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K2 is an integrated software asset management suite for automated IT asset auditing and software license management. K2 will show what's installed on your network and report details about its usage. It can also control access to licensed software and run detailed deployment and usage reports for your entire organization, or for specific departments. Sassafras Software has provided K2's license management technology since 1990 to some of the largest corporate, government, and educational enterprise networks throughout the world.

Sassafras Ships K2 - KeyAuditor & KeyServer 6.1

Hanover, NH - June 7, 2006: Sassafras Software, the pioneer of desktop software usage management, began shipping K2 - KeyAuditor & KeyServer version 6.1 today. K2 6.1 makes auditing, discovery, and management of software programs easier than ever. A new reporting architecture includes scheduling features to automatically run reports on a recurring basis, a web interface for convenience across an enterprise network, several new reports, and a many-fold speed increase for faster reporting.

K2 is a cross-platform IT asset management (ITAM) tool for software asset management (SAM), hardware auditing, usage tracking, and software license compliance. It manages software assets for Windows, Macintosh, and thin-client computers across any global network including the management of laptop computers both inside and outside a firewall.

K2 Web Reports: Scheduled Reports & Web Console

A new report server introduces several enhancements. In addition to significantly faster performance, numerous report templates have been added to K2's extensive collection of audit, usage, licensing, and charting reports. K2's built-in report templates support hundreds of reports directly from its management console.

Reports can be executed from the admin console or from the new K2 Web Reports Server. All K2 administrative accounts have direct web browser access within the scope of each account's settings for real-time, scheduled, and archived reports. Both Divisional and Full administrators can run reports on-demand for their business units, or schedule them to run automatically at recurring times during non peak hours.

K2's Web Reports home page also grants guest access to public documents while managing authenticated access to restricted reports. Notification of newly published reports can be made available through an RSS feed. Customized settings and saved report templates allow great flexibility in meeting site-specific requirements.

Rules-based Filtering for Hands-free Management

Version 6.1's discovery rules will get your IT staff up and running with a Software Asset Management plan in no time. Discovery rules work automatically during the audit process to assign management settings to computers and programs, and to classify them into your predefined categories.

K2 uses your predefined rules to choose between four program action settings (Controlled, Logged, Audited, or Ignored) and two client computer settings (Full and Basic) as each computer and program is discovered. You can alter settings manually if you wish to fine-tune the management configuration. The correct categorization of computers and

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programs then helps make reporting and configuration of software audits and license management easier and quicker.

Role- and Scope-based Administration

In addition to a fully privileged administrator account, K2 can be configured for role- and scope-based administrative access. A single-button setting limits accounts to "Report-only" access for convenient configuration of departmental reporting accounts for anyone within your organization.

Enhanced Integration with Active Directory

K2 has long supported numerous industry-standard authentication methods (Kerberos, LDAP, Windows NT, Active Directory, SQL, and Unix to name a few). Now K2 supports nested groups when using Active Directory for group membership.

Rapid Client Deployment

K2 6.1 supports rapid, large-scale deployment of the K2 client agent through the use of Windows MSI and Macintosh Package installers. Client installers can be easily configured with site-specific options. Deployment is streamlined using common enterprise deployment tools such as Microsoft Active Directory with Group Policy Objects, Novell ZENworks, or Mac OS X Open Directory with Apple Remote Desktop.

Universal Binary Support and Dashboard Widget

All 6.1 components are Universal Binaries, supporting all functions on Intel-Macs. K2 6.1 also takes advantage of Apple's OS X Dashboard for monitoring the status and usage activity of a remote KeyServer. The Dashboard widget provides quick status monitoring of K2, plus convenient access to K2's comprehensive collection of web reports is just a mouse-click away.

Availability and Pricing

K2 6.1 will be available in 2006. There will be no price increase for K2, even with the addition of the new reports Web Server, which complements K2's license management and IT auditing functions.

Upgrade costs are computed based on the size of each K2 installation and its last purchase date. Customers who purchased K2 after November 30, 2004, and customers with an Upgrade Subscription Contract, will receive K2 version 6.1 at no charge. New purchase costs, which include the entire package (no add-on components are required), are computed on a per-client basis with prices ranging from approximately US\$10 to US\$60 per client with discounts for educational use.

About Sassafras Software, Inc.

Sassafras Software has been a pioneer in software asset management since 1989. K2 manages software assets across a local or global enterprise with a uniquely scalable, highly optimized management technology. Business, education and government customers rely on K2 to manage software assets on computers throughout the world.

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