



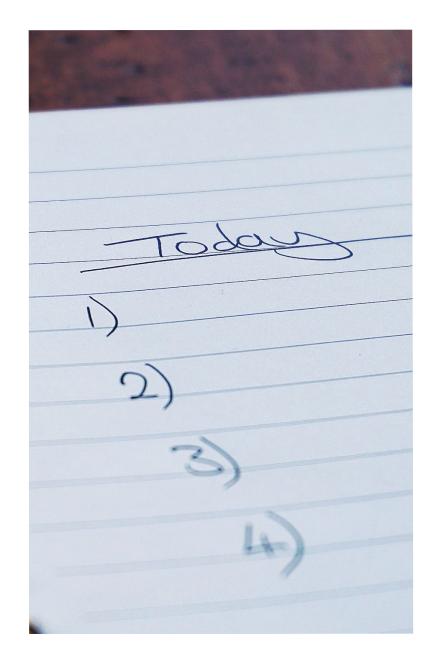
## HOW TO AUTOMATICALLY POPULATE THE CMDB

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#### AGENDA

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IT Asset Management

From ITAM to ITSM

Populate the CMDB

Service mapping

Asset Enrichment

Take aways



## PORTFOLIO AT A GLANCE



#### **IT Asset Management**

- Hol: ITAM Strategy
- Hol: ITAM Assessment
- Hol: ITAM Business case
- ITAM Processes
- Define ITAM team
- SAM communication plan
- Publisher onboarding
- SAM as a Service
- Application Portfolio Management



#### License Management

- Audit Defense
- Audit runbook
- Compliance reporting
- Renewal optimisation
- Cloud Incentives (O365)



#### **Specialist Resources**

- Licensing skills
- Temporary staff
- FlexeraOctopus CloudServiceNow
- Snow Software

**ITAM tooling** 



#### Data Quality

HW Asset verificationAsset Status



#### SaaS / Cloud Management

- Discover SaaS apps
- Manage SaaS Spend
- Secure SaaS access
- Cloud Management
- Cloud spend optimization



