

Java Risk Management Checklist for 2025

Your Step-by-Step Action Plan to Stay Ahead of Oracle's Licensing Pressure

Use this checklist to prepare your team, protect your environment, and avoid unnecessary licensing costs.

1 Prepare Your Internal Team

- ✓ Identify key stakeholders: Legal, Procurement, IT Leadership
- ✓ Brief your teams on Oracle's current Java tactics
- ✓ Assign a single point of contact for Oracle inquiries
- ✓ Educate staff: No direct responses to Oracle without internal review

2 Map and Monitor Your Java Environment

- ✓ Inventory all Java installations: servers, desktops, virtual machines
- ✓ Document Java versions and environments (production vs. non-production)
- ✓ Verify whether installations require licensing
- ✓ Implement regular monitoring to catch new or accidental installs

3 Understand Your Licensing Position

- ✓ Determine if you are on a legacy model (Processor / NUP) or Universal Subscription
- ✓ If legacy, attempt renewal before Oracle forces migration
- ✓ If Universal Subscription, negotiate multi-year terms and discounts
- ✓ Scrutinize any Oracle backdated usage claims (past licensing years)

4 Tighten External Communications

- ✓ Block unvetted responses to Oracle outreach
- ✓ Funnel all Oracle contacts through your legal or procurement team
- ✓ Train teams to recognize Oracle's informal tactics ("security concerns", "software reviews")

5 Evaluate Java Elimination Strategies

- ✓ Explore open-source alternatives: OpenJDK, Amazon Corretto, IBM Semeru
- ✓ Review third-party apps for bundled Java entitlements
- ✓ Build a phased plan to reduce Oracle Java dependency

6 Implement Continuous Monitoring Tools

- ✓ Deploy tools like [Opscompass](#) for real-time tracking
- ✓ Set alerts for new installations and upgrades
- ✓ Monitor virtual environments to catch risky VM migrations
- ✓ Track Java elimination progress over time

7 Engage Expert Support Before Oracle Contacts You

- ✓ Schedule a risk assessment with [House of Brick](#)
- ✓ Use expert strategies to challenge inflated Oracle claims
- ✓ Proactively reduce audit risks and unexpected licensing costs

Ready to protect your organization from unexpected Java licensing costs?

Our experts are ready to help you implement this checklist and develop a comprehensive Java risk management strategy. [Contact Us Today](#).