ApexaiQ Technology Asset Management Documentation

Weekly Research Report
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1. What Does ApexaiQ Do ? What industry problems does it solves ?

Sol : Basically it will do tech assets Management
Following are the types of tech Assets :

Hardware → laptops, desktops, servers, networking devices, IoT devices.

Software → applications, operating systems, licenses, SaaS tools.

Cloud resources → VMs, storage, subscriptions.

Digital assets → data, intellectual property, code repositories.

Following are the problems which would be solved by ApexaiQ :

1.Lack of Visibility (Shadow IT)

- Many organizations don't know all the devices, apps, and cloud services being used.
- ApexaiQ provides a **single source of truth** for assets.

2.**Cybersecurity Blind Spots**

- Outdated, unpatched, or unknown assets are prime entry points for hackers.
- ApexaiQ identifies vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and weak points.

3.**Compliance Challenges**

- Regulations like HIPAA, ISO 27001, GDPR require strict IT asset control.
- ApexaiQ ensures assets are **compliant and auditable**.

4.**Obsolescence & Lifecycle Issues**

- Companies often run systems past End of Life/Support, creating risks.
- ApexaiQ flags obsolete systems before they become liabilities.

5. **High Cost & Inefficiency**

- Overspending on unused licenses, duplicate tools, or unmanaged cloud resources.
- ApexaiQ helps optimize **cost + usage** by showing what's really needed

2. What is IT asset management and why companies need asset management software?

It is Systematic approach to managing an organization's IT assets throughout their entire LifeCycle.

Managing IT assets manually becomes increasingly difficult as organizations grow.

And this is how the ApexaiQ comes in the picture it provides :

Centralized Dashboard – A single view of all IT assets.

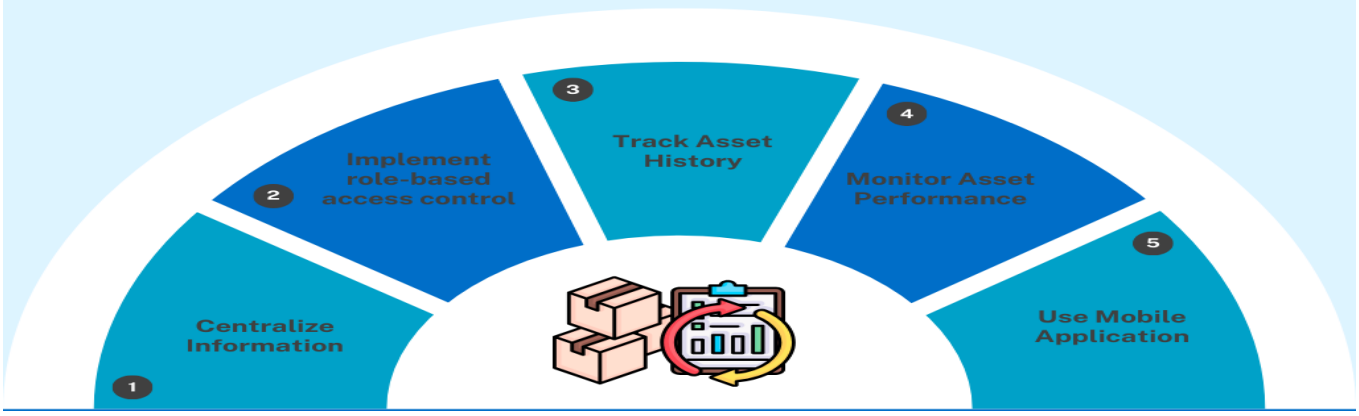
Automated Tracking – Reduces human error in monitoring and updating asset records.

Compliance Assurance – Tracks software licenses and regulatory requirements.

Cost Savings – Identifies underused or unnecessary assets to avoid waste.

Enhanced Security – Detects vulnerabilities and ensures timely updates or patches.

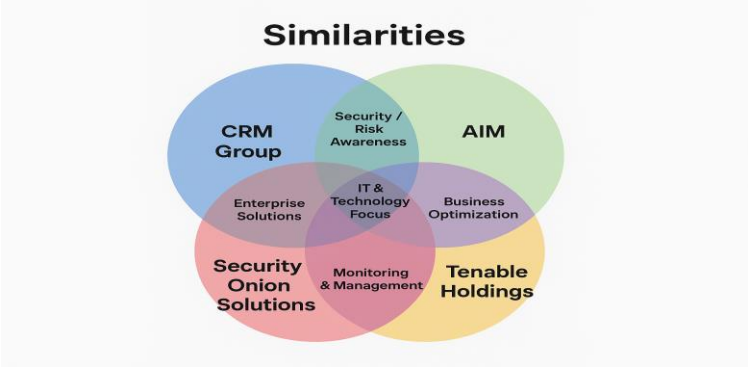
Decision Support – Provides data for budgeting, procurement, and strategic planning.



