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MAE: Setting Up An Application For Multiple Users (8/95)

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TOPIC -----

We are trying to get MS Office to run under MAE. We want all the accounts to run the same copy of the application, to minimize set up and configuration time. We couldn't find any advice in the manuals.

Has anyone set up an environment where a single copy of an application which generates preferences is used by multiple accounts simultaneously?

Has anyone been able to create a standard build that can be propagated to multiple MAE users?

DISCUSSION -----

Setting up an application this way lets you reduce the amount of server RAM and disk space required for the application. It also lets you minimize set up and configuration time.

Here are the steps to set up an application for multiple users:

Step 1

As "root", create a directory called Applications in the /usr/apple directory. Place all the applications that users will have access to in this directory.

Be sure to instruct users NOT to copy these applications to their home directory, since this would use more disk space and defeat the purpose for doing this.

Step 2

After adding applications to the Application directory in the apple Directory, it is best to rebuild the desktop letting MAE add the applications to the desktop files. To do so, start with the -rebuild option.

Step 3

Add the following line to the /usr/apple/lib/AliasList file:

persistent|desk|/usr/apple/Applications

This ensures that an alias of the Applications directory is on the user's MAE desktop.

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