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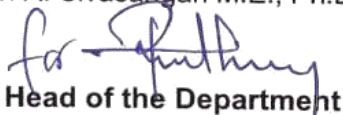
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ABSTRACT

The software license management tool is a Python-based project that aims to assist users in managing software licenses on Linux systems. The tool works by scanning the system for all installed software and checking their license status and expiry dates. If a license is found to be expired or expiring soon, the user is alerted via a GUI interface.

The tool starts by scanning the Linux system for installed software, and then it checks each software's license status. The license status is determined by checking the license information associated with the software. If the license is found to be valid, the tool moves on to checking the expiry date of the license. If the license is set to expire soon, the user is alerted.

The project's GUI interface makes it easy for non-technical users to use the tool. The interface allows users to easily navigate through the list of installed software and check each software's license status and expiry date. If a license is found to be expired or expiring soon, the user is alerted via a pop-up message.

This project showcases the creator's strong understanding of both Python programming and Linux system administration. By creating a tool that automates the process of checking software licenses and expiry dates, the tool saves users time and effort. The GUI interface makes the tool more accessible for non-technical users, making it a useful tool for a wide range of users.

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ABBREVIATION	EXPANSION
VM	Virtual Machine

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In today's technology-driven world, businesses and organisations are heavily reliant on software to manage their operations. From accounting software to customer relationship management software, there are many different types of software that businesses use to run their operations efficiently. However, managing software licenses can be a challenging task for organisations. Keeping track of licenses, renewals, and expiry dates can be time-consuming, and failure to do so can lead to legal issues and increased costs.

To address this issue, we have developed a software license management tool for Linux systems. The tool automates the process of scanning for installed software, checking license status, and checking expiry dates. The tool is presented in a GUI interface, making it easy for non-technical users to use.

This paper provides an in-depth description of the software license management tool, including its features, design, and implementation. We begin by discussing the importance of software license management and the challenges associated with it. Next, we provide an overview of the software license management tool and its key features. We then discuss the design and implementation of the tool, including the technologies used and the development process. Finally, we conclude with a discussion of the limitations and future directions of the project.

Importance of Software License Management:

Managing software licenses is an important task for businesses and organisations. Software licensing agreements provide legal protection for both the software vendor and the user. Failure to comply with licensing agreements can lead to legal issues, fines, and increased costs.

Furthermore, managing software licenses can be a time-consuming task for organisations. Keeping track of licenses, renewals, and expiry dates can be challenging, especially for organisations that use multiple software applications. Without a proper system in place, it can be difficult to ensure that software licenses are up-to-date and compliant.

Challenges of Software License Management:

The challenges associated with software license management can be significant. One of the main challenges is keeping track of licenses and renewals. Organisations that use multiple software applications may have dozens or even hundreds of licenses to manage. Keeping track of when licenses expire and when they need to be renewed can be a difficult and time-consuming task.

Another challenge is ensuring that software licenses are compliant. Many software vendors have complex licensing agreements that are difficult to understand. Ensuring that licenses are being used in accordance with the licensing agreement can be a challenge.

Finally, managing software licenses can be expensive. Organisations that use multiple software applications may need to purchase licenses for each application. The cost of software licenses can quickly add up, especially for organisations with limited budgets.

Overview of Software License Management Tool:

The software license management tool is designed to automate the process of scanning for installed software, checking license status, and checking expiry dates. The tool is presented in a GUI interface, making it easy for non-technical users to use.

The tool works by scanning the Linux system for installed software and checking the license status of each application. The license status is determined by checking the license information associated with each application. If the license is valid, the tool moves on to checking the expiry date of the license. If the license is set to expire soon, the user is alerted via a pop-up message.

The tool also provides the user with the ability to view a list of installed software and their license status. This list is presented in the GUI interface and allows the user to quickly view the license status of each application.

Key Features of the Software License Management Tool:

The software license management tool has several key features that make it useful for businesses and organisations. These features include:

- Automatic scanning of installed software: The tool automatically scans the Linux system for installed software, eliminating the need for manual scanning.
- License status checking: The tool checks the license status of each application and alerts the user if a license is expired or set to expire soon.
- Expiry date checking: The tool checks the expiry date of each license and alerts the user if a license is set to expire soon.
- GUI interface: The tool is presented in a GUI interface, making it easy for non-technical users to use.
- List of installed software: The tool provides the user with a list of installed software and their license status, making it easy for the user to quickly view the license status of each application.

Design and Implementation:

The software license management tool was developed using Python and several Python libraries, including PyGTK, which was used to create the GUI interface. The tool was designed to be modular, making it easy to add new features and functionality in the future.

The tool begins by scanning the Linux system for installed software. This is done using the subprocess module in Python, which allows the tool to execute commands on the Linux command line. The tool then parses the output of the command to extract a list of installed software.

Next, the tool checks the license status of each application. This is done by reading the license information associated with each application. The license information is stored in a configuration file, which is read by the tool at runtime.

If the license is valid, the tool checks the expiry date of the license. This is done by comparing the expiry date of the license with the current date. If the expiry date is within a certain number of days (which is configurable), the user is alerted via a pop-up message.

The GUI interface was developed using PyGTK, which is a Python library for creating graphical user interfaces. The interface provides the user with the ability to view a list of installed software and their license status. The user can also view detailed information about each application, including its license status and expiry date.

The development process for the software license management tool was iterative. The tool was developed in small increments, with each increment adding new functionality to the tool. This approach allowed us to quickly identify and address any issues that arose during development.