## IT ASSET MANAGEMENT

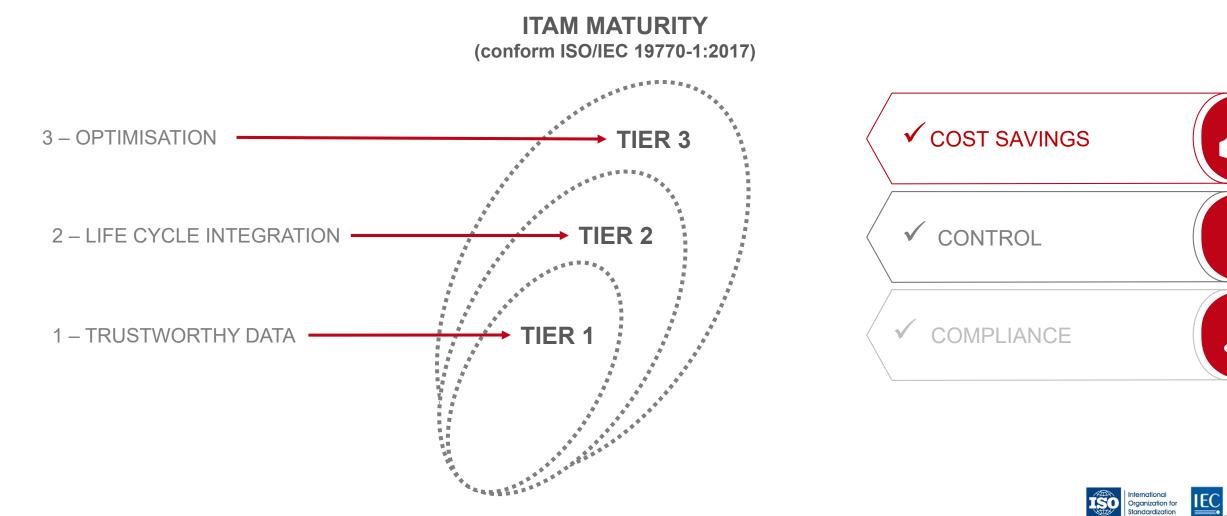


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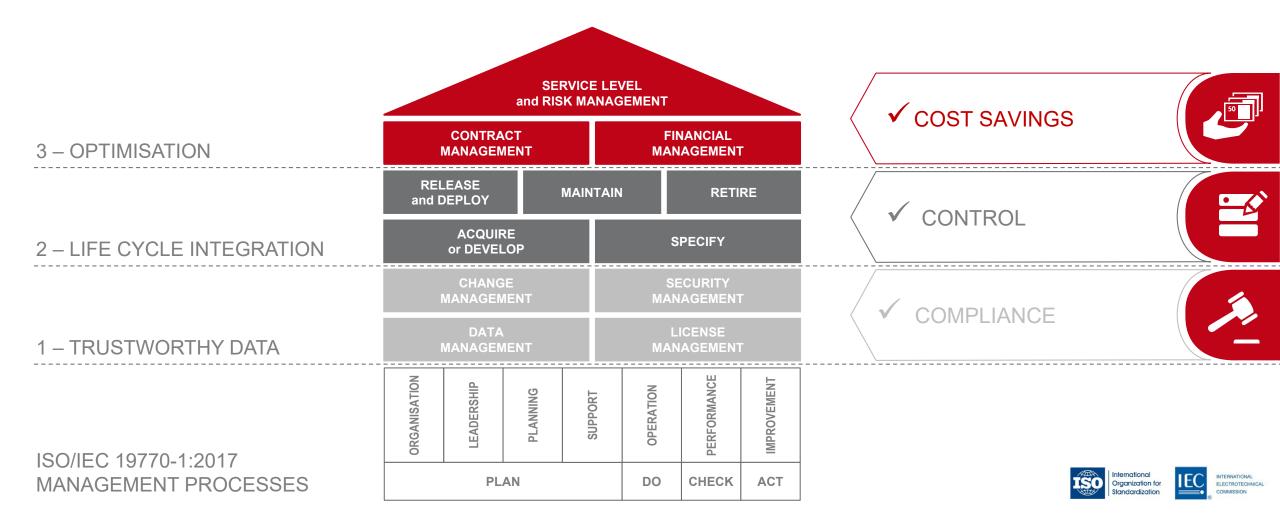
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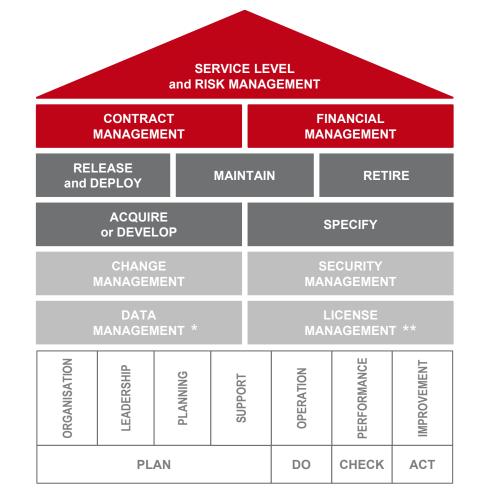
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## **POP OUT – DATA & LICENSE MANAGEMENT**

