NetMan Desktop Manager
Take the next step in server based computing

License Management
Don’t give your money away!
Thus the versatile License Management program in NetMan Desktop Manager enables efficient license management that meets even the stringent requirements of Microsoft. Your benefits include both the savings – potentially substantial! – on licensing costs, and the confidence that your legal software licensing obligations are met. - Jens Lenzing, Microsoft Certified Professional (Licensing Solutions)

Uncompromising License Management

The importance of license management is exemplified by two major considerations: On the one hand, software budgets are a steadily growing cost factor in most companies, especially when one considers not only the costs of acquisition, but also the indispensable support, maintenance and update expenses. On the other hand, maintaining compliance with software licensing agreements – the main legal aspect of software use – is not just a concern for large companies and big industry any more. It affects small and medium-sized businesses as well. The ability to carefully monitor the use of your software is an important tool for ensuring strict compliance with software license conditions – and can help you avoid both license violations and license shortfall.

Flexible License Allocation

NetMan Desktop Manager gives you the capability to monitor all of the software in your system and to ensure that:

- only designated persons or groups can use the licensed applications ("named license" or "named user license" scheme), or
- only a limited number of application instances can run simultaneously ("concurrent use" licensing scheme)

You can also have NDM keep a usage log for each application, making it easy to keep traceable records at all times.

Furthermore, the NDM suite comes with license management features that let you grant user licenses explicitly to user groups that you create for this purpose. For example, you can reserve a number of your concurrent-use licenses for your company's management team, to guarantee that they will always have access to that program regardless of any usage by other authorized users. The same versatility can be extended to the distribution of licenses among the company's various departments as well. For example, when an application license is paid for out of one particular department's budget, you might want to reserve a number of licenses for that department.

If all of the licenses obtained in a concurrent use licensing package are in use, an error message is displayed for the user, who can wait in a queue for the next available license. The user can view the license queue status at any time, to see what position he or she is in. As soon as a license becomes available,

the application opens automatically. To keep the wait times as short as possible, you can define time-outs to have applications close automatically after a certain period has elapsed with no user activity. If necessary confirmation is prompted before the application closes, to prevent data loss.

Economical Software Licensing

The integrated License Management tool can also help you determine whether you have more licenses than you need: It has a Statistics function that can detect what software is being used, by whom and for how long.

In short, NDM's License Management program is a powerful tool for economic optimization of software licensing.

Potential savings on Microsoft Office licenses

The licensing of Microsoft products in virtual environments or terminal server environments often accounts for a large portion of a company's software expenses. Unlike most of the commonly used software products on the market, Microsoft Office products are licensed per device rather than per user. This means each terminal device that could, theoretically, access a terminal server on which the Microsoft Office suite is installed requires a separate MS Office license. In fact, the end-user license agreement explicitly states that it does not matter whether a device uses the software or not. And since access control via group policies is not good enough for Microsoft, the only way to achieve a solution that is both effective and Microsoft-approved is by acquiring additional products.

Thanks to the integrated License Management and Access Control programs in NDM, however, it is easy to maintain legal and traceable licensing even for Microsoft Office products. And the optional Access Statistics utility can provide authoritative documentation of the software usage in your system.