

## Microsoft Expands Asset, License Management Offerings

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Based in Ottawa, Canada, the asset and license management solutions company maintains a software library of more than 100,000 identified software titles and more than 200 reports targeted to asset and license managers. Felicity McGourty, director of product management in Microsoft's Windows Enterprise Management Division, said the acquisition will enable Microsoft to deliver a more comprehensive asset and license management solution for customers of all sizes.

AssetMetrix technology will be integrated into Microsoft's existing tools, such as Systems Management Server (SMS) 2003. Microsoft intends to release the software library, along with the application signatures and additional reports, to existing SMS customers at no charge before the end of the calendar year.

Completing the acquisition is subject to Canadian court approval, as part of a standard process under Canadian corporate law.