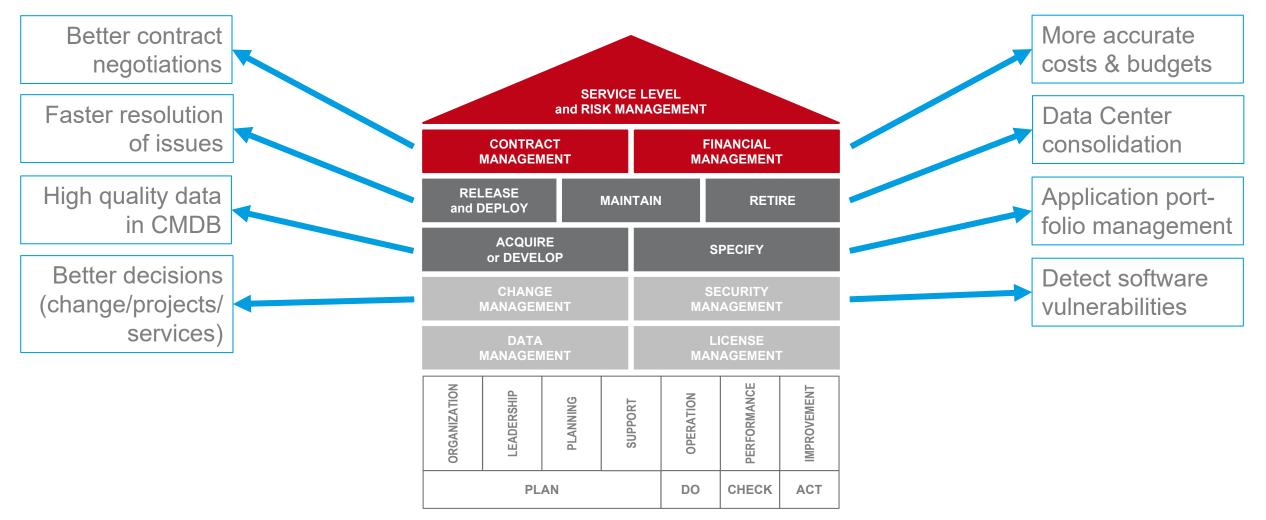


#### \* DATA MANAGEMENT

ITAM INVENTORY VERIFICATION											
ORGANISATIONAL DATA											
INVENTORY MANAGEMENT DEPLOYMENTS	INVENTORY MANAGEMENT ENTITLEMENTS										
IT ASSET IDENTIFICATION											
** LICENSE MANAGEMENT											
DRIVING & MONITORING											
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## THE BENEFITS OF INTEGRATING ITAM AND OTHER IT DISCIPLINES SUCH AS ITSM





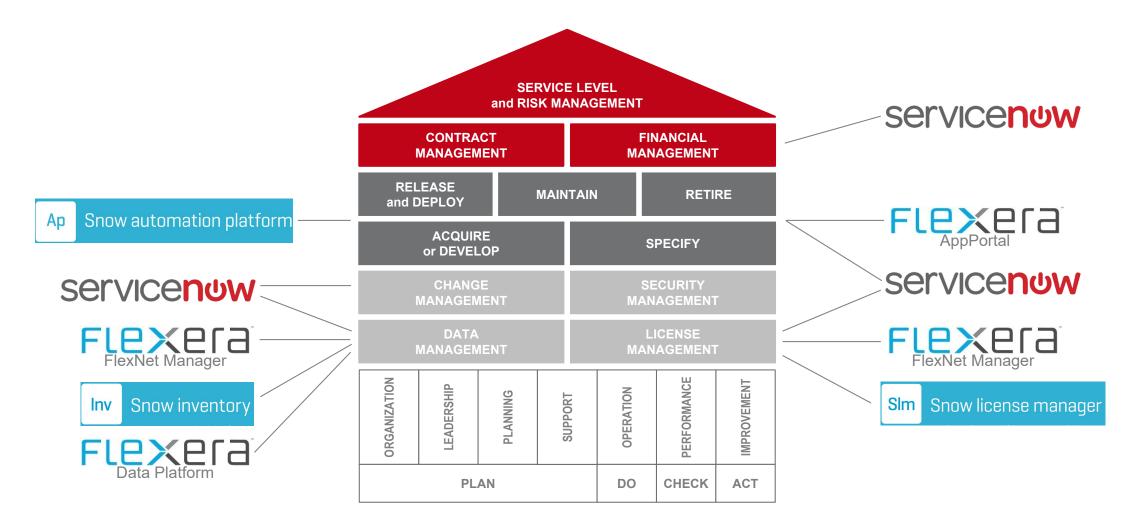




STRATEGIC ITAM APPROACH



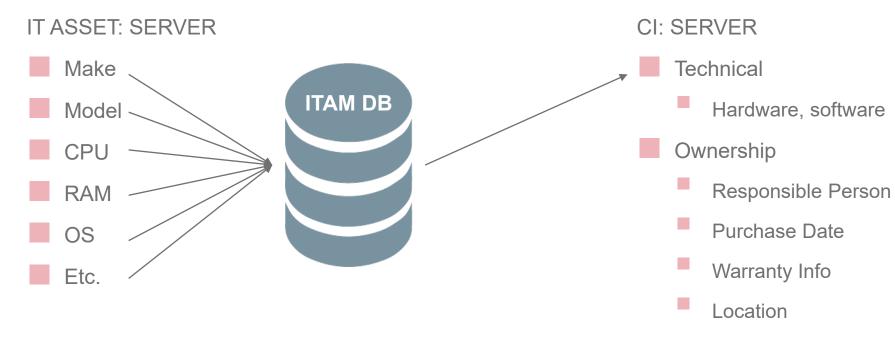
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## REFOCUSSING ITAM THROUGH THE LENS OF ITSM



