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MAE 2.x and Simultaneous Access (10/95)

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TOPIC -----

What version of MAE do I need to let more than one client simultaneously access it from a UNIX workstation? At one version of MAE beta software this feature was possible, but the final version doesn't have this capability.

The reason I ask for this is to lighten the burden of administration, and reduce drive real estate space on my servers. I have chosen to still use a beta copy of MAE because my MAE 2.x final version is only license for one user. I need to either have MAE support 3 clients per copy with a copy of MAE on each of our 10 servers, or have one major copy of MAE supporting 30 clients.

DISCUSSION -----

First, MAE is licensed for either a login user ("john"), or a display ID ("sparc5"). Also, MAE is capable of letting multiple users simultaneously access and run the same copy of MAE on an UNIX workstation, just like an X Windows application can be shared over the network.

For best performance, you must manage and balance the work load on your UNIX servers according to each server's power. MAE performance is highly dependent upon the X server, X client, and network bandwidth and traffic.

MAE can be purchased in one single user, 20 user, 50 user, or volume (site license) license packages.

For the situation you describe, 10 servers to be used by 30 clients, the following suggestion may work:

- Get 30 licenses of MAE, one for each client.
- Install a copy of MAE on each of the 10 servers, and assign 3 clients, either user login ID, or display ID, to each workstation.
- Keep a single copy of the licence file on one workstation for license integrity checking.

The above solution is based on the assumption that all of the workstations are equal in CPU power.

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