

What is Discovery 2005?

Discovery 2005™ is a software tool that helps organizations gain 100% visibility and understanding of all IT assets on the network. It automatically finds and identifies all hardware and software on the network, providing detailed information on the configuration of PCs, physical location of assets and individual software programs installed across the enterprise. It is easy to install and has the smallest network footprint of any comparable product on the market today.

Why should I buy Discovery 2005?

Discovery 2005 provides executives and managers with the intelligence needed to manage the organization's IT services in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. Not only will it find all assets on the network, it also helps them develop an understanding of how those assets are being used and where there are opportunities to make significant cost savings. With Discovery, organizations can:

- Cut engineer visits to PCs by up to 80%
- Eliminate the need for costly walk-round IT audits
- Improve help desk trouble ticket turnaround by up to 50%
- Reduce new software purchases as existing licenses are redeployed
- Monitor and stop unauthorized IT purchases
- Use advanced queries and wizards to cut the cost of IT projects by up to 40%

In which languages is Discovery 2005 available?

Discovery 2005 is available in English, German, French and Spanish.

How does Discovery identify my hardware assets?

The Client Agent used by Discovery 2005 combines a powerful audit agent to assess the detailed structure of a hardware asset. This works with LANProbe (our unique network profiling tool) to assess the network traffic produced by all SNMP enabled and IP addressable assets on the relevant Subnet. The Client Agent can be automatically installed to conduct a full audit of the device in terms of hardware, software, OS and software usage before sending a report (encrypted for security) back to the Discovery Control Center.

How do I deploy Client Agents?

Discovery 2005 provides a range of automatic and manual options for client deployment. Client Agents can be deployed automatically by pushing them from the Control Center, by using NT script logins, by an email-launched executable, or even from removable media (floppy disk, USB stick, etc). Alternatively, Discovery Client Agents can be deployed by any pre-existing software distribution tool the organization may already have.

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What hardware will Discovery audit?

Discovery 2005 automatically finds, identifies and audits all IP-addressable hardware on the network, including (but not limited to): firewalls, Macintoshes, PCs, power supplies, network printers, routers, SAN/NAS, servers, managed switches, Thin Client terminals and WIFI hubs.

What software will Discovery audit?

Discovery 2005 features a unique four-stage Software Recognition Engine which enables the solution to accurately identify operating systems, business applications and all other types of software across all common enterprise platforms. Where applications have been purchased as a suite, Discovery can report on both the individual programs and the collective suites. Where appropriate, patch level reporting is also provided. In addition to software inventory, Discovery also provides valuable usage information to enable licensing decisions to be made.

Does Discovery enable me to record proof of ownership information about software licenses?

Yes, Discovery 2005 makes it easy to add license information about the type of licence, purchase details and internal departmental allocations associated with the purchase. In addition, Discovery provides access to Discovery.Portal to help users to assess whether a license is needed for a particular software product. Once the license information has been entered Discovery has an array of Software Licence Compliance tools and reports that enable organizations to take a view of their current status or exposure, including the determination of whether there are unused licenses that can be surrendered.

What platforms does Discovery 2005 support?

Discovery's multi-platform Client Agent enables organizations to audit hardware and software across most common enterprise platforms, including Windows, Unix, Linux, AIX and Mac OSX. For details of currently-supported platforms, please check the website at: http://www.centennial-software.com/pro/technical_specifications.html

What is the Discovery.Portal?

Discovery.Portal is a hosted on-line database provided by Centennial Software for its subscribed customers containing detailed information about thousands of individual software titles. The Portal provides users with an instant look-up direct from the Discovery Control Center, to enable executives to establish a complete understanding of the software on their network. Discovery.Portal includes a description of the program, website details for the vendor and (where applicable) whether it is licensable or not. In addition, users can share their own knowledge of software products with the user community by adding specific information (subject to Terms and Conditions of use) in the user comments section.

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What happens if I cannot find a record of a particular software package on Discovery.Portal?

If a software package is highlighted in the Control Center and no reference is held in Discovery.Portal, a message confirming this will pop up where the product details are usually displayed. This could be due to it being a new package, a bespoke internal development or simply a package that has not been audited before. In this event Centennial Software are automatically advised of the software that could not be matched. Our Discovery.Portal support staff will then investigate the product for future population into Discovery.Portal if appropriate.

What is the Discovery.Dashboard?

New for Discovery 2005, the Discovery.Dashboard enables multiple stakeholders within the organization to create their own personalized view of the Discovery data in an intuitive and relevant form. Users can choose which of the pre-defined reports most fits their needs and set this to be their default view in the Discovery web interface. Each report has been designed to help certain business needs, whether it is license compliance, asset availability, audit status, project planning or risk management. Users can also drill down from the Discovery.Dashboard directly into detailed information on the selected network assets.

