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How the CCS network licence operates

A CCS licence may be installed on a network and the number of CCS network licence users may be set. For example a five user CCS network licence may be set which will allow any five CCS users to access the CCS Network licence at any given moment. When the sixth user tries to access the network licence he will not be allowed to access the licence until one of the other users has exited.

The network licence will allow any number of CCS users to share the five user counts but only five at one time.

If a user is using a laptop and the laptop is pointing to the network licence, CCS will only operate on the laptop when the laptop is connected to the network. If the user goes to site with the laptop then CCS will not operate on the laptop as the user was using one of the CCS network licences.

Frequently asked questions:

- Q:** The laptop user wishes to work in CCS when he is not plugged into the network.

A: Install a CCS licence on the laptop which will allow the laptop user to operate at all times. When the laptop user plugs into the network, he will not use one of the CCS network licence counts and will not affect the other CCS network licence users.
- Q:** Can a laptop user take one of the network licences home and return the licence to the network later, i.e. I have 5 licences on the network and when the laptop is unplugged he will take 1 of the 5 licences home and return it the next day?

A: No, this is not possible. The onus is on the company to optimise between stand-alone and network licence counts, allowing laptop users to operate at all times.
- Q