



ClearCost NetEnterprise is our core SBM software solution for managing your IT function, and it can optionally be fully integrated with your current financial system and reporting processes. With ClearCost, you will feel truly in control of the financial management of the services you provide. You can delegate financial accountability to key managers in a way that they "get it," allowing you to develop commercially savvy IT professionals.

Key insight that ClearCost provides:

Financial Integration

Integrate the Financial Management processes of your IT groups and present unique, relevant analysis on all aspects of the IT investment.

IT Budgeting and Re-forecasts (what we spend)

Operating, capital, and headcount budget and actual spend with optional import or export to and from existing finance systems.

Activity and Capacity Catalogue (what we do)

Through "activity-based costing," ClearCost maps budgeted resources, external costs, and indirect costs to activities performed and capacity generated.

Service Catalogue (what we deliver)

The business view of what IT delivers underpinned by the Activity and Capacity Catalogue (IT Service Costing and Pricing).

Usage and Demand (who uses what)

ClearCost marries the usage demand back to services delivered.

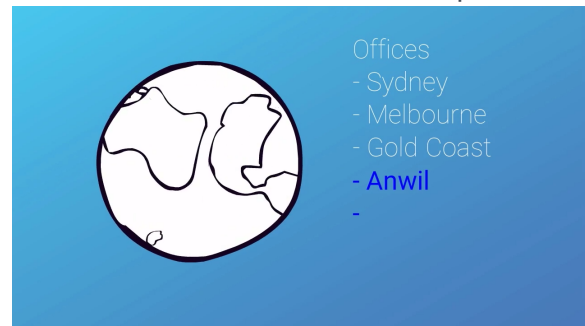
Asset Capacity (what the technology generates)

We provide the operational view of physical (or virtual) assets, their capacity, and what services depend on them - with a simple CMDB or integrated to your existing CMDB.

Contract Management (external obligations)

Contractual arrangements and management of those, (eg Maintenance or Lease contracts), linked to budget and to assets where relevant.

ACME CIO talks about her ClearCost experience



General functionality

- Online Help
- Multi-user
- Security to Cost Centre and Account Code level
- Intuitive user interface (finance made accessible to IT)
- Data importing for client tables & base data setup e.g. Chart of Account codes, cost centres etc
- Data export to various Financial Accounting systems
- Templates of different Operational & Service-models for quick start (including ITIL framework)
- Extensive range of reporting, charting and data extraction



Your challenges addressed



Costing Intelligence

Accurate costing and easy tracking of Service costs are particularly difficult and time consuming activities for any IT manager. ClearCost was developed specifically to solve these issues by instilling sound, consistent costing and pricing disciplines - the foundation of success.



Information that illuminates and supports decisions

Be informed! Armed with real data, built consistently, decision making becomes much easier. Bring clarity to discussions from outsourced versus in-house staffing, through to license management costs and hardware and peripherals purchasing. The value and expense of those

decisions become more obvious sooner, helping gain support for budgetary decisions, as ClearCost delivers the financial evidence for you.

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How much do you charge/show back?

Often one of the most difficult aspects of accounting for IT is pricing services to other parts of the organisation and have them understand it. ClearCost takes on that burden and helps you through the costing war, giving the IT department a salient and supported position.

Result? Greater harmony all round.

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Integration with existing financial systems

Not only a winner with management, it also allows the IT manager to backfill with existing data from the main accounts.

Historical data can be used to provide a base for comparison and information.

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Full lifecycle financial management of IT

As your data builds, so will the useful things you can do with it. Be it a retrospective review of hardware from acquisition to obsolescence, or simply laying down expected performance measures for specific services and with accurate cost profiles presented clearly.

Ultimately, the ability to estimate the full lifecycle of any aspect of IT arms you with better control and understanding over spend and forecasts.

"We now have an evidence-based SBM solution that allows changes to service levels or services, to be discussed and negotiated with our customers."

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