- Relationship
  - Details about how this CI contributes to the delivery of a service which ultimately brings value to the business



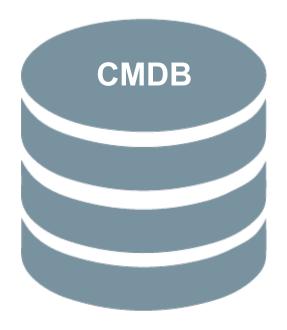
## HOW TO POPULATE THE CMDB FROM AN ITAM PERSPECTIVE



## HOW TO POPULATE THE CMDB WITH ASSET DATA

## Manually....

- Integrate with existing data sources
  - SCCM
  - Altiris
  - SAM tooling (Flexera or Snow Software)
  - Using Automated Discovery
    - BMC ADDM
  - HP DDMi
    - ScienceLogic
    - ServiceNow Discovery





## **OPTION 1: MANUALLY**

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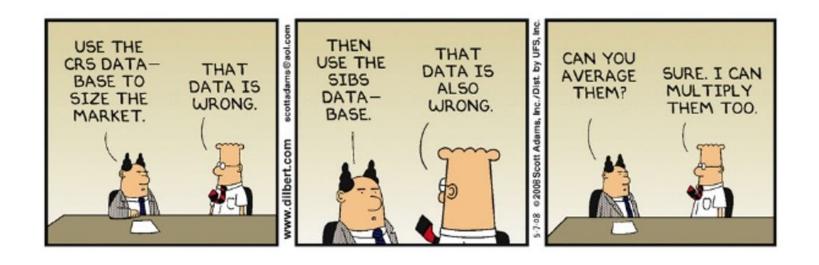


## OPTION 1: LEVERAGE EXISTING DATA SOURCES

- Microsoft SCCM
- Altiris Client Management Suite
- IBM BigFix
- SolarWinds
- SAM tooling (Flexera or Snow Software)



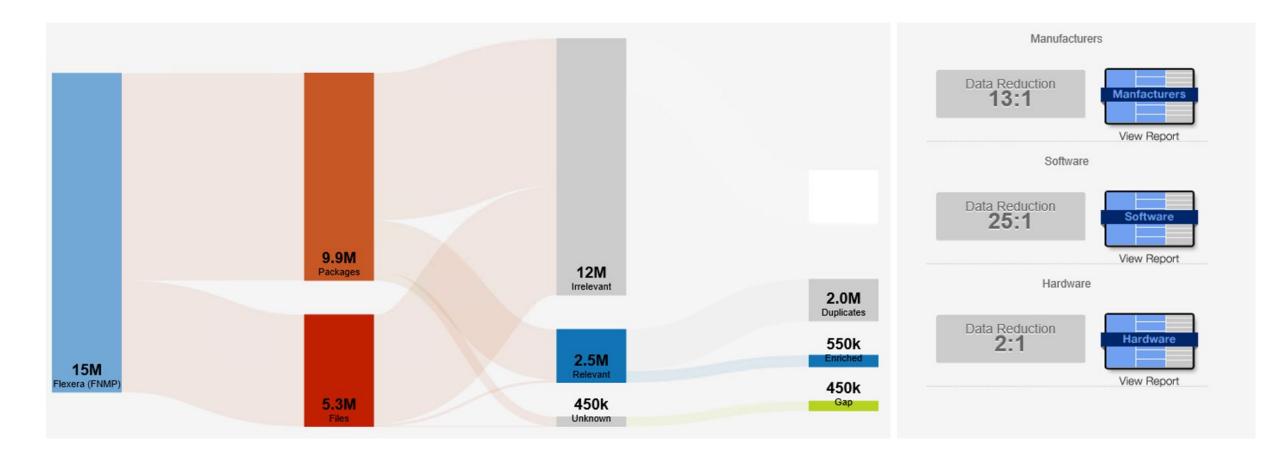
## LEVERAGE EXISTING DATA SOURCES – POSSIBLE DATA QUALITY ISSUES



- 1. Inconsistent data
- 2. Duplicate data
- 3. Irrelevant data
- 4. Incomplete data
- 5. Out-of-date data