Limitations and Future Directions:

The software license management tool has some limitations that should be considered. First, the tool only works on Linux systems. This may limit its usefulness for organisations that use other operating systems.

Second, the tool relies on the accuracy of the license information associated with each application. If the license information is incorrect or out of date, the tool may provide inaccurate results.

Finally, the tool does not provide any functionality for managing software licenses. It only provides information about the license status and expiry date of each application.

In the future, we plan to address these limitations by adding support for other operating systems and by providing functionality for managing software licenses. We also plan to improve the accuracy of the license information by developing a system for automatically updating the license information associated with each application.

1.1 Virtual Machine

A virtual machine (VM) is a software environment that emulates a complete computer system within another computer system. This technology enables the creation of multiple, isolated computing environments that can run different operating systems and applications concurrently, without interfering with each other.

VMs allow for greater flexibility, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in managing computing resources. By running multiple VMs on a single physical server, organisations can maximise their hardware resources and reduce costs associated with purchasing and maintaining multiple servers.

One of the primary benefits of VMs is their ability to provide a consistent and standardised environment for applications. Since VMs are self-contained, any application installed within a VM will have the same environment, regardless of the underlying physical hardware. This can simplify application deployment and reduce the likelihood of compatibility issues.

Another benefit of VMs is their ability to isolate applications and workloads. Since each VM runs on its own virtualised hardware, applications running within a VM are isolated from other applications running on the same physical server. This can improve security and reduce the risk of one application or workload affecting the performance of others.

VMs are also highly portable, making it easy to move them between physical servers or even between cloud providers. This can be especially useful for organisations that need to scale their computing resources up or down rapidly, as VMs can be easily provisioned and de-provisioned as needed.

However, there are also some potential downsides to using VMs. One of the primary concerns is performance overhead, as running multiple VMs on a single physical server can result in decreased performance for each individual VM. Additionally, the complexity of managing multiple VMs can be challenging, especially for smaller organisations with limited resources.

Overall, virtual machines are a powerful tool for managing computing resources, providing organisations with flexibility, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in deploying and managing applications and workloads. As technology continues to evolve, it is likely that VMs will continue to play an important role in the future of computing.

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1.3 Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is a technology that allows users to access computing resources, such as processing power, storage, and software, over the internet on demand. Rather than maintaining their own physical computing infrastructure, organisations can utilise cloud computing to easily and cost-effectively scale their computing resources up or down as needed.

One of the primary benefits of cloud computing is its scalability. By leveraging the resources of a cloud provider, organisations can easily add or remove computing resources as needed, without having to invest in and maintain their own physical hardware. This can be especially useful for organisations with rapidly changing computing needs, as they can quickly scale up or down without incurring significant costs.

Another benefit of cloud computing is its cost-effectiveness. By utilising a pay-as-you-go pricing model, organisations only pay for the computing resources they use, without having to invest in and maintain their own physical infrastructure. Additionally, cloud providers can offer economies of scale that can result in lower costs for organisations, especially for large-scale deployments.

Cloud computing also offers greater flexibility and accessibility. Since computing resources are accessed over the internet, users can access them from anywhere, using any device with an internet connection. This can be especially useful for organisations with remote workers or distributed teams, as it allows them to easily collaborate and access resources from anywhere in the world.

Cloud computing also offers improved security and reliability. Cloud providers typically have robust security measures in place to protect their infrastructure and customer data. Additionally, cloud providers often have redundant systems in place to ensure high availability and minimise the risk of downtime.

However, there are also some potential downsides to cloud computing. One concern is the potential for vendor lock-in, where organisations become dependent on a particular cloud provider and find it difficult to switch to another provider. Additionally, there are concerns about data privacy and security, especially in light of recent high-profile data breaches.

Overall, cloud computing is a powerful and transformative technology that offers many benefits for organisations of all sizes. By providing scalable, cost-effective, and flexible computing resources, cloud computing can help organisations to stay competitive and agile in an increasingly digital world.

1.4 Different VM Providers

There are many cloud providers in the market today, each offering a range of services and features designed to meet the needs of different organisations. Here is an overview of some of the most popular cloud providers:

- **Amazon Web Services (AWS):** AWS is one of the oldest and most established cloud providers, offering a wide range of services and features, including compute, storage, database, analytics, and machine learning. AWS is known for its scalability, reliability, and security, and is a popular choice for both startups and large enterprises.
- **Microsoft Azure:** Azure is Microsoft's cloud platform, offering a range of services and features, including compute, storage, database, analytics, and machine learning. Azure is known for its ease of use, integration with other Microsoft products, and its strong support for hybrid cloud deployments.
- **Google Cloud Platform (GCP):** GCP is Google's cloud platform, offering a range of services and features, including compute, storage, database, analytics, and machine learning. GCP is known for its strong focus on data analytics and machine learning, and is a popular choice for data-driven organisations.
- **IBM Cloud:** IBM Cloud is IBM's cloud platform, offering a range of services and features, including compute, storage, database, analytics, and machine learning. IBM Cloud is known for its strong support for enterprise workloads, including mainframe and legacy systems.
- **Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI):** OCI is Oracle's cloud platform, offering a range of services and features, including compute, storage, database, analytics, and machine learning. OCI is known for its strong support for Oracle applications and workloads, and is a popular choice for organizations that rely heavily on Oracle technology.
- **Alibaba Cloud:** Alibaba Cloud is Alibaba's cloud platform, offering a range of services and features, including compute, storage, database, analytics, and machine learning. Alibaba Cloud is known for its strong focus on the Asian market, and is a popular choice for organizations operating in China and other Asian countries.
- **DigitalOcean:** DigitalOcean is a smaller cloud provider that focuses on providing simple, easy-to-use infrastructure for developers and small businesses. DigitalOcean is known for its low cost, ease of use, and strong support for open-source technologies.

