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HPE Asset Manager Procurement module

Streamline labor-intensive IT asset procurement processes

HPE Asset Manager Procurement module automates and streamlines labor-intensive IT asset procurement processes and enforces corporate standards for resource acquisition. With its powerful management capabilities, HPE Asset Manager Procurement helps you acquire the right resources at the right price.

The procurement challenge

With the increasing enterprise attention on fiscal responsibility and improved management, IT organizations are playing a more significant role in fulfilling an organization's business objectives. IT is challenged to improve costs, mitigate compliance and security risks, and provide information to drive business decisions.

If you are facing these challenges, you need measurement tools to provide visibility into how your IT organization is doing. These include reviews of service cost-effectiveness, customer satisfaction, and the efficient use of corporate infrastructure. At the same time, your organization needs to find the right resources at the right price.

To handle this increase effectively, an IT procurement product must reduce the amount of manual intervention required to verify, check, and fulfill employee requests. It must do all of this while enabling adherence to corporate policies and standards.

HPE Asset Manager software helps you address these challenges by supporting the entire asset management lifecycle.

Key benefits

- Control all procurement processes and enforce company standards.
- Reconcile assets against purchase orders.
- Streamline the fulfillment lifecycle.
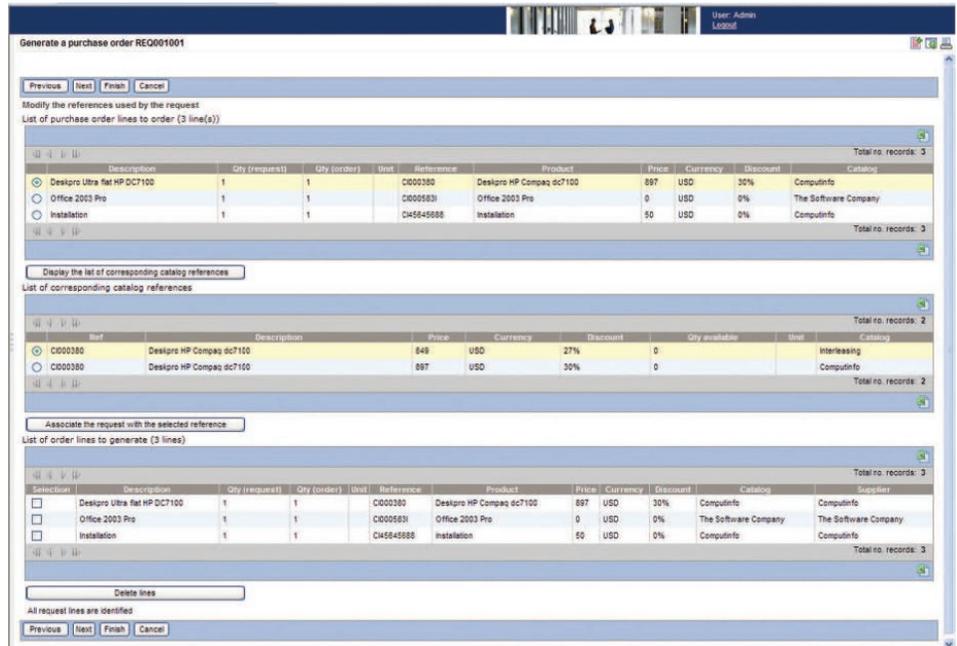- Integrate with asset, service, and supplier catalogs.

Figure 1. Create and view orders for goods and services tied to the asset lifecycle.

- Enable out-of-the-box enterprise resource planning (ERP) integration.
- Gain comprehensive control over processes through visualization of the approval workflow.

Product overview

The HPE Asset Manager Procurement module supports the first phase in the asset management lifecycle: the acquisition phase. This powerful HPE Asset Manager software module helps you verify that acquired resources meet corporate standards, can be serviced by the organization, are monitored against current stock, and are compatible with other assets.

HPE Asset Manager Procurement also allows your organization to select vendors, negotiate volume discounts, and control individual procurement requests. These practices enable you to reduce costs when purchasing assets, mitigate risks associated with maverick purchasing, and increase the utilization of existing resources. As a result, your employees can obtain the right resources faster and more cost-effectively, with a potential increase in productivity.

Streamline the fulfillment lifecycle.
HPE Asset Manager Procurement automates the entire request fulfillment lifecycle, from the time an asset is requested until it is received and deployed. The application verifies that requests meet your approved corporate standards by checking against a catalog of approved assets and services. It also monitors existing stock and budgets, generates purchase orders, and reconciles those purchase orders against the assets received from the vendor. HPE Asset Manager Procurement also uses a powerful workflow engine to automate notifications and approvals, such as notifications to an IT manager for approval of a resource request.

