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"Practical Implementation of
Software Asset Management (SAM)"
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# **Agenda**

- An understanding of the principles of SAM
- How does SAM fit into Service Management
- Assessing the starting point in your company.
- How to move forward



## **License Management**

The ability to manage licenses and to ensure that each product is compliant with vendor licensing terms and conditions.

- Installed software
- Deployment type (Citrix, virtual, roaming profile)
- Client access / user licences
- Computing platform configurations
- Metering
- Contractual / but no cost (i.e. freeware)



## Example – How Many Licences needed

- Visio is licenced per seat
- 1000 PCs in total
- 500 of the PCs have terminal services client installed
- 3 approved Visio users (via terminal services)
- Only one user has actually used Visio

## **Answers**

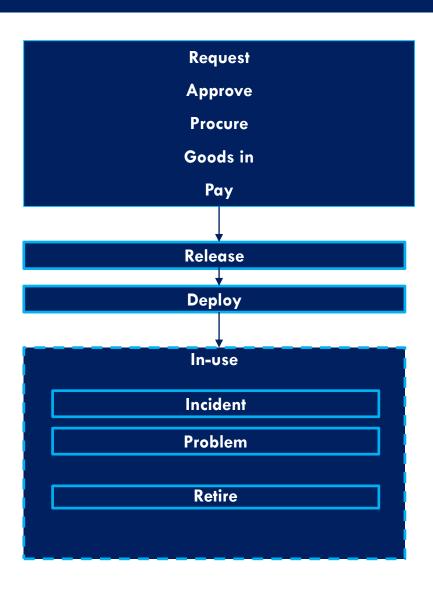
