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Subscription License

A Perpetual License/Annual Support Agreement licensing model was the standard format for software companies for many years. However, in recent years there has been a marked shift towards a Subscription licensing model, particularly for vendors that were offering their products and services via Software as a Service delivery (SaaS). With the introduction of ACL GRC last year as a SaaS product with a Subscription license, ACL have made the decision to migrate all its offerings to a similar Subscription model to provide customers with a consistent contract format across its entire product line.

A primary benefit of subscription pricing is it reduces risk for customers - you pay for use. In comparison, perpetual license models require customers to pay upfront before using the software thus taking all the risk. Subscription licensing shifts risk back to the software vendor - if we don't provide quality products, customers won't use and won't pay for them.

And finally, the initial cost for a subscription license is less than that for a perpetual license. This reduces your upfront cost per user, allowing you to include more staff in realizing the benefits of the software.

Cloud computing becoming more global

Sony Corporation™ has stopped production of their VAIO laptop computers after more than 20 years as a global market leader in the laptop industry. They have now shifted their focus to Smart phones and tablets, highlighting the fact that cloud computing will be playing an ever more important role in the future of computing.

ACL's cloud-based GRC solution, its iPhone and Android applications and the new Software as a Service (SaaS) subscription model adopted by ACL are in line with the move towards cloud computing, staying one step ahead in the technology race.



Elevate your approach to data analysis

Today's competitive environment raises the question of what more can be achieved to advance and improve the organization even further.

ACL understands the challenges facing customers. ACL is offering three new valuable bonus features to all customers to help elevate their current approach to data analysis from average to exceptional:

1. **ScriptHub** - Accelerate data analysis efforts while augmenting scripting skills by leveraging this valuable library of pre-built analytic tests.
2. **Results Cloud** - Quickly broadcast data analysis accomplishments to stakeholders via the cloud for increased collaboration, easier investigation, and more intuitive interpretation via beautiful charts and graphs.
3. **Academy** - Conveniently access a wide range of online training resources to help increase your product knowledge and domain expertise.

Free ACL Add-In for Excel

Microsoft® Excel is an amazingly popular and very useful general-purpose tool. But, as powerful as Excel is, it wasn't purpose-built for use by professionals such as auditors and compliance investigators. ACL Add-In for Excel bridges the gap between standard Excel functions and what auditors need to do their jobs. And, it's free!

Make Auditing and Investigating in Excel more productive

ACL Add-In for Excel instantly makes you more productive and helps eliminate the risks associated with doing auditing work in Excel.

- Quickly select samples for testing or investigation
- Make information, formulas and cells read only to avoid making errors
- Tick-mark to document results and capture sign-offs



Get started learning data analysis techniques using a familiar tool

Learn the full power of ACL's industry-standard data analysis and continuous monitoring by getting started using the tool you're most familiar with.

- Summarize and filter data (i.e. journal entries, payments, orders)
- Stratify data (i.e. ledgers, payments, statistical samples)
- Age data (i.e. receivables, payables, assets)

Seamlessly integrate your Excel-Based work into your broader - Audit Process

Because ACL Add-In for Excel was developed by the leader in software for audit, risk and controls professionals, it's beautifully integrated with other ACL software products including ACL GRC and ACL Analytics Exchange.

- Publish test findings in ACL GRC for automated remediation
- Attach spreadsheets directly to audit or investigation steps in your work papers in ACL GRC
- Give non-technical professionals access to run complex data analytics in ACL Analytics Exchange, right from within Excel

For more information, and to download this free tool, please visit <http://www.acl.com/solutions/products/acl-add-in-for-excel/>

Are spreadsheets and shared drives hurting your audit management process?

How do you organize your workday? If you relate to the majority of audit teams, your daily reality involves spending too much time building spreadsheets and working in silos instead of focusing on your organization's key objectives and risks.

If challenges in audit management process and audit project execution are dragging you down, you're not alone. Watch the empowering 60 minute webinar to learn how you can get out of spreadsheets, save time, and easily demonstrate greater strategic value in your organization using software for end-to-end audit life-cycle management.

<http://www.acl.com/2014/07/15/are-spreadsheets-and-shared-drives-hurting-your-audit-management-processes/>

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