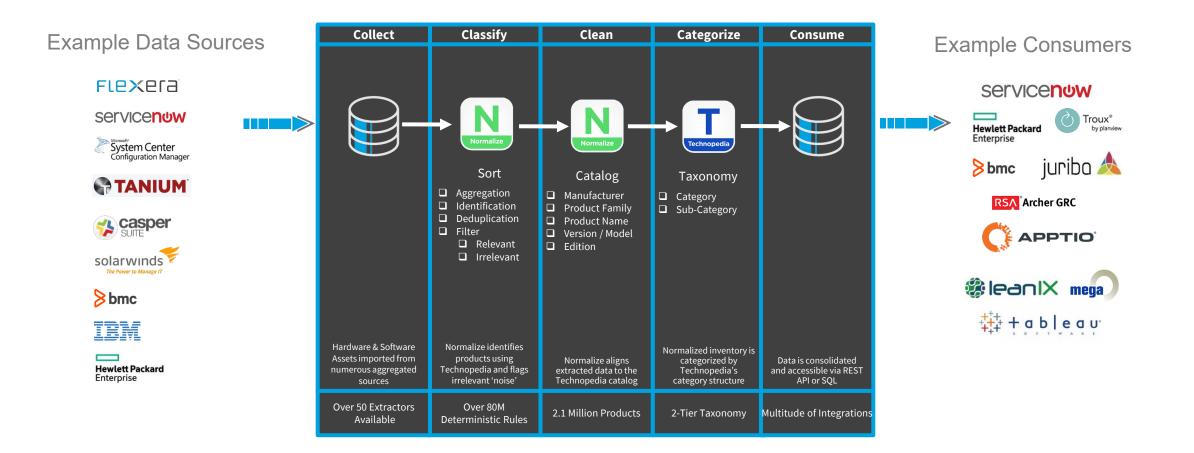


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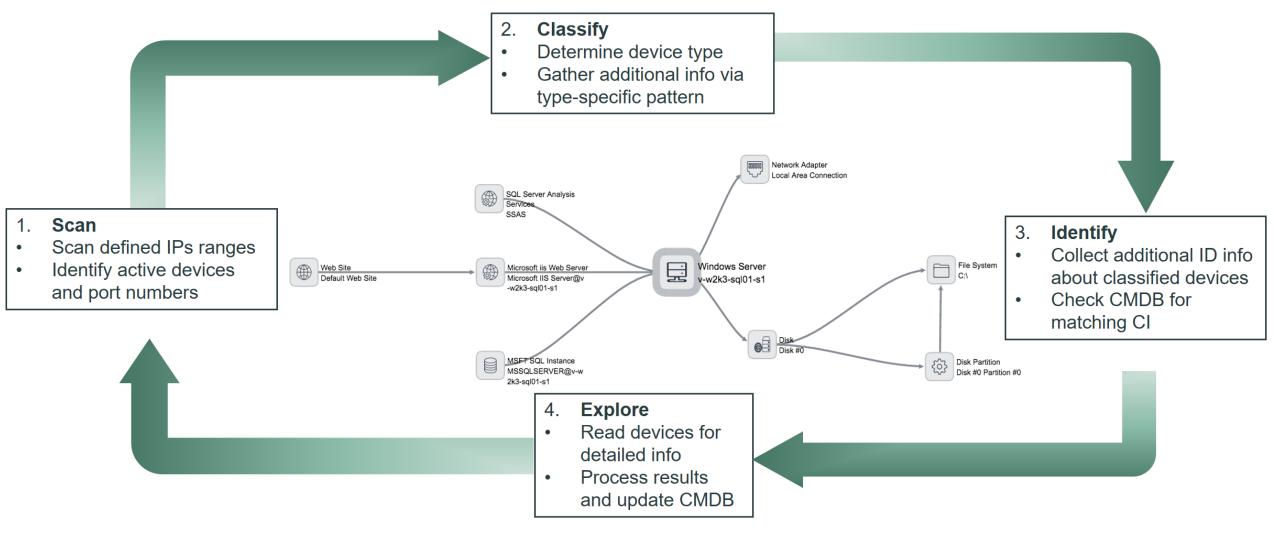
- Use data that is already there
- Knowledge already in-house
- One source of normalised data for multiple tools
- Easy to implement