1 = 1 licence

2 = 3 licences

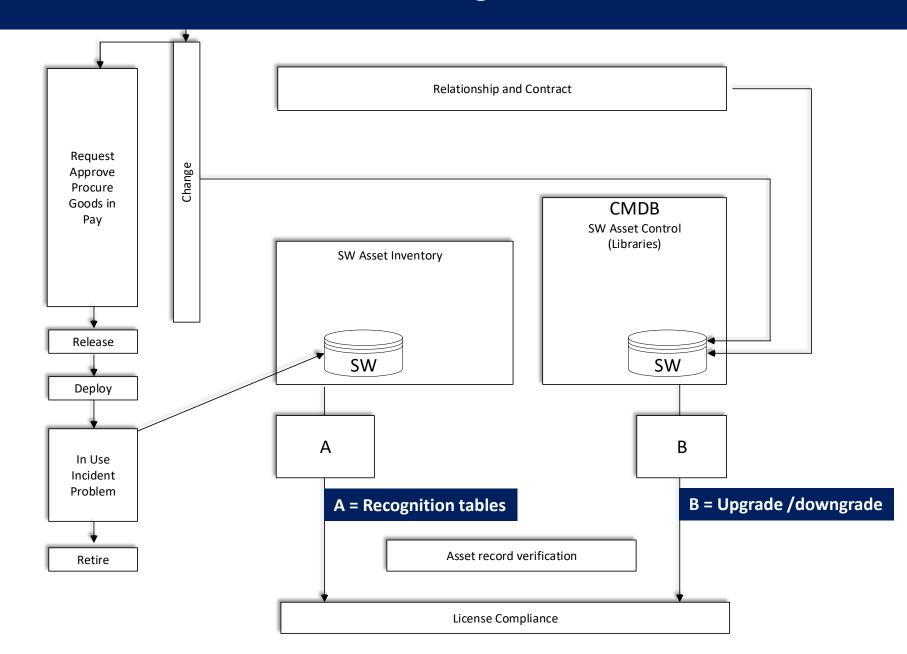
3 = 500 licences

4= 1000 licences

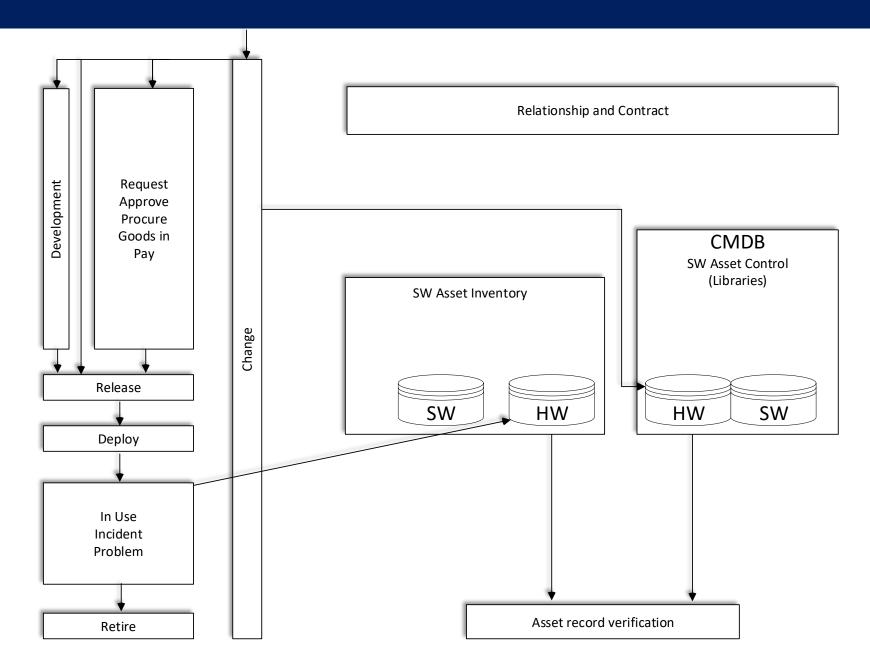
# Asset Lifecycle



# License Management



# Asset tracking – hardware



## So what is SAM?

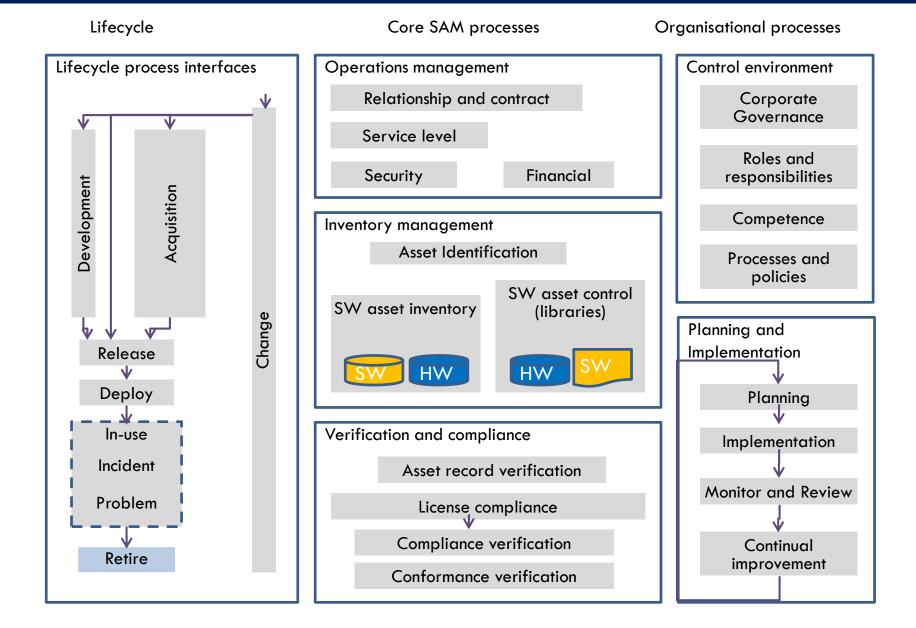
SAM is the effective management, control and protection of software assets within an organisation and the effective management, control and protection of information about related assets which are needed in order to manage software assets.

## It is not just License management!

## You may be forced to do SAM for:

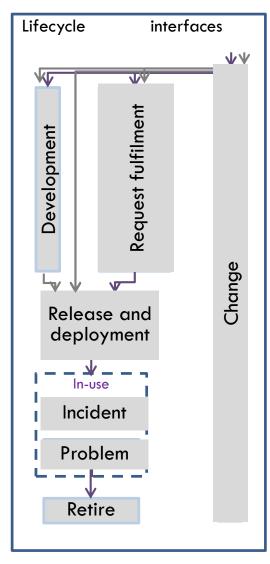
- Risk management
  - Brand image (Vendor audits)
  - Penalties / fines
- Cost savings and avoidance
  - Efficient contracts /
  - Efficient software use (re-harvesting)
  - Use of outsource partners
- Gaps in process and control have been made visible
  - Internal / external audits, excess costs
  - Loss of data or assets