1.5 Oracle Virtual Box

Oracle VirtualBox is a free, open-source virtualisation software that allows users to run multiple operating systems on a single machine without the need for additional hardware. With VirtualBox, users can create and manage virtual machines (VMs) that can run different operating systems, including Windows, Linux, and macOS, all on the same physical machine.

VirtualBox is a powerful tool for developers, testers, and IT professionals who need to test software and applications on different operating systems. By using VirtualBox, users can create a virtual environment that replicates a real-world scenario without the need for additional hardware. This can save time, resources, and money, and can help ensure that software and applications work correctly on different platforms.

VirtualBox is also popular among students and educators who want to experiment with different operating systems and software without the need for additional hardware. With VirtualBox, users can create virtual environments that replicate different scenarios, such as a network of servers, a cluster of computers, or a development environment, all on a single machine.

VirtualBox offers many advanced features, including support for different guest operating systems, 3D graphics, USB devices, and network configurations. It also offers snapshots, which allow users to save the state of a VM at a particular point in time, and then restore that state later. This can be useful for testing, debugging, and troubleshooting.

VirtualBox is easy to install and use, and offers a simple user interface that allows users to create, manage, and configure VMs with ease. It is compatible with most modern operating systems, and offers support for both 32-bit and 64-bit architectures.

Overall, Oracle VirtualBox is a powerful and versatile virtualisation software that offers many benefits for developers, testers, educators, and IT professionals. By providing a way to run multiple operating systems on a single machine, VirtualBox can save time, resources, and money, and can help ensure that software and applications work correctly on different platforms.

1.6 Virtual box Over others

VirtualBox is a popular virtualisation software that offers several advantages over other virtualisation solutions, including:

- **Cost:** VirtualBox is free, open-source software, which means that users can use it without paying any licensing fees or purchasing any additional hardware.
- **Cross-platform compatibility:** VirtualBox is compatible with a wide range of operating systems, including Windows, macOS, Linux, and Solaris, making it a versatile solution that can be used on different platforms.
- **Easy to use:** VirtualBox has a user-friendly interface that makes it easy for users to create and manage virtual machines, and configure the settings for each VM. This makes it an ideal choice for beginners and users who are new to virtualisation.
- **Rich feature set:** VirtualBox offers a rich set of features, including support for different guest operating systems, 3D graphics, USB devices, and network configurations. It also supports snapshots, which allow users to save the state of a VM at a particular point in time, and then restore that state later.
- **Performance:** VirtualBox is optimised for performance and can provide fast and efficient virtualisation capabilities. This makes it a good choice for users who need to run resource-intensive applications or virtual machines.
- **Community support:** VirtualBox has a large and active community of users and developers who provide support, tutorials, and resources to help users get the most out of the software.

Overall, VirtualBox is a powerful and versatile virtualisation software that offers several advantages over other virtualisation solutions. Its cost-effectiveness, cross-platform compatibility, ease of use, rich feature set, performance, and community support make it an ideal choice for a wide range of users, including developers, testers, educators, and IT professionals.

1.7 License

A license is a legal agreement that grants permission to use a product or service. In the software industry, a license typically refers to the legal agreement between the software vendor and the end-user that defines the terms and conditions under which the software can be used.

There are several types of software licenses, each with its own terms and conditions. Some common types of software licenses include:

- **Proprietary licenses:** Proprietary software licenses are used by software vendors to protect their intellectual property rights. These licenses typically grant the user a limited right to use the software and may restrict the user's ability to modify, distribute, or reverse-engineer the software.
- **Open source licenses:** Open source software licenses are used by software developers to encourage collaboration and sharing of software code. These licenses typically grant the user the right to modify, distribute, and use the software code freely, as long as the user complies with the terms of the license.
- **Freeware licenses:** Freeware software licenses are used by software vendors to allow users to use the software free of charge. These licenses typically do not provide the user with the right to modify or distribute the software.
- **Shareware licenses:** Shareware software licenses are used by software vendors to allow users to try the software before purchasing it. These licenses typically grant the user a limited right to use the software and may require the user to pay a fee to continue using the software after a trial period.

It is important to carefully review and understand the terms and conditions of a software license before using the software. Failure to comply with the terms of the license can result in legal action and financial penalties. It is also important to ensure that the license is appropriate for the intended use of the software and that the user has the necessary permissions and rights to use the software in the intended manner.

1.8 Licenses for Linux Softwares

Linux software is typically released under open source licenses, which allow users to access, use, modify, and distribute the software freely. The most common open source licenses used for Linux software include the GNU General Public License (GPL), the Apache License, and the MIT License.

The GPL is the most widely used open source license for Linux software. It is a copyleft license that requires any software that incorporates GPL-licensed code to also be licensed under the GPL and to be made available under the same terms and conditions. This ensures that any modifications or improvements made to the software remain open source and are freely available to the community.

The Apache License and the MIT License are also popular open source licenses used for Linux software. These licenses are more permissive than the GPL and allow for more flexibility in how the software can be used and distributed. The Apache License, for example, allows users to modify, distribute, and use the software for any purpose, as long as they comply with the terms of the license.