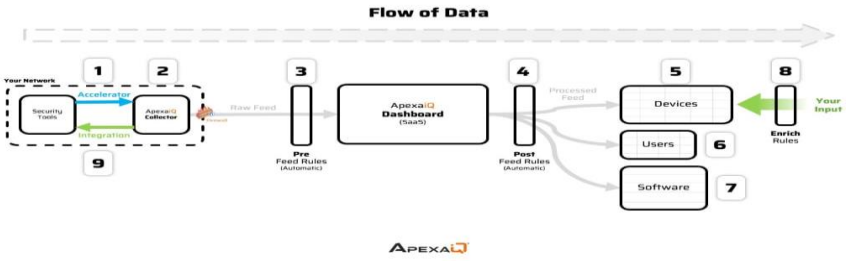
3. 3-5 competitors of Apexaiq and how they are different from Apexa.

Company Name	Apexa iQ	CRMGroup	Predatar	Security Onion Solutions	Tenable Holdings
Founding Date	2021	1992	2006	2014	2002
Type	Private	Private	Private	Private	Public
Tags	Tecnology It service Platform security	Tecnology It service Platform security	Tecnology It service Platform security	Tecnology Cybersecurity Enterprise software	Technology AI,Cybersecurity, Enterprise Software platform
Locations	Milford, US HQ	HQ	HQ	Evans, US HQ	Columbia, US HQ
Employees	55	86	17	21	1,872

Comparisons Table :



4. Why is ApexaiQ an Agentless Platform?



Because it can not manually collect the data form the user it has accelerator for entry point to any client environment and then collected information will move to the collector in this no interaction of agent take place and all Assets info shown in one dashboard

5. Document your findings and research on Cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity refers to the practice of **protecting systems, networks, software, and data from cyber threats** such as unauthorized access, attacks, damage, or theft. It involves using **technologies, processes, and practices** to safeguard digital assets and ensure **confidentiality, integrity, and availability** of information.

Rising Threats: Cyberattacks are becoming more **advanced and frequent**, especially with the use of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in hacking (AI-driven phishing, deepfakes, malware).

IoT & Cloud Risks: Smart devices (IoT) and cloud services often have weak security, making them easy targets.

Global Impact: Cyberattacks now affect **governments, big companies, and individuals** — causing financial losses, data leaks, and reputational damage.

Useful Resources

- CISA – Cybersecurity Best Practices
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework
- CompTIA – State of Cybersecurity 2025
- Emerging Trends in Cybersecurity (PMC)

6. Study the following concepts :

ApexaiQ Score

An ApexaiQ score is a number between 60 (poor) and 160 (excellent) that shows the overall risk level of an organization's IT environment.

IT asset management

Asset Management (ITAM) means keeping track of all the hardware, software, and digital assets in an organization to make sure they are **used efficiently, updated properly, secure, and cost-effective**.

Vulnerabilities

In **cybersecurity**, a **vulnerability** is essentially a **weakness or flaw in a system, application, network, or device** that can be exploited by a threat actor (like a hacker) to gain unauthorized access, cause damage, or steal information.

Obsolescence

Obsolescence means the state of something **becoming outdated or no longer useful** because of new developments, technologies, or changes in standards.

Compliance

Compliance refers to the **act of following rules, laws, regulations, or standards** that apply to an individual, organization, or system. In simple terms, it means **doing what you are supposed to do according to the rules**.

Maintenance

Maintenance means the **activities done to keep something in good working condition**, prevent failures, and extend its useful life.

End of Life, End of Support, End of Maintenance

1. **End of Life (EOL):** The product is discontinued and no longer sold or developed.
2. **End of Support (EOS):** The vendor stops providing technical help and security updates.
3. **End of Maintenance (EOM):** The vendor stops releasing bug fixes, patches, or updates.

Asset Hygiene

Asset Hygiene refers to **keeping all your IT assets clean, organized, updated, and properly managed** so that they are secure, efficient, and compliant. An **"asset"** can be

hardware (computers, servers), software, or data.

