Dear Sir/Madam,

We present to you the ninety-sixth edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights the concepts of the Autodesk® Token-Flex Licensing.

**Autodesk Token-Flex Licensing.**

Over the last few years, there has been a steady move from the traditional models of licensing by site, number of concurrent users or number of licences to consumption-based licensing, or ‘pay-as-you-go’ licensing as it is commonly known. Autodesk has introduced a licensing option based on actual usage, targeted at their enterprise customers, called Token-Flex.

How Token-Flex works?

Token-Flex licensing is a fixed-term contract, the expiry date of which can vary from two to five years. The customer is then provided with access to the software they require from Autodesk's stable. The pricing is based on usage rather than number of licences. Token-Flex works strictly on a per-product basis and does not include suites. After the products are chosen, the customer purchases tokens to run them. There are two token types:

- Annual tokens, which expire after 365 days if unused.
- Contract-based tokens, which last for the term of the contract, say three years.

Location and cost

Location is another factor that contributes to the costing model. For instance, if the licence server is based in the United States and the software is being checked out in Singapore, with a 12-hour time difference, the token usage could double up. This is because the 24-hour usage period is linked to the licence server location.

Reporting

Token consumption and product usage are summarised in consumption reporting (CORE). The Network License Reporting Service (NLRS), installed on each licence server, sends consumption data to Autodesk daily. There, the usage is tokenised and reported in Autodesk account.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to provide you additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at in-fmkpmgccsbulletin@kpmg.com, for any queries or feedback.

Regards,

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