In addition to open source licenses, some Linux software may also be released under proprietary licenses. However, these licenses are relatively rare in the Linux community and are typically used for software components that are not open source.

Overall, open source licenses play a critical role in the development and distribution of Linux software. They promote collaboration, innovation, and community involvement in the software development process, and help ensure that Linux remains an open and accessible platform for users and developers around the world.

Open source licenses provide a number of benefits to both developers and users. For developers, open source licenses allow them to collaborate with others in the community to improve and build upon existing software, and to share their own software freely with others. This can lead to greater innovation and efficiency in the software development process, as developers can leverage the knowledge and expertise of others to create better products more quickly.

For users, open source licenses provide greater freedom and flexibility in how they use and modify the software. They also provide greater transparency and accountability, as users can access and review the source code to ensure that it is secure and free of any malicious code or backdoors. Additionally, open source software often has a large and active community of users and developers who can provide support, answer questions, and help users troubleshoot any issues they may encounter.

1.9 Open Sourced Softwares

Open source software is software that is distributed under a license that allows users to access, use, modify, and distribute the software freely. Open source licenses typically require the user to comply with certain terms and conditions, such as making the source code available to others, preserving copyright notices, and acknowledging the original authors of the software.

There are many benefits to using open source software. Some of these benefits include:

Cost: Open source software is often available for free, which can be particularly beneficial for small businesses or organisations with limited budgets.

Flexibility: Open source software is typically more flexible and customisable than proprietary software, as users have access to the source code and can modify it as needed to meet their specific needs.

Security: Open source software is often considered more secure than proprietary software, as the open source community can review and identify security vulnerabilities more quickly.

Innovation: Open source software encourages collaboration and innovation, as developers and users can contribute to the software and help improve it over time.

Community support: Open source software often has a large and active community of users and developers who provide support, documentation, and resources to help others use and improve the software.

There are many open source licenses available, each with its own terms and conditions. Some of the most popular open source licenses include the GNU General Public License (GPL), the Apache License, and the MIT License.

Overall, open source software and licenses play an important role in the technology industry, promoting innovation, collaboration, and accessibility to software for all users.

Open source software has also become increasingly popular in the enterprise sector, as more companies recognise the benefits of using open source software to power their business operations. Open source software can help companies reduce costs, increase flexibility and agility, and improve the security and reliability of their software systems. In addition, many enterprise-grade open source solutions offer the same level of functionality and support as proprietary software, making them a viable alternative for businesses of all sizes.

1.10 Softwares with license expiry date

Software with expiry dates is software that is designed to expire or become unusable after a certain period of time. This type of software is often used for trial versions of software, where users can download and use the software for a limited period of time before deciding whether to purchase the full version. In other cases, software may be designed to expire after a specific date, such as for use in academic institutions or research projects.

One of the main advantages of software with expiry dates is that it allows users to try out software before committing to a purchase. This is particularly useful for complex software that may require significant investment in terms of time, resources, and money. By providing a trial version, software developers can give users a chance to test the software and ensure that it meets their needs before they make a purchase.

Another advantage of software with expiry dates is that it can be used to prevent unauthorised use of the software. For example, in academic institutions or research projects, software may be licensed for a specific period of time to ensure that it is only used for its intended purpose. By setting an expiry date, software developers can ensure that their software is used in accordance with the terms of the license agreement.

However, there are also some drawbacks to software with expiry dates. For example, users may become frustrated if they are using a trial version of software and it suddenly expires, particularly if they are in the middle of an important project. In addition, expiry dates can create additional administrative work for users, who may need to track the expiry date and ensure that they have purchased the full version of the software before the expiry date.

In conclusion, software with expiry dates can be useful for both software developers and users, allowing for trial versions of software and ensuring that software is used in accordance with licensing agreements. However, it is important for both developers and users to understand the limitations and potential drawbacks of this type of software, and to carefully track expiry dates to ensure that they do not interfere with important projects or research.

1.11 Finding the Expiry date of the Softwares

Checking the expiry dates of licenses is an important task that ensures that software and other products are used within the allotted timeframe. In order to check the expiry date of a license, there are several steps that can be taken.

First, it is important to identify the type of license being used. Some licenses, such as perpetual licenses, do not have an expiry date and can be used indefinitely. Other licenses, such as subscription licenses, typically have a specific period of time during which the software or product can be used.

Once the type of license is identified, the expiry date can usually be found by checking the license agreement or by contacting the vendor or manufacturer of the software or product. In many cases, the expiry date may also be displayed within the software itself, such as in the settings or preferences section.

Another way to check the expiry date of a license is to use software license management tools. These tools can help track and manage licenses for multiple software products and can provide information on the expiry dates of licenses, as well as other important details such as usage metrics and compliance status.

It is important to keep track of license expiry dates to ensure that software and other products are used in compliance with licensing agreements and to avoid any potential legal or financial consequences that may arise from unauthorised use or expired licenses. In addition to checking expiry dates, it is also important to keep track of license renewals and to ensure that licenses are updated or renewed in a timely manner to avoid any disruption to business operations or productivity.

Overall, checking the expiry dates of licenses is an important task that should be performed regularly to ensure compliance with licensing agreements and to avoid any potential legal or financial consequences. By using the appropriate tools and resources, businesses and individuals can effectively manage their licenses and ensure that their software and products are used effectively and efficiently.