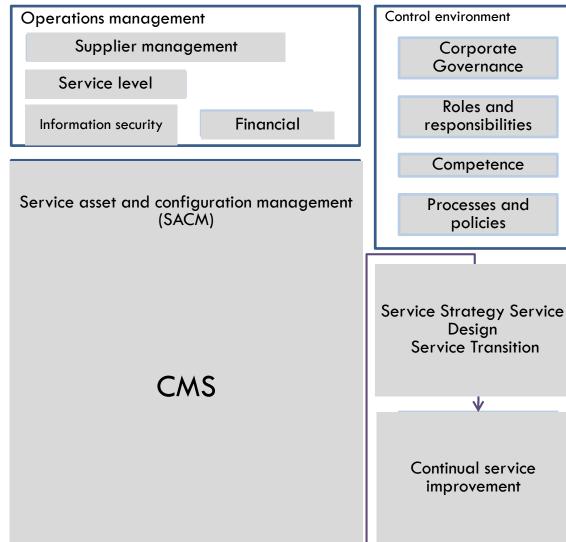
# SAM – ISO/IEC19770-1:2006



## **SAM** and ITIL Processes

Acknowledgement ISO/IEC and ITIL

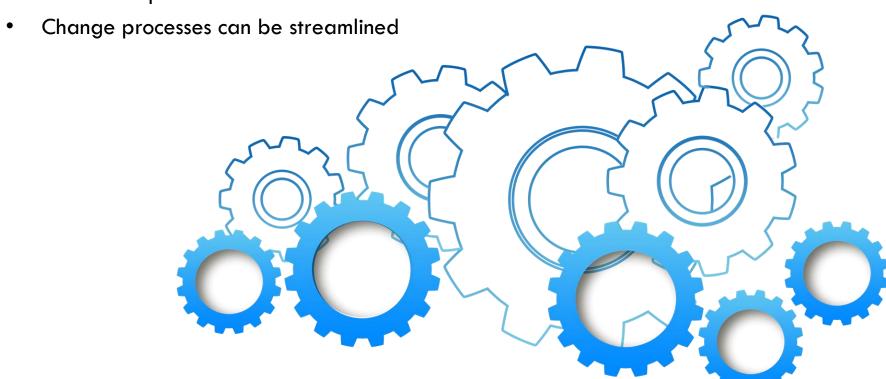




# SAM and Service Management

Why not combine SAM processes within our ITIL service management processes?

- Avoids duplication of workload
- Reduces duplication of data



# ITIL V3 Lifecycle and SAM

## Service Design

- Service Catalogue Management
- Information Security Management

## Example

- The Solution
- The initiation of the project
- Selection of suppliers
- Procurement costs

**Service Strategy** 

ExampleCloud

Sourcing

Outsourcing

Virtual Applications.

Service Strategy

### **Service Transition**

- Change Management
- Service Asset and Configuration Mgt.
- Release and Deployment
- Knowledge Management

## Example

- Vendor agreements
- The end of the project

# Continual Service Improvement Service Design Service Design Service Strategy Log ITIL Service Operation Service Strategy Service Operation Service Operation