#### DISADVANTAGES

- Risk of poor data quality
- Possibly additional solution (Data Platform) to implement
- Still have to maintain data sources
- No integration with Cloud platforms such as AWS



## **OPTION 3: AUTOMATED DISCOVERY**





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### ADVANTAGES

- No other data sources or discovery needed
- More real time
- More intelligent than importing plain data
- Horizontal discovery & optional "vertical" discovery
- In case of ServiceNow: Creates Software Discovery Models for SAM Pro

### DISADVANTAGES

Additional solution to implement



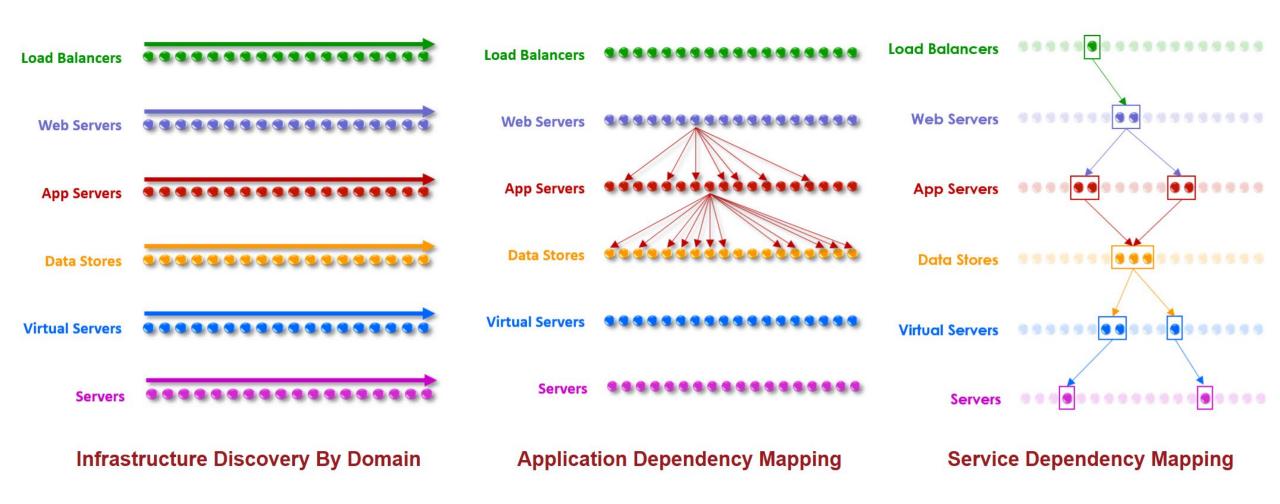


# SERVICE MAPPING



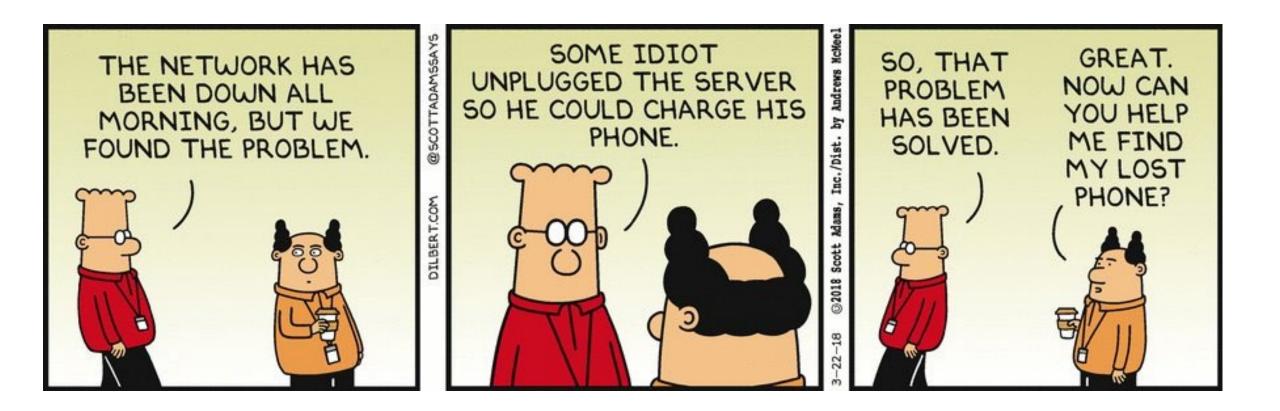


## HORIZONTAL MAPPING VS. VERTICAL MAPPING





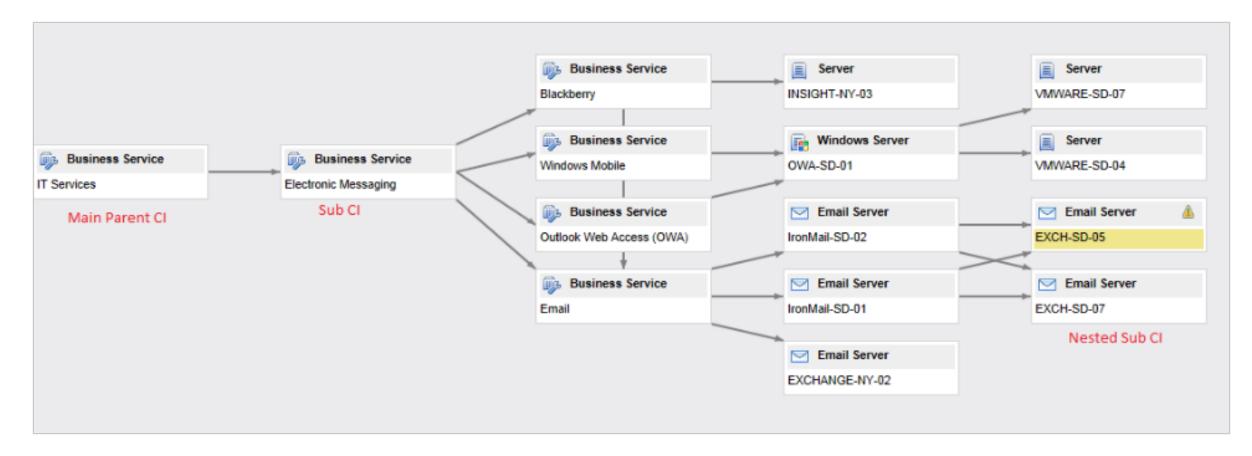
## WHY SERVICE MAPPING IS NEEDED





## **SERVICE MAPPING - MESSAGING**

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## SERVICE MAPPING WHEN LEVERAGING DATA SOURCES