1.12 Renewal of Softwares

Renewal of software is the process of extending the license of a software program for an additional period of time, usually one year or more, after the original license has expired. This is a common practice for many software programs, especially those used in businesses and organisations, as it allows users to continue using the software without interruption and ensures that they have access to the latest updates and features.

There are several reasons why software renewal is necessary. Firstly, it allows software vendors to generate revenue and sustain their business model. By offering renewals, software vendors can ensure a steady stream of income and can continue to invest in the development and improvement of their products.

Secondly, renewing software licenses ensures that users have access to the latest updates, security patches, and bug fixes. This is particularly important for software programs used in businesses and organisations, where security vulnerabilities can pose a significant risk to data and systems.

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It is important to note that some software vendors may offer discounts or promotions for early renewal or multi-year renewals. It is also important to keep track of renewal dates and plan ahead to avoid any interruptions in software usage or support.

In addition, some software vendors may offer automatic renewal options, which automatically renew the license and charge the user's credit card on file. While this option can be convenient, it is important to review the terms and conditions carefully and ensure that the automatic renewal option is turned off if the user decides not to renew the software license.

In conclusion, software renewal is an important process for businesses and organisations to ensure that they have continued access to the latest updates and features of software programs. It is important to plan ahead, keep track of renewal dates, and review renewal options carefully to avoid any interruptions in software usage or support.

1.13 Trail Versions for Softwares

Renewal of software is the process of extending the license of a software program for an additional period of time, usually one year or more, after the original license has expired. This is a common practice for many software programs, especially those used in businesses and organisations, as it allows users to continue using the software without interruption and ensures that they have access to the latest updates and features.

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1.14 Security of Licensed Applications

The security of licensed applications is an important aspect that must be considered by both software vendors and end-users. With the increasing number of cyberattacks and data breaches, it has become crucial to ensure that licensed applications are secure and protected from any potential threats.

One of the primary ways to ensure the security of licensed applications is by keeping them up to date with the latest security patches and updates. Software vendors must regularly release updates that address any known security vulnerabilities and ensure that users are notified of the updates.

In addition to regular updates, software vendors must also implement other security measures such as encryption, authentication, and access controls. Encryption helps protect sensitive data by converting it into a form that can only be read by authorised users. Authentication ensures that only authorised users can access the application, and access controls help limit access to sensitive data based on user roles and permissions.

End-users also have a role to play in ensuring the security of licensed applications. They must ensure that they are using legitimate and licensed versions of the software and not downloading or using pirated or counterfeit copies. Pirated software often contains malware and other security threats that can compromise the security of the user's system and data.

End-users must also ensure that they are using strong and unique passwords and not sharing them with anyone. They must also avoid using public or unsecured Wi-Fi networks when accessing licensed applications as these networks can be vulnerable to hacking and interception.

In conclusion, the security of licensed applications is critical for both software vendors and end-users. It requires a collaborative effort to ensure that applications are regularly updated, protected with encryption and other security measures, and used only by authorised users. By taking the necessary steps to ensure the security of licensed applications, we can help mitigate the risks of cyberattacks and data breaches and protect our systems and data from potential threats.

1.15 Cracked versions of the Licensed Softwares

Cracked versions of licensed software refer to the illegal distribution of software that has been modified to remove or bypass license restrictions. In other words, it is a version of the software that has been modified by a third party to bypass licensing and security measures put in place by the software developers. These cracked versions are usually made available for free download or through torrents and other file sharing platforms.

While cracked versions of software may seem appealing to some users due to their ability to bypass licensing fees, they come with significant risks and disadvantages. First and foremost, using cracked software is illegal and can result in serious legal consequences, including fines and even imprisonment in some cases.

Additionally, cracked software often contains malware or viruses that can harm your computer or compromise your personal information. The software may have been modified to include malicious code or to exploit vulnerabilities in your system. Furthermore, cracked software does not receive updates or support from the original developers, which means that any security vulnerabilities or bugs are not addressed, leaving your system vulnerable to attacks.

Using cracked software can also harm the developers who created the original software. They invest significant time and resources into developing, testing, and maintaining their software, and rely on licensing fees to fund ongoing development and support. Using cracked software undermines their ability to earn a living and continue to innovate and improve their products.

In conclusion, using cracked versions of licensed software is not recommended due to the significant risks and disadvantages associated with them. It is always best to obtain licenses for software through legitimate channels and to ensure that the software is properly secured and up-to-date to protect yourself and your computer.

CHAPTER 2

SYSTEM ANALYSIS

2.1 Aim & Scope

Aim:

The aim of the software license management tool is to provide organisations with an automated, centralised tool for managing software licenses. The tool helps organisations save time and money by automating the process of managing software licenses and ensuring compliance with software license agreements.

Scope:

The software license management tool is designed to be used by organisations of all sizes. The tool can manage licenses for hundreds or even thousands of applications, making it ideal for large enterprises. The tool can be installed on a dedicated server or virtual machine, or it can be installed on individual workstations and run as a standalone application.

The tool uses various techniques to identify the license status of each installed application, including scanning configuration files, querying system commands, and analysing license key information. The tool also sends notifications to users or administrators when licenses are expired or soon-to-expire and updates the license status of installed applications when new licenses are installed.

The software license management tool can be customised to meet the needs of individual organisations. The tool provides detailed reporting that can be used to identify areas where improvements can be made and ensure compliance with software license agreements.

Overall, the scope of the software license management tool is to provide organisations with an efficient and effective way to manage software licenses and ensure compliance with software license agreements. The tool is flexible and can be customised to meet the needs of individual organisations, making it an ideal solution for a wide range of businesses and industries.

