

Software Standardisation

Standardise the software estate — and cut the sprawl.

Every unmanaged application is a cost, a risk and a support burden.

Software estates sprawl — multiple tools doing the same job, unapproved installs, old versions lingering. Standardisation cuts cost and risk, but only if you can see the whole picture.

uControl exposes the sprawl.

uControl **Insights** recognises every installed title across the estate, and uControl **Core** analyses it against your standard — surfacing duplicates, non-standard and redundant software to rationalise.

Executive summary

Software Standardisation drives the estate toward an approved, rationalised catalogue. Insights recognises installed software with clean titles; Core analyses it against your standard and reports where to consolidate.

You cut redundant tools, reduce risk from unmanaged software, and simplify support.

The business challenge

Software sprawl grows quietly:

- Multiple tools do the same job
- Unapproved and shadow software installs
- Old versions linger unpatched
- No single view of what's installed where
- No baseline of what 'standard' even is

So cost, risk and support load climb.

The uControl approach

uControl makes the estate visible and comparable. Insights recognises and normalises every installed title; Core compares it to your approved catalogue, surfaces duplicates and non-standard software, and reports rationalisation opportunities.

How it works

Software recognition Insights

Insights maps raw software names to clean, canonical titles with recognition rules.

Estate-wide inventory Insights

A single inventory of what's installed, where — across on- and off-network devices.

Standard comparison Core

Core compares the estate to your approved catalogue and flags duplicates and non-standard titles.

Rationalisation reporting Core

Report where to consolidate tools and remove redundant or risky software.

Usage context Insights

Per-app usage helps decide what to keep, consolidate or retire.

Customer journey

1 Discover
Insights recognises installed software across the estate.

2 Baseline
Define your approved, standard catalogue.

3 Compare
Core flags duplicates and non-standard titles.

4 Rationalise
Consolidate tools and retire redundant software.

5 Maintain
Keep the estate aligned to the standard.

Key capabilities

✓ Software recognition (Insights)

✓ Estate-wide software inventory (Insights)

✓ Standard-catalogue comparison (Core)

✓ Duplicate & non-standard detection (Core)

✓ Per-app usage context (Insights)

✓ Rationalisation reporting (Core)

✓ Version visibility

✓ On- and off-network coverage

✓ Vendor packs

Business benefits

✓ Cut redundant software cost

✓ Reduce risk from unmanaged software

✓ Simplify support and patching

✓ A single view of the software estate

✓ Evidence to drive standardisation

✓ A maintained, approved catalogue

Illustrative scenario

Diverse software estate — illustrative

Several teams had independently bought overlapping tools, with no central view.

uControl recognised the installed software, and Core compared it to an approved standard — exposing duplicate tooling and non-standard installs, and giving the team a prioritised rationalisation plan backed by usage data.

Frequently asked questions

How accurate is software recognition?

Raw software names are mapped to clean, canonical titles with recognition rules and vendor packs; unrecognised software is queued for review.

Can we compare against our own standard?

Yes — Core compares the estate against your approved catalogue and flags anything non-standard or duplicate.

Does usage factor in?

Yes — per-app usage from the agent helps decide what to keep, consolidate or retire.