Advantages

Not effected by success / speed of asset discovery

#### Disadvantages

- No automated vertical mapping possible
- Requires additional tools and scripts
- Two weeks needed to map one service
- Requires knowledge of SME's
- Difficult to maintain due to ongoing changes



## SERVICE MAPPING USING DISCOVERY TOOL

### **Entry Point**

URL, connection parameters, etc.

**Host detection** 

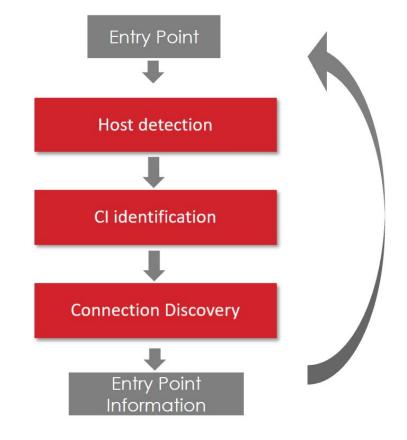
Connection to target machine, discovery CI information

**CI** Identification

Identify the application based on information from entry point

**Connection Discovery** 

Discover configured connection to other applications





## SERVICE MAPPING USING DISCOVER TOOL

Advantages

- Reduces effort to create service maps
- Reduces effort to maintain service maps
- Results = reduced downtime of services due to better root cause analysis

