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If you are looking for a software product that can find out what software products you have installed, and who is using it. Asset Discovery for z/OS is for you.

It is also excellent at monitoring usage of your own local in-house programs and modules.

Software Inventory

- Primary reason for using Asset Discovery for z/OS is to discover all software installed on your z/OS systems in stand-alone environment or in shared Sysplex environment. The Inquisitor can quickly find the software installed on your system.
- It will identify the versions and out-dated or obsolete software products.
- It discovers software by looking for their load modules and program objects.
- It has an internal database mapping load modules to program products (its Global Knowledge Base, or GKB).
- It cannot detect software products not in the GKB. With regular maintenance update to GKB, it will provide coverage of most z/OS products.
- It lists each load library searched, identifying those with modules that match products in the GKB, and those that don't. It can produce a list of modules with no match in the GKB.
- It provides high level reporting for Asset Managers and more detailed reports for Technical users.

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Monitor Load Module Usage

- It also monitors load module and program object usage. This is used in determining if a program product is being used, and if so by whom and where.
- It can also be used to help with monitoring local in-house programs.
- The Usage Monitor can provide a report listing the number of times a software product is used.
- Because of the CPU overhead and data to be stored, it is tempting to run the Usage Monitor for a short time. For more accurate results, a longer period of monitoring is needed.