions

In December 2003 QinetiQ implemented xAssets xAM Discovery to satisfy UK Government contract audit requirements. QinetiQ expect to discover between 2000 and 4000 PCs, and up to 20,000 other assets during the audit process.



The Problem

QinetiQ are required under UK Government contract regulations to conduct a detailed audit of Assets falling within specific Government contract conditions.

The solution needed to support 2,000 to 4,000 PC assets, with up to 20,000 additional IT Assets, located at 16 QinetiQ sites.

Some assets are connected to isolated workgroups or have no connection either to a network or the Internet. Therefore a solution that allowed floppy disk audits was required. Assets would be bar coded as they are discovered.

The solution had to allow the manual entry of additional asset information during the floppy disk audit. An additional requirement was to collect information on other IT assets, either related to, or nearby, the PC being discovered. This includes CD and DVD devices, non-PC or Windows 3.1 Computers, Digital Cameras, Monitors, Printers, Scanners, Tape and Zip drives.

The Solution

xAssets worked closely with QinetiQ to analyse requirements in depth. It was determined that the technology in place within xAssets xAM Discovery, combined with the configuration features available in xAM Enterprise, could deliver the complete requirement.

xAssets configured the audit tool data collection interface to enable the exact fields required by QinetiQ to be entered during the floppy disk audit. This included dropdowns to improve data quality, reduce data entry times and improve consistency of data collected during the audit.

Floppy disks are then taken back to the xAM Discovery installation site for automated loading into the asset register Sql Server database.

Finally xAM Discovery will be used to produce inventory, software usage and audit reports to satisfy government requirements and regulations.

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Reasons for Choosing xAssets

xAssets was able to prove the concepts and configure the products into the final solution as part of the presales process. The xAssets technology showed the required flexibility to deliver a pre-configured floppy disk based discovery process to customer requirements.

xAM Discovery provided the necessary scalability to support the required volume of data.

The user interface and reporting functions provided the necessary asset management and reporting needed by Qinetiq to fulfil this requirement.



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