Disadvantages

Requires additional tooling \$\$\$

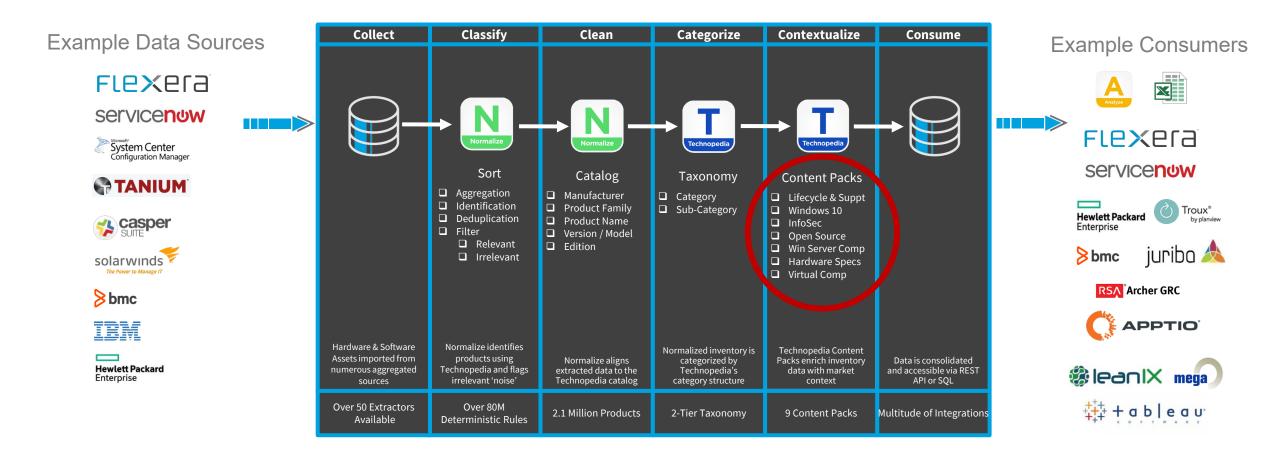


# ASSET ENRICHMENT





## ASSET ENRICHMENT – USING FLEXERA DATA PLATFORM





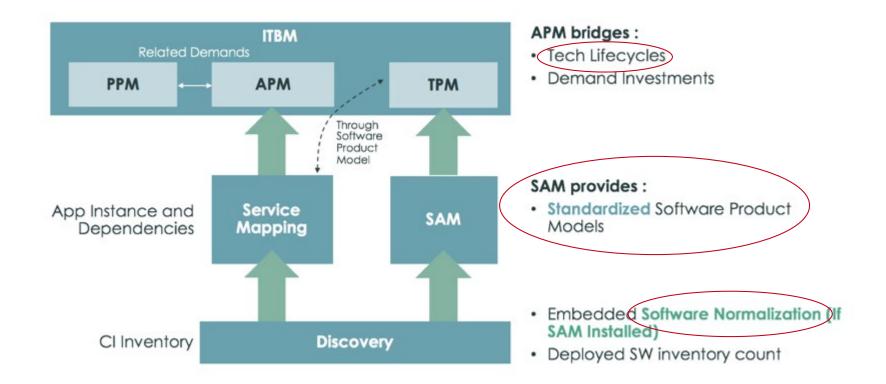
## ASSET ENRICHMENT – LIFE CYCLE INFORMATION

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HW Manufacturer 🔶			-	NO	UNKNOWN	YES
	HW Subc 🜩	HW Product 🔶	SYS Count	SYS Count	SYS Count	SYS Count
-	-	-	1,569	-	-	-
Apple	Notebooks	MacBook Pro	-	-	-	7
Dell	Servers	PowerEdge	-	40	-	15
Fujitsu HP	-	-	3	-	-	-
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	Workstatio	CELSIUS R Series	-	5	-	1
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	Desktops	ESPRIMO Q Series Mini PC	-	-	7,816	385
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		LifeBook E Series	-	1	33	3,042
	Natabaalaa	LifeBook P Series	-	-	-	26
	Notebooks	LifeBook S Series	-	-	2	835
		LifeBook T Series	-	-		160
	Servers	PRIMERGY	-	60	2	339
		Elite x2 Tablet	-	<b>5</b>		665
	Notebooks	EliteBook Notebook PC	-	2	2	1
		EliteBook x360 Notebook PC	-	-	-	2
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		ProLiant DL380 G6 Server	-	1	-	-
VMware	-	-	8,091	2	2	-





## (SOFTWARE) ASSET ENRICHMENT – USING SERVICENOW SAM PRO





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## Software Life Cycle information

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- Mutliple ways to populate a CMDB
- IT Asset Management can be a great start!
- Best option depends on what information you already have and what kind of information you require
- Beware of poor data quality!
- Automated service mapping might have impact on your decision
- Regardless of your choice, data can always be enriched in a later stage
- Encourage communication between ITAM and ITSM