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MAE 2.0: The license_binder Program (8/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes license_binder, a program used with MAE 2.0.

DISCUSSION -----

The purpose of license_binder is to create a license file to help Administrators keep track of MAE licenses. The location of license_binder is, ./<apple_dir>/bin, where <apple_dir> is the location the user installed MAE. After installing MAE, follow the steps below to properly set up MAE licensing.

Step 1

Execute ./<apple_dir>/bin/license_binder

Step 2

Input the serial number found on the inside cover of the MAE package or on the CD cover.

Step 3

Depending on the license, input the "user" or "display" that are licensed to use MAE.

If you license the user, then that user can logon to any display and use MAE. If you license the display (by host name or IP Address), any user that resides on that display can use MAE.

Step 4

After using all licenses per serial number, the license_binder will exit. A directory called ./<apple_dir>/license_dir will now have the license file with the user and/or display information.

Central Administration of Licenses

System Administrators can choose where the license file resides. This lets large installations have a centrally maintained license_dir directory that is shared among all MAE users. When MAE is installed, by default, the license_binder data

files are stored in ./<apple dir>/license_dir. To place the license_binder data files in a central location (whether the central location is local to the users or out on the network), follow these steps:

Step 1

Install MAE in the machine that is to contain the centrally located license_binder data files, and execute the license_binder program. Export the ./license_dir directory via NFS. Be sure that all users have access to the location of the exported license_dir.

Step 2

On systems that will have MAE running, create a directory called license_dir in the <apple dir> and then mount via NFS the exported license_dir to the license_dir mount point.

If the license files are to be located elsewhere in the file system, set the MAE_LICENSES environment variable to the location at which the data files are to be placed.

NOTE: Setting the MAE_LICENSES environment variable to a pathname causes MAE to create a new directory if needed, and places the data files in that directory if license_binder is run after setting MAE_LICENSES. Be sure that all users set and export MAE_LICENSES on their workstations to the appropriate location.

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