What are the main differences between Discovery 2005 and the previous version of Discovery?

Discovery 2005	Discovery 4.53
Dynamic hardware audits <ul style="list-style-type: none">Client agents remain on the look-out for changes to hardware configuration. Where a change is recorded, the Agent sends a report directly to the Control Center the next time the machine is re-booted.	Scheduled audits <ul style="list-style-type: none">Client agents only return information on hardware changes either when scheduled or when requested directly from the Control Center.
Discovery.Dashboard <ul style="list-style-type: none">An at-a-glance graphical summary of key corporate data to advise on issues such as software compliance and asset status	Discovery web interface <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discovery's web interface features pre-defined queries and project planning wizards
Discovery.Portal <ul style="list-style-type: none">An on-line database containing details of thousands of software types for easy reference on function, classification, vendor, and where appropriate, License requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prior to Discovery 2005, managers needed to manually look-up information about discovered software
Enhancements to LANProbe <ul style="list-style-type: none">Can now navigate through complex switch networks including VLANs and SUBNETsIf LANProbe discovers a switch, it will scan the ports and report back on	Previous LANProbe capability <ul style="list-style-type: none">Can investigate standard network environments onlyLimited to discovering 128 devices per Agent and thus requiring a

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<p>potentially thousands of further devices connected to it, providing the MAC address and IP address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Client Agent is not restricted in regard to the number of devices it can Discover 	<p>broader deployment of Client Agents to gain full network Discovery.</p>
<p>Additional Client Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Added new AIX capability 	<p>No AIX client</p>
<p>Active Directory support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ability to mirror user groups and organizational units making it easier to deploy agents and navigate audit results 	<p>No Active Directory support</p>
<p>Multi-threading capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reports, exports and queries can all be carried out simultaneously 	<p>Multi tasking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reporting and Export functions run on separate threads to enable multi tasking
<p>Independent security testing and accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tested and accredited by independent Agency to meet stringent information security requirements for government 	<p>Not formally independently assessed</p>
<p>Faster Reports, Queries and Views</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fine tuning of database to enable material performance enhancements to reports, queries and software tree views 	<p>Reports and exports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhanced performance over Discovery 4.52 and 4.51 for reports and exports
<p>Fully updated On-line Help</p>	

Purchasing Discovery

Can I evaluate Discovery 2005 with no commitments?

Yes, a free 30-day trial of Discovery 2005 can be downloaded from the Centennial Software website at: www.centennial-software.com. This evaluation will enable you to create a full audit of a limited set of PCs on your network

What are the support options?

Standard support – this entitles you to free upgrades, feature packs and enhancements, support through your support provider and access to Centennial’s support website.

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Gold support – this provides all the benefits of Standard support with the additional key benefit of unlimited access to Discovery.Portal – see [Discovery.Portal](#) section.

How can I order Discovery 2005?

Click on the URL below for details of how to find your local Centennial partner who will be happy to help you:

<http://www.centennial.com/company/contact/partners/default.aspx>

How much does Discovery 2005 cost for new customers?

Your local Centennial partner will be able to provide you with full details of Discovery pricing.

Further questions for existing Discovery customers

When will Discovery 2005 be available?

General availability for Discovery 2005 will be Thursday 30th June 2005.

I am an existing Discovery 2005 supported customer, what will it cost me to upgrade?

All Discovery customers with a current Support and Maintenance contract are entitled to upgrade to Discovery 2005 at no extra cost. To give you the maximum benefits of Discovery, we will provide all existing customers free access to the new Discovery.Portal through to the expiration date of your current support contract. If you wish to access the Discovery.Portal on a continuing basis, you will need to subscribe to Gold Support – see [Support](#) section.

Do I need new licence keys for Discovery 2005?

No new license key is required for existing customers; your current Discovery license key will allow you to access Discovery 2005.

I am running Discovery 4.53, 4.52 or 4.51 can I upgrade to Discovery 2005?

Yes, contact your Centennial Software reseller or visit <http://support.centennial-software.com> for details on upgrading your Discovery installation.

I am running a Discovery version older than 4.51, can I upgrade to Discovery 2005?

There is no direct upgrade path from versions prior to 4.51 to Discovery 2005. If you are on a version prior to 4.51 you will first need to upgrade to 4.51 and then upgrade to Discovery 2005.

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You can obtain the 4.51 upgrade from the Customer Zone on the Centennial Discovery website at: <http://www.centennial-software.com/sup/index.html>

Contact your Centennial Software reseller or visit <http://support.centennial-software.com> for details on upgrading your Discovery installation.

Further information

For more information about Discovery 2005 from Centennial Software, visit www.centennial-software.com or contact your local Discovery reseller.

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