

Oracle Java Licensing Highlights Why Security is Integral to ITAM

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Oracle's Big Change To Java Licensing

- Oracle Java (JDK & JRE) has historically been **free to use** in most cases.
- Some **"commercial features"** have always required a license.
- As of April 16th, 2019 releases of Java 7, 8, & 11 require a **Java SE subscription**.

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	Monthly Subscriptions Plus	Subscription Metric	Volume
Java SE Platform Products			
Java SE Desktop Subscription	2,000	Named User Plus	1-99
	2,000	Named User Plus	1,000-9,999
	1,750	Named User Plus	3,000-9,999
	15,000	Named User Plus	10,000-99,999
	1,250	Named User Plus	25,000-49,999
		Contact for Details	50,000+
Java SE Subscription			
	25,000	Processor	1-99
	23,750	Processor	100-249
	22,500	Processor	250-499
	20,000	Processor	500-999
	17,500	Processor	1,000-2,999
	15,000	Processor	3,000-9,999
	12,500	Processor	10,000-99,999
		Contact for Details	100,000+



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The Impact of Oracle's Change to Java




- 1 Organizations were left unprepared to manage and budget for costly Java subscriptions.
 - Oracle Sales was prepared to begin charging customers.
- 2 Many customers purchased subscriptions to avoid other penalties by Oracle, such as an audit.

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What Options Do Java Users Have?



- 1 Stay on versions of Java which pre-date April 16th, 2019.
- 2 Remove or replace Oracle Java from their environments.
- 3 Purchase a Java subscription.


...or else...

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LET'S TALK!



1. Stay on versions of Java which pre-date April 16th, 2019.
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What are some of the risks associated with each of these options?



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Organizations are often concerned with IT savings opportunities alone without consideration to cyber security risks.

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Some organizations have yet to experience the advantages of ITAM practices and are hyper-focused on risk prevention.

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Java is Just a Single Use Case

According to the latest data breach report by [IBM and the Ponemon Institute](#),

- Average cost of a data breach in 2021 is USD 4.24 million, the highest in 17 years.
- Remote work due to COVID-19 increased costs USD 1.07 million in cases where remote work was a factor that led to a data breach.
- The largest contributing factor to data breach costs was lost business (estimated 38% of cost).
- Data Breaches in Hybrid Cloud Environments Cost \$1.19 Million Less than Public, Private, and On-Premise Cloud Models

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Log4J

"The Apache Log4j Remote Code Execution Vulnerability is the biggest and most critical vulnerability of the last decade...If all investigations are completed, we could actually determine that it is the largest single vulnerability in the history of modern computing."





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Security and ITAM are not competitive.
Security is integral to ITAM.
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How should ITAM and Security work together?



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#1: Governance

ITAM and Security teams should work together to create policies and write procedures for how IT assets are used.

ITAM teams have the data to understand what hardware and software exists within an enterprise. They should also know how and why it is being used.

Security teams should not create policies in a vacuum without understanding the needs of IT consumers on their network.



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#2: Reduce Attack Surface

An **attack surface** is the total number of all possible entry points for unauthorized access into any system. It includes all vulnerabilities and endpoints that can be exploited to carry out a security attack.

Less Inventory = Smaller Attack Surface

"In battle, there are not more than two methods of attack—the direct and the indirect; yet these two in combination give rise to an endless series of maneuvers...In all fighting, the direct method may be used for joining battle, *but indirect methods will be needed in order to secure victory.*"

-Sun Tzu, Art of War



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#3: Audit-Readiness


IT Security teams are constantly preparing for, or are actively engaged in, audits.

ISO 27001 PCI DSS HIPAA NIST GDPR +

ITAM teams are also constantly preparing for, or are actively engaged in, audits.

IBM Oracle SAP Microsoft Quest +


Maybe...they should work together...



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IMPORTANT POINTS




Java is one of many use cases to show why Security teams should be included in ITAM decisions.

Security is integral to ITAM and ITAM is integral to Security.

Security and ITAM teams should work together to improve:

- Governance
- Risk management
- Audit-readiness

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