## **Service Operation**

Request Fulfilment

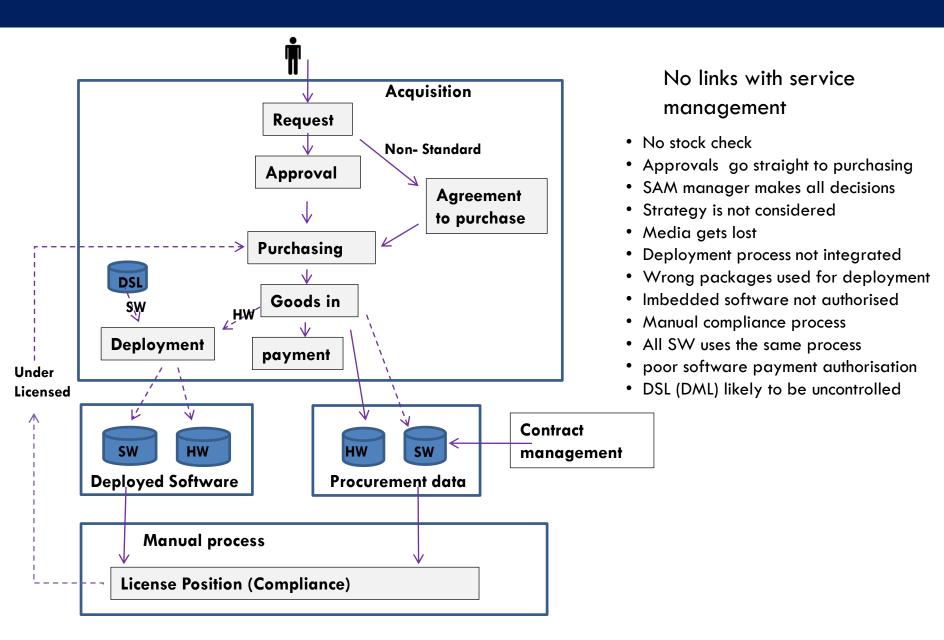
## Example

- Asset lifecycle
- Procurements

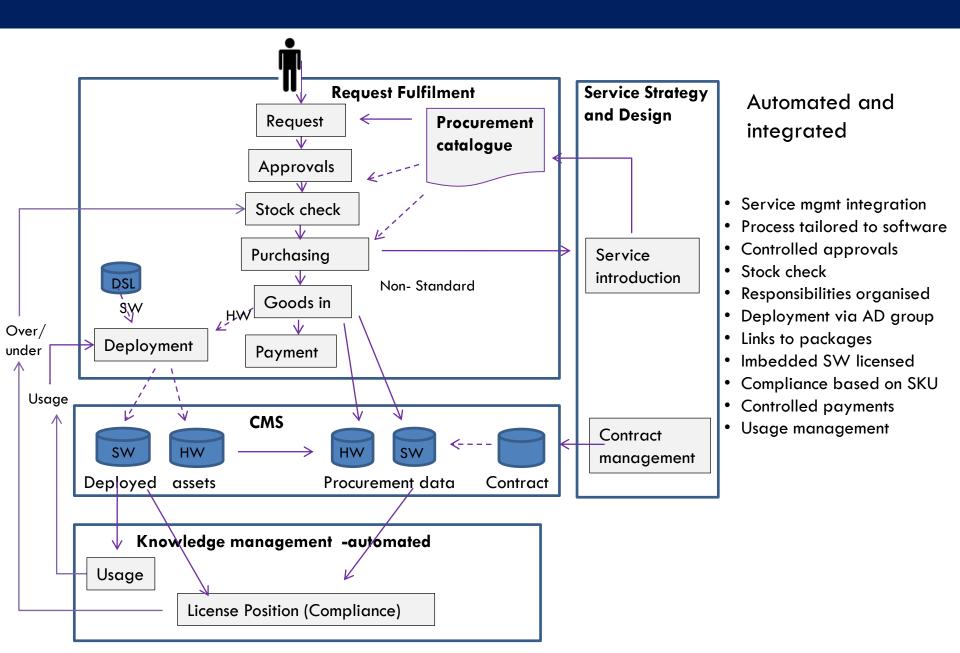
## **Continual Service Improvement**

On going improvement

## Typical Inefficient SAM Processes



## SAM Within Service Management



# The First Step - Assessment

Few understand SAM, the changes involved and resources required, so risk of failure is high.

- Identify available data, accuracy and gaps
- Highlight process gaps which impact beyond SAM
- Identify benefits / links to operational activities

Using a maturity model to communicate the current position and issues is good practice