Crown Jewel

In cybersecurity and business, a Crown Jewel refers to the most valuable assets of an organization that must be protected at all costs.

✅ These can be:

- **Data** → customer records, financial info, intellectual property.
- **Systems** → core servers, databases, critical applications.
- **Processes** → supply chain operations, transaction systems.

Inventory

Inventory means a **detailed list of items or assets** that an organization owns, manages, or uses.

NVD

It is the **National Vulnerability Database**.

The **NVD** is the **official database** where organizations check for known vulnerabilities to keep their systems secure.

Patch Management

Patch Management is the process of **acquiring, testing, and applying updates (patches)** to software, systems, or applications to fix bugs, close security vulnerabilities, and improve performance.

Data Breaches

A **data breach** is an **incident where sensitive, confidential, or protected data is accessed, stolen, or exposed without authorization**.

MSP

MSP stands for Managed Service Provider.

👉 It is a company that remotely manages a customer's IT infrastructure, systems, or end-user services, usually on a subscription basis.

Device Types

Computers / Laptops / Servers – Standard computing devices for work or hosting applications.

Mobile Devices – Smartphones, tablets, and wearable devices.

Networking Devices – Routers, switches, firewalls, access points.

IoT Devices – Smart sensors, cameras, smart home or industrial devices.

Storage Devices – External drives, NAS, SAN devices, cloud storage endpoints.

Peripherals – Printers, scanners, keyboards, monitors.

True SaaS

True SaaS (Software as a Service) refers to a **cloud software model where the application is fully hosted, managed, and delivered over the internet by the vendor**, with no local installation needed.

Inbound/Outbound Integration

Inbound Integration: Data **comes into a system** from outside (e.g., importing CRM data into ERP).
Outbound Integration: Data **goes out from a system** to another (e.g., sending ERP invoices to accounting software).

Compliance Standards (CISA, CISO, HIPPA, ISO 27001)

CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor)

- A **professional certification** for auditing, controlling, and monitoring IT systems.
- Focus: Ensuring **systems and processes are secure, reliable, and compliant**.

CISO (Chief Information Security Officer)

- **Executive role** responsible for an organization's overall **information security strategy**.

- Focus: Risk management, compliance, and protecting critical assets.

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)

- **U.S. law** that sets standards for **protecting patient health information**.
- Focus: Privacy, security, and confidentiality of medical data.

ISO 27001

- **International standard** for establishing, implementing, and maintaining an **Information Security Management System (ISMS)**.
- Focus: Risk management, data protection, and continuous security improvement.

Perimeter

In **cybersecurity**, **perimeter** means the boundary that separates an organization's **internal trusted network** (like company systems, servers, devices) from the **external untrusted network** (like the internet).

ROI (Return on Investment), KPI (Key Performance Indicators)

ROI (Return on Investment):

- A measure of how much profit or benefit you get compared to the money you spent.
- Formula:

ROI=((Gain from Investment – Cost of InvestmentCost of Investment)/Cost of Investment)*100RO

- 👉 Example: If you spend $1,000 on security software and it saves $3,000 in losses, ROI = 200%.

KPI (Key Performance Indicators):

- Specific metrics used to measure how well a process, team, or project is performing.
- 👉 Example in Cybersecurity: Number of prevented attacks, average response time, uptime %, or cost savings.

Auto-remediation

Auto-remediation means automatically detecting and fixing IT or cybersecurity issues **without human intervention**.

Network protocols

A **network protocol** is a **set of rules and standards that devices follow to communicate and exchange data over a network**.

e.g.HTTP/HTTPs,FTP/SFTP,TCP/IP

Due-diligence

Due diligence is the **careful investigation and evaluation of a business, system, or asset before making a decision or investment**.

SOAR (Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response)

SOAR (Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response) is a cybersecurity approach that integrates security tools, automates threat detection and response, and streamlines incident management.

Role of ITAM in Zero Trust Security Models

ITAM (IT Asset Management) plays a **crucial role in Zero Trust Security** by ensuring that **every asset—hardware, software, and network device—is identified, tracked, and continuously monitored**.

Cyber Asset Attack Surface Management (CAASM)

Cyber Asset Attack Surface Management (CAASM) is a cybersecurity approach that continuously discovers, inventories, and monitors all IT assets to identify and reduce the organization's attack surface.

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