Enforce company standards.
The number and complexity of IT assets directly affects your organization's ability to provide cost-effective services. Company-supported assets contained in catalogs are verified against user requests. This process empowers IT to proactively enforce corporate standards, so the right resources are available and are used to appropriately service each request. As a result, you can create an improvement in service levels and customer satisfaction.

Increase asset utilization.
HPE Asset Manager Procurement performs valuable cross-reference checks so that unwarranted purchase orders are not fulfilled, and your costs are contained. User requests are checked against current stock-onhand and inventory. If the item is not found, then a purchase order for that asset may be issued. This vital process for reducing costs helps you prevent unnecessary purchase orders by increasing the use of existing resources.

Reconcile assets against purchase orders.
When your organization must obtain external resources, employees in the receiving area are able to reconcile the receipt of goods with the original purchase order to validate fulfillment of requested assets in accurate quantities.

Reconcile invoices.
Your organization can reconcile vendor invoices with goods received. HPE Asset Manager Procurement tracks the return of assets and facilitates vendor reimbursement accordingly. Automated cross-checking processes examine related information and validate that the financial resources are appropriately used. HPE Asset Manager Procurement automates the entire request fulfillment lifecycle—from the time an asset is requested until it is received and deployed.

Powerful features

- Automates business processes to improve efficiencies and manage all phases of the procurement lifecycle

- Monitors and tracks complex pricing offers and limited time offers

- Alerts user to available discounts for volume purchasing and automatically calculates the correct price

- Provides powerful workflow capabilities that notify users of special terms and conditions

- Integrates with multiple supplier catalogs for direct access to accurate and up-to-date supplier, product, and pricing information

- Integrates with catalogs to identify and associate purchasing options with particular products and compatibility between products

- Enforces corporate standards to streamline processes and control costs

- Supports product bundles that represent standard configurations

- Enables organizations to create pre-configured requests that include assets and their associated services—as a result, resources are appropriately allocated and configuration standards adhered to
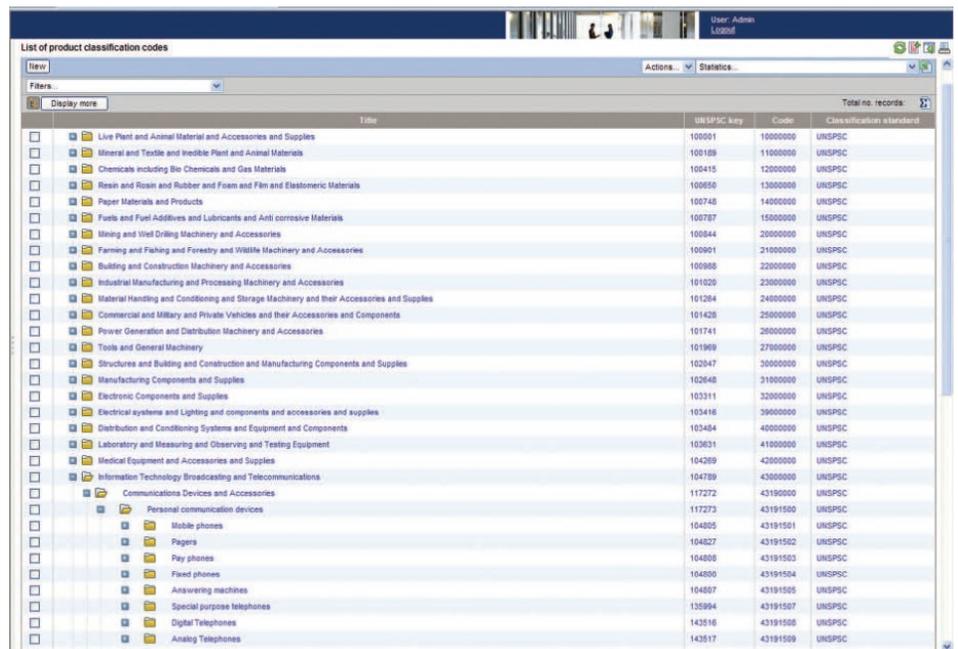

Figure 2. Upload and manage supplier catalogs to user for requests and purchases.

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Figure 3. Upload and manage supplier catalogs to user for requests and purchases.

- Provides comprehensive visualization of the procurement cycle to show links among the requested items, ordered items, invoices, and the received and returned assets

- Includes drill-down capabilities that provide detailed configuration item information

- Allows your IT catalog to be built from the definitions of your Definitive Software Library, Definitive Hardware Store, and baseline standard configuration

A complete solution

Comprehensive training

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