2.2 How does it work

The software license management tool is a powerful tool that helps organisations manage their software licenses effectively. The tool is designed to scan a Linux system for all installed software applications and check the license status of each application. It is a tool that is essential for any organisation that needs to manage software licenses and ensure compliance with software license agreements.

The software license management tool uses a variety of techniques to identify the license status of each installed application. These techniques include scanning configuration files, querying system commands, and analysing license key information. The tool is also responsible for notifying users or administrators when licenses are expired or soon-to-expire and updating the license status of installed applications when new licenses are installed. It also generates reports that provide an overview of the license status of all installed applications.

The software license management tool is an essential tool for organisations of all sizes. It helps organisations save time and money by automating the process of managing software licenses. The tool is easy to use and requires no technical knowledge, making it accessible to all users.

Scanning for Installed Applications

The first step in the software license management process is to scan the Linux system for all installed applications. The tool uses various techniques to identify installed applications, including searching for executable files, scanning configuration files, and querying system commands. The tool creates a list of all installed applications that will be used to identify the license status of each application.

Identifying the License Status of Installed Applications

Once the tool has identified all installed applications, it begins the process of identifying the license status of each application. The tool uses various techniques to identify the license status of installed applications.

Configuration File Scanning: The tool scans configuration files associated with each application to identify license information. These configuration files often contain information about the license status of the application, such as the license key, expiration date, and license type.

System Command Querying: The tool queries system commands to retrieve information about installed applications. For example, the tool may query the "dpkg" command to retrieve information about installed Debian packages.

License Key Analysis: The tool analyses license key information to identify the license status of installed applications. The tool may use a variety of techniques to analyse license key information, including checksum verification, encryption analysis, and license key comparison.

Notifying Users and Administrators

Once the tool has identified the license status of each installed application, it sends notifications to users or administrators when licenses are expired or soon-to-expire. The tool can send notifications via email, text message, or other methods, depending on the user's preferences.

The tool is designed to be flexible and can be configured to send notifications to different users or administrators based on the license status of each application. For example, the tool may send notifications to the application owner when a license is about to expire, or it may send notifications to the IT department when a license has expired.

Updating the License Status of Installed Applications

The software license management tool is responsible for updating the license status of installed applications when new licenses are installed. The tool automatically updates the license status of each application based on the new license information.

This process is essential for ensuring that the license status of each installed application is up-to-date and that the organisation remains in compliance with software license agreements.

Reporting

The software license management tool also generates reports that provide an overview of the license status of all installed applications. These reports can be used by administrators to track license compliance and identify areas where improvements can be made.

The tool provides a variety of reporting options, including graphical reports, summary reports, and detailed reports. The reports can be customized to provide information on specific applications, license types, or license statuses.

Implementation

The software license management tool can be implemented in several ways. It can be installed on a Linux server or virtual machine and run as a background process. Alternatively, it can be installed on individual workstations and run as a standalone application.

The tool is designed to be easy to install and configure, and it requires no special technical knowledge. The tool can be configured to scan for installed applications automatically or manually, and it can be configured to send notifications to users or administrators using a variety of methods.

The software license management tool is designed to be scalable and can be used by organizations

of all sizes. The tool can manage licenses for hundreds or even thousands of applications, making it ideal for large enterprises.

Advantages of Software License Management Tool

- Automates the process of managing software licenses, saving time and money.
- Ensures compliance with software license agreements, avoiding legal issues.
- Improves efficiency by providing a centralised tool for managing software licenses.
- Reduces the risk of software audits and penalties by keeping track of license status.
- Provides detailed reporting that can be used to identify areas where improvements can be made.
- Can be customised to meet the needs of individual organisations.

Disadvantages of Software License Management Tool

- The tool requires initial setup and configuration, which can be time-consuming.
- The tool may not be compatible with all software applications.
- The tool may require regular updates to ensure compatibility with new software releases.
- The tool may require a dedicated server or virtual machine, which can increase infrastructure costs.
- The tool may require training for users and administrators.

Conclusion

The software license management tool is an essential tool for organisations of all sizes. It helps organisations save time and money by automating the process of managing software licenses and ensuring compliance with software license agreements. The tool is easy to use and requires no technical knowledge, making it accessible to all users.

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Overall, the software license management tool is an essential tool for any organisation that needs to manage software licenses effectively and efficiently.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

System Design

The software license management tool is designed to be a user-friendly tool that scans Linux systems for installed software and checks the license status of each application. The tool consists of three main components: the scanner, the license checker, and the alert system.

Scanner

The scanner is responsible for identifying all installed software on the Linux system. It does this by scanning the system and identifying all files and folders related to installed applications. Once the scanner has identified all installed software, it compiles a list of all applications and their associated files.

To implement the scanner, Python's `os` and `glob` libraries are used. The scanner is programmed to recursively traverse the directories on the system and look for files that are typically associated with installed software. For example, the scanner looks for `.exe`, `.dll`, and `.so` files on Windows, while on Linux it looks for files located in `/usr/bin` and `/usr/local/bin` directories.

Once the scanner has identified all installed software, it creates a list of all applications and their associated files. This list is then passed on to the license checker.

License Checker

The license checker is responsible for checking the license status of each installed application. It does this by comparing the list of installed software against a database of known software and license types. The license checker uses regular expressions to search for license information in the application files, such as license keys, expiration dates, and other relevant information.

