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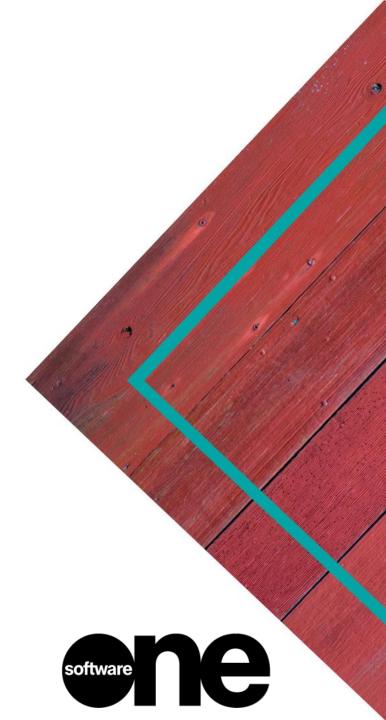
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Chargeback Strategies

- 1. Identify Roadblocks
- 2. Find your Use Case
- 3. Get agreement on your Slush Strategy
- 4. Establish the Cost Center and Budget
- 5. Make the initial purchase and do the cross-charges
- 6. Continuous Improvement adjust, add efficiencies, apply to other purchases





Roadblocks

- People
 - One person who needs to be educated? A whole group?
 - Fragmented organizational approach?
- Process
 - Inflexible annual budget process?
 - No clear entry point?
- Tools
 - No tool exists?
 - Nobody wants to do the ongoing work?



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Drive straight towards the largest roadblock?

Pick a detour?



Use Case

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- Icensed
- Look for an opportunity for \$\$SAVINGS\$\$ from purchasing in bulk
 - SaaS application or traditional software that has been purchased by multiple parts of the organization
 - Publishers that give deeper discounts for bulk commitments
 - Products where local managers have a stake in managing their cost
- You can always consolidate a publisher's software license purchases and move it to a single cost center along with the budget BUT
 - Distributing costs allow the organization to more easily calculate ongoing costs for an organizational function
 - Usage will (usually) be driven down if local managers have to evaluate the cost to their business
- Some opportunities are not worth the effort
- Unlimited/entire organization licenses (unless there is future potential to move off that license model or move off the product entirely)



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Slush Strategy

You won't be able to match down to the penny
Finance People do not like to hear this!



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- In order to accommodate this, you need to agree to what to do with the "slush"
 - i.e. Cost center that is charging out to other business areas might have a ~5% slush fund budget to cover 5% extra capacity
 - Make your finance people happy & get back to 100% when allocating cross-charges:



(total spent) – (total charged to other organizations) = (slush)



Cost Center and Budget

- Choose your Cost Center with an eye to the future
- Start before budget for following fiscal year is set
- Communicate the anticipated chargeback estimates



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Purchase and Cross-Charge



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 Communicate approach and estimated costs to all business areas affected beforehand

- Make the initial purchase and do the cross-charges
- Validate afterwards with business areas that they:
 - Are aware of the cross-charge
 - Understand how it was calculated
 - Agree that the calculation for their area is accurate







Continuous Improvement

- Adjust
- Add efficiencies
- Apply to other purchases



- IT Bundles what does IT pay for that could be charged out if grouped together as a service?
 - Per User
 - Per Server (Physical or Virtual) add-ons for Database, Storage, etc





Questions?





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