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Product Reviews

AuditWizard Version 6

Summary: A software package that will inventory both hardware and software assets on your network. Winner of our Editor's Choice Award for value, functionality and accuracy.

Estimated Price: \$295 (50-licenses)

Corporations, schools systems and virtually any organization that wants to keep track of assets on their computer network will gain from the benefits of Layton Technology's AuditWizard Version 6. This latest version of the company's powerful auditing software performs outstandingly with a few minutes of configuration. Impressed with the results and the cost we issue this product our Editor's Choice Award for value, functionality and accuracy.

If you've ever worked in a large corporation you're accustomed to the IT person that visits on a semi-annual basis to catalog the computer system you use and the software contained on the unit. AuditWizard relieves that department of the time investment (and the cost involved) by documenting systems on the network, the software they use as well as the user's internet activity. In addition to computers, the software can also audit USB and mobile devices as long as they can be detected on the network.

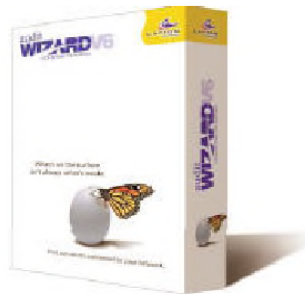
The primary program can be installed on any PC in the network, however it must have the permissions to see all of the network resources to work properly. In addition, each PC or resource should be able to see a shareable folder that each of the assets report to and requires a script to be placed on each resource which is referenced whenever the system starts or reboots.

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The program can also audit USB and mobile devices if they can be detected on the network - it is a terrific product and you'll wonder how you ever managed without it!



ware information, AuditWizard 6 collects the general information about the PC including the user's name and the standard information you might receive from a SysInfo-type application. The program also collects information about the software that is installed on the system in addition to the application's serial number if it is available. It also reports the details about the amount of available space on the drive(s) and can import system files (such as INI, BAT, SYS) in case they need to be replenished. An Alert Monitor on the administrator's system reports any changes in both hardware and software since the last time the system booted up. Depending on the company's internet-use policy you can received detailed reports on a user's internet activity for compliance. There's a wide variety of reports available and can be configured according to the details required by the administrator.

The cost of Layton Technology's AuditWizard Version 6 depends on the number of licenses purchased and can range anywhere between \$3 to \$6 per

license. The minimum cost is \$295 for the 50-license package up to \$1495 for 500 resources. You can find out more information and order the product at the company's web site at www.layton-technology.com.



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