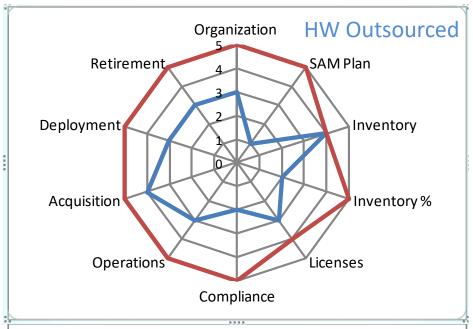


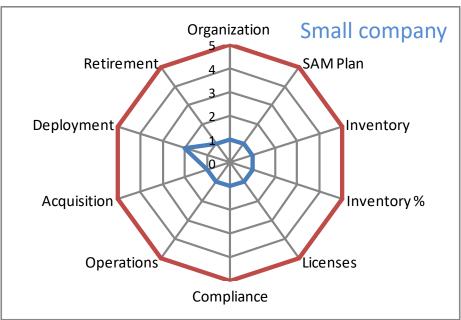
# Maturity Model (SOM) - KPIs

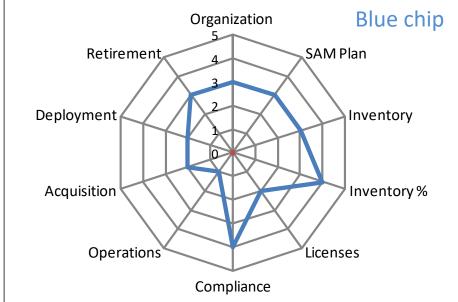
Basic 1	Standardized 2	Rationalised 3	Dynamic 4	ITIL Integrated 5
Assets are basically uncontrolled	Assets are controlled with manual processes	Assets are actively controlled but not fully centralised	Asset management fully automated and centralised	Asset management integrated with ITIL
No policies	Limited policies	Published policies	Enforced policies	Integrated policies
No SAM owners or accountability	Senior execs informal  Some electronic	Senior exec responsive	Senior exec highly involved	Senior exec accountable
No electronic records available	records	formats	Single electronic format	SAM integrated with Config. MGMT
No technology	Low coverage and inaccurate technology	Partial centralised technology	Technology has full coverage and is trusted	Technology fully integrated

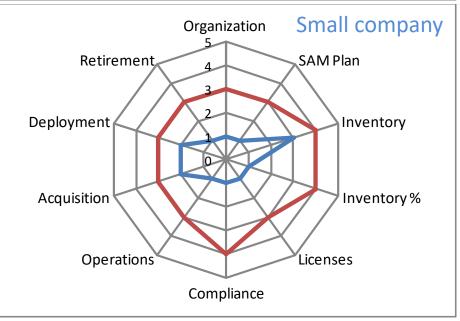
Source: Microsoft

## Example maturity results

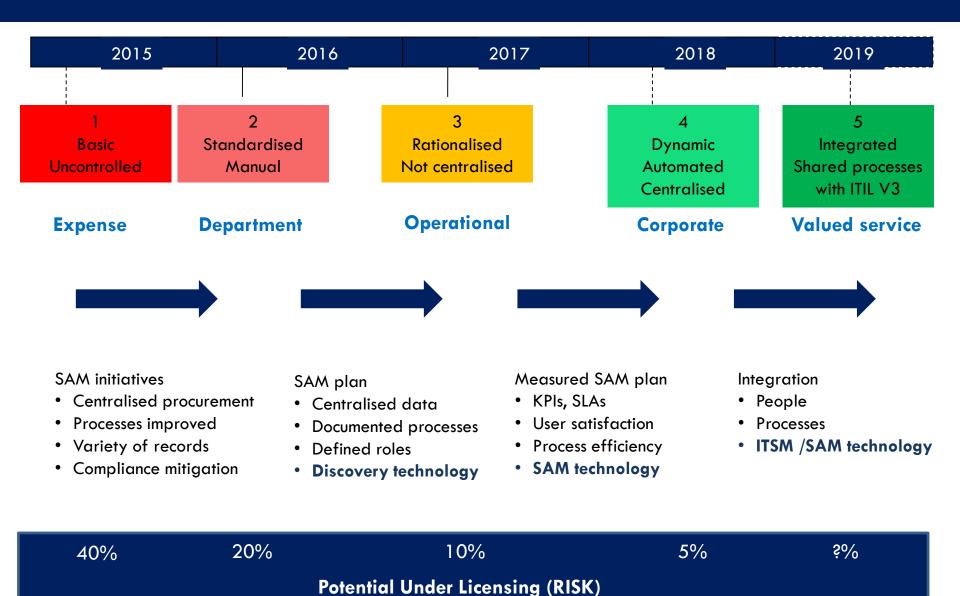








# Typical company - SAM journey



## **SAM Side Effects**

- Know where every computing device is
- Understand its hardware / software configuration
- Can reduce the cost and time of changes
  - Provisioning, transformation, projects
- Re-use hardware and software assets
- Raise commercial awareness within IT teams
- Easier negotiations with vendors and auditors



# **Moving Forward**

## SAM relies on information management

- Hardware assets and build
- Software installed
- Deployment methods
- Licences and commercial contracts
- Roles and responsibilities
- Work flow processes

Plus you have other factors!

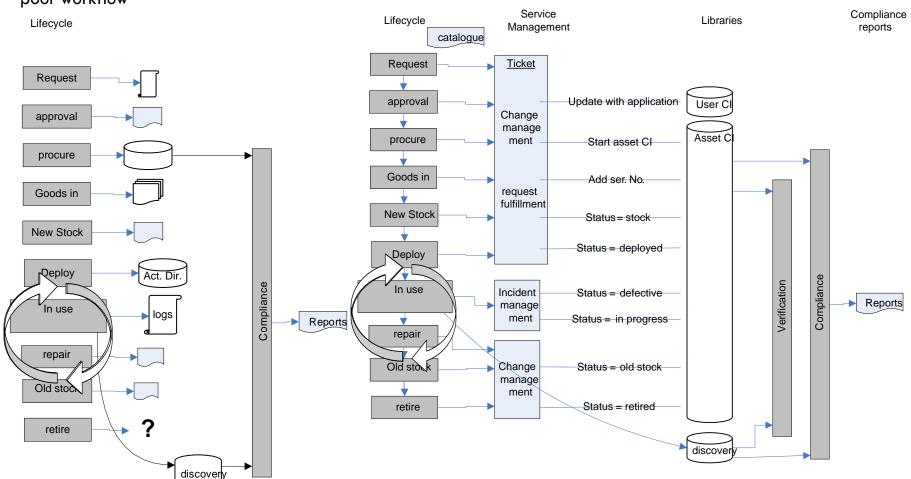
Culture, legacy, organisational barriers



# **Collecting Information**

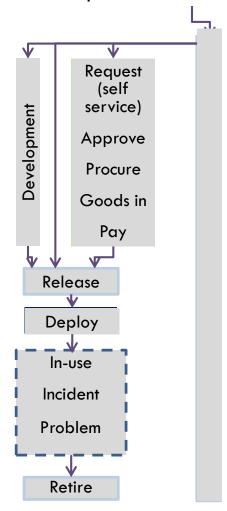
Typical lifecycle with inconsistent records and poor workflow

Improved lifecycle using service management (and workflow) with consistent record collection



## Processes and Technology Map

Which processes or technology are you missing?





SW asset control (libraries)

CMS

SW HW

Asset record verification

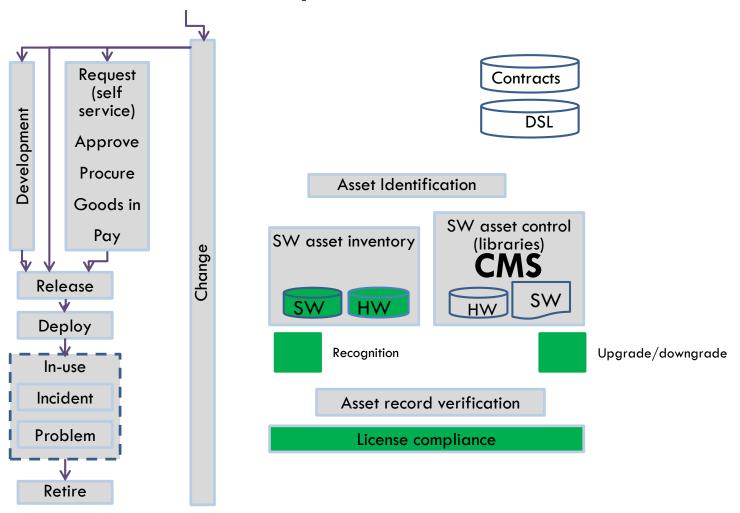
License compliance

Acknowledgement ISO/IEC

Item	Status
Software catalogue	Ś
Self service	
Procurement	Y
Hardware estate	Ś
Contracts	Y
Licence data	Ś
DSL	N
Discovery data	Ν
Incident/problem	
Change/configuration	Y
Release	
Verification	N
Compliance recognition	Ś
Compliance - up/down grades	
Workflow	
Deployment methods	Ś

# Processes and Technology Map

## What does a particular toolset do?



# Small or Large Companies

## Small companies

- Single decision point
- Out of the box integrated technology



## Larger companies

- Project based decisions
- Siloed teams with individual best of breed technologies and toolsets
- Use of partners / outsourcers



## To Summarise

- SAM is continuous, not a one off
- Implementing SAM gives many benefits to projects and operations processes
- Management support is vital
  - Communicate the assessment to all
  - Give feedback on quick wins
  - Measure progress and communicate success
- Avoid the embarrassment of corporate action