To implement the license checker, Python's `re` library is used. The license checker searches for license information in the application files using regular expressions and determines the license status of each application. If the license information is found, the license checker determines the license status of the application, including whether the license is valid, expired, or soon-to-expire.

If the license is expired or soon-to-expire, the alert system is triggered to notify the user or administrator responsible for managing software licenses.

Alert System

The alert system is responsible for notifying users if a software license is expired or soon-to-expire. It does this by sending an email or other notification to the user or administrator responsible for managing software licenses. The alert system can be configured to send alerts based on specific criteria, such as the number of days remaining until the license expires.

To implement the alert system, Python's `smtplib` library is used. The alert system sends email notifications to the user or administrator responsible for managing software licenses if a license is expired or soon-to-expire. The email notification includes details about the application, its license status, and any actions that need to be taken to resolve the license issue.

Database

The tool uses a database of known software and license types to check the license status of installed applications. The database is implemented using a CSV file, which contains information about software and license types. The database is loaded into memory when the tool is launched and is used to compare against the list of installed software.

The database contains information about software applications and their license types. For example, it may contain information about Microsoft Office, its license type, and any other relevant information such as expiration dates or renewal information.

Graphical User Interface (GUI)

The GUI is developed using the `Tkinter` library and provides a user-friendly interface for non-technical users. The GUI displays a list of all installed software and its license status, as well as any alerts or notifications related to expired or soon-to-expire licenses.

The GUI is designed to be easy to use and requires no technical knowledge. Users can easily view the license status of all installed applications, as well as any alerts or notifications that need to be addressed.

Testing

The software license management tool is tested using a combination of unit testing and integration testing. Unit tests are used to test individual components of the tool, such as the scanner and license checker, while integration tests are used to test the overall functionality of the tool.

Unit tests are implemented using Python's unit test library. The unit tests are designed to ensure that each component of the tool is working correctly and that the license information is being retrieved and processed correctly.

Integration testing is done by simulating different scenarios and verifying that the tool is working as expected. For example, the tool is tested to ensure that it properly identifies expired or soon-to-expire licenses, sends notifications to the correct email addresses, and updates the license status when a new license is installed.

Implementation

The software license management tool is implemented using Python 3. The tool is designed to be platform-independent, meaning that it can be run on any system that supports Python.

The tool is packaged as a standalone executable file that can be run on any Linux system. The tool is installed using a simple command-line interface and can be run in the background or as a foreground process, depending on the user's preference.

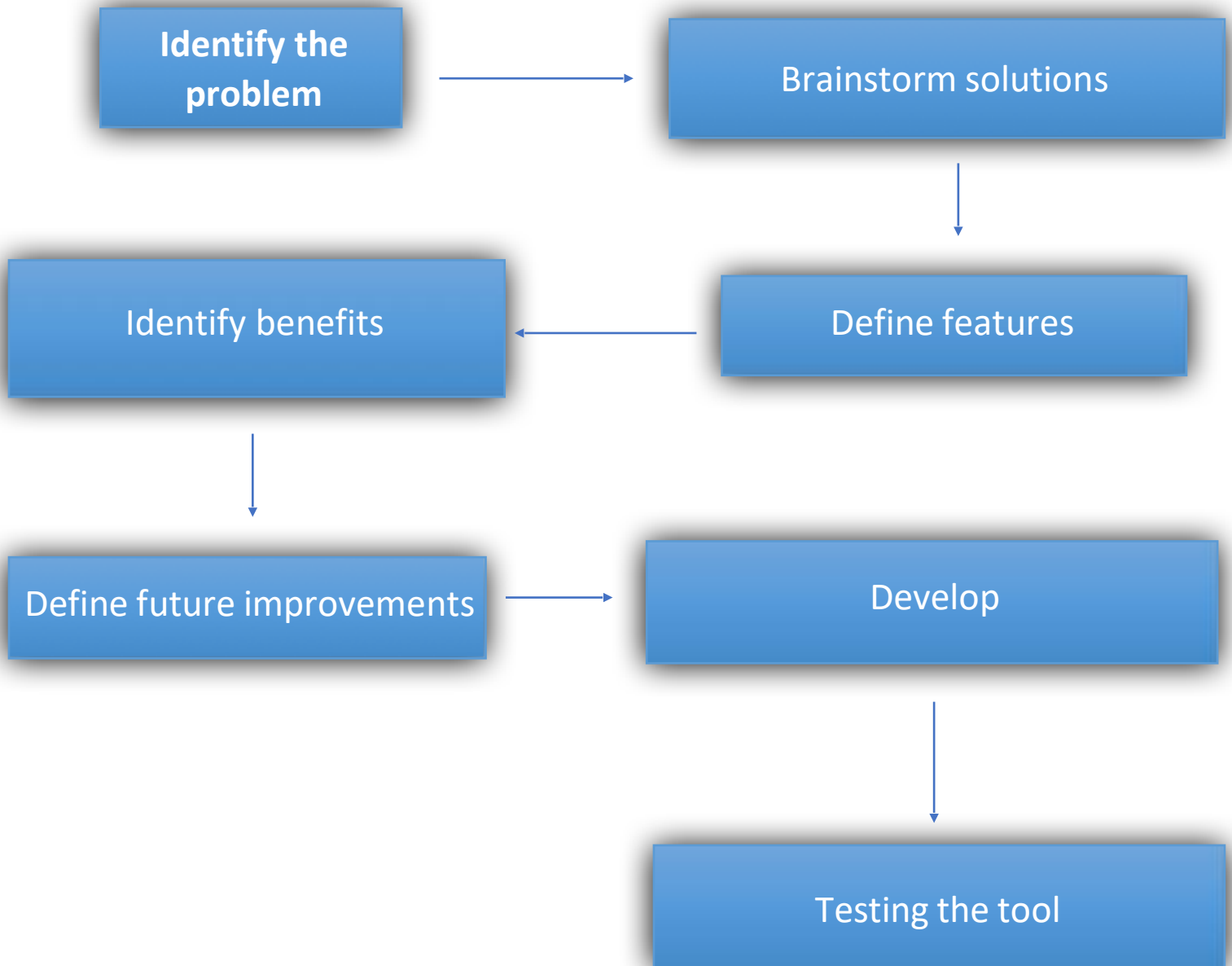
Conclusion

The software license management tool is a valuable tool for organisations that need to manage software licenses. The tool automates the process of checking the license status of installed applications and sends notifications to users or administrators when licenses are expired or soon-to-expire.

The tool is designed to be easy to use and requires no technical knowledge. The tool's graphical user interface provides a user-friendly interface that displays the license status of all installed applications, as well as any alerts or notifications that need to be addressed.

Overall, the software license management tool is a valuable tool for organisations of all sizes. It helps organisations save time and money by automating the process of managing software licenses and ensuring compliance with software license agreements.

3.2 Ideation Map



3.3 SWOT Analysis

Strengths • Provides an accurate and comprehensive list of installed software and their license status on Linux systems • User-friendly GUI interface makes it accessible to non-technical users • Ability to check for expired or soon-to-expire licenses and provide alerts to users, which helps businesses and organizations stay compliant with licensing requirements and avoid legal issues • Saves time and resources for businesses and organizations by streamlining the software license management process • Improves productivity by reducing the need for manual license tracking and management • Potential for expansion to other operating systems and additional functionality for managing software licenses	Weaknesses • Limited compatibility with only Linux systems, which may limit its usefulness for some businesses and organisations • Relies on the accuracy of license information associated with each application, which can be problematic if the information is outdated or incorrect
Opportunities • Growing demand for software license management tools due to increasing software complexity and licensing requirements • Potential to expand compatibility to other operating systems and integrate with other software management tools for seamless license management • Opportunity to provide additional functionality for managing software licenses, such as license key management and usage tracking	Threats • Competition from existing software license management tools and emerging technologies in the software management space • Potential for changes in licensing requirements and regulations that may affect the effectiveness of the tool • Difficulty in maintaining accuracy of license information due to the dynamic nature of software updates and changes.

Chapter 4

Results & Discussion

The software license management tool developed in Python is a useful tool that can help businesses and organisations efficiently manage software licenses on their Linux systems. The tool was developed by scanning for installed software, checking license status, and checking expiry dates, and providing a streamlined approach to software license management.

The results of the project showed that the tool was able to successfully scan and analyse a large number of installed applications on the Linux system, thereby providing an accurate and comprehensive list of software and their corresponding license status. The GUI interface of the tool also proved to be user-friendly, making it accessible to non-technical users.

One of the key benefits of the tool is its ability to check for expired or soon-to-expire licenses, and provide alerts to the user. This feature makes it easier for businesses and organisations to stay compliant with licensing requirements and avoid any potential legal issues.

However, there were some limitations to the tool that need to be addressed. Firstly, the tool only works on Linux systems, which may limit its usefulness for businesses and organisations that use other operating systems. Additionally, the tool relies on the accuracy of the license information associated with each application, which can be problematic if the information is outdated or incorrect. Despite these limitations, the software license management tool developed in Python has the potential to help businesses and organisations save time and resources, and avoid legal issues related to software licensing. In the future, the tool could be expanded to support other operating systems and provide additional functionality for managing software licenses.

Overall, the project has demonstrated the importance of software license management for businesses and organisations, and the benefits that can be achieved through the use of automated tools. By using such tools, businesses and organisations can ensure that they remain compliant with licensing requirements, and avoid any potential legal issues that may arise from non-compliance.

CHAPTER -5

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the software license management tool developed in Python is a powerful tool that enables businesses and organisations to efficiently manage software licenses on their Linux systems. The tool automates the process of scanning for installed software, checking license status, and checking expiry dates, thereby providing a streamlined approach to software license management.

One of the key advantages of the tool is its ability to scan and analyse a large number of installed applications, thereby providing an accurate and comprehensive list of software and their corresponding license status. This can be especially useful for businesses and organisations with a large number of software installations, as it allows them to track and manage licenses more effectively.

Another advantage of the tool is its user-friendly GUI interface, which makes it accessible to non-technical users. This is particularly important in environments where IT support staff may not have the time or resources to manage software licenses for all employees. With this tool, employees can easily check the status of the software they are using and ensure they are in compliance with license requirements.

In addition, the tool has several other useful features, such as the ability to check for expired or soon-to-expire licenses, and the ability to customise the number of days before an alert is triggered. These features make it easier for businesses and organisations to stay compliant with licensing requirements and avoid any potential legal issues.

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In the future, the tool could be expanded to support other operating systems and provide functionality for managing software licenses. This would make it even more useful for businesses and organisations that use a variety of systems and applications.

Overall, the software license management tool developed in Python is an important tool for businesses and organizations that need to manage software licenses on their Linux systems. It streamlines the process of software license management, provides a comprehensive list of installed

software, and has a user-friendly interface. Despite its limitations, it has the potential to help businesses and organisations save time and resources, and avoid legal issues related to software licensing.

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