

# Procurement Deep Dive - IT Purchasing

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# Software Purchasing

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- When buying software, your primary risks fall into four main categories: security and compliance vulnerabilities, hidden costs, vendor stability, and operational friction.
- All software purchases must have the data processing be determined:
  - ✓ A DPA is required when software is processing personal data.
  - ✓ A BAA is required when processing Patient Health Information (PHI)
  - ✓ Often Software has auto renewal terms that require cancelation before the end of the current term.



# IT Procurement vs. Central IT Oversight

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- IT Procurement is the operational process of researching, purchasing and implementing technology hardware, software and services.
- IT oversight is the governance, compliance and strategic management framework that monitors these purchases to ensure they align with business goals, avoid security risks and deliver long-term value.



# Purchasing IT via Contracts and GPO's

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- Using a contract saves time and money because Contracts are the easiest way to buy, provide the best overall value to the University, and can be used at ANY dollar amount unless otherwise noted.
- Benefits to using Contracts include: No sole source requirements, no competitive bid requirements, and pre-negotiated terms and conditions. Contract sales reps can provide assistance with product selection, Installation, training and returns.
- Some available contracted vendors are CDWG (catalog), Dell (catalog), SHI, Sourcecode and Salesforce.
  - ✓ [Public contract search portal](#)
- Group Purchasing Organizations (GPO): UW is a member of several GPO's. These organizations have established contracts that are available to purchase from. Some examples are Omnia Partners, Sourcewell and NCPA.



# Hardware Purchasing

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- Move from one-off random purchase routes to a standard streamlined process for the Enterprise.
  - Security and compliance are built in from day one.
  - UWConnect->Workday->Vendor->Inventory->End User Delivery streamlined and automated with appropriate approvals and checkpoints.
  - POs are generated and orders are executed automatically once finance approves the order (coming soon).
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- ❖ Goal: Standard hardware will be acceptable for 70% of all purchases
  - ❖ Goal: One pathway for purchase for the Enterprise
  - ❖ Goal: Leverage bulk purchasing for more reliable delivery times and lower prices
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- ✓ CDWG Hardware Standards Catalog – **Currently Live**



# UW Software Catalog (UWare)

- The [UW Software Catalog \(UWare\)](#) service provides software that is available at either free or reduced cost to students, faculty and staff.
- The UWare Service manages the contract renewal, provisioning and billing for most of the software on the UWare site. College of Engineering handles the remaining software.
- The UWare Service should be engaged whenever software will be made broadly available to the UW community. The team can help ensure that required DPAs, BAAs, accessibility reviews, and AI riders are completed successfully, while also supporting the development of effective and timely user onboarding strategies, ideally through automation.



# Purple - AI For All

- Purple is UW's secure enterprise tool for accessing approved generative AI models within UW's Microsoft Azure environment. It is not a UW-developed foundation AI model or tool.
- Purple uses commercially available generative AI models delivered through nebulaONE®, a managed Azure-based platform from Cloudforce, integrated into UW's enterprise infrastructure.
- Purple supports teaching, learning, research, and administrative work across campuses. It provides a single, UW-managed AI environment with strong identity, access, security, and compliance controls.



# Update - ADA Digital Accessibility Compliance Deadline

- On April 24, 2024, the Department of Justice (DOJ) published a new rule on digital accessibility under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This rule requires the University's web content, including academic course content, to be accessible starting on April 24, 2026.
- **Update - April 2026:** The DOJ extended the compliance date to April 2027.
  - ✓ <https://www.washington.edu/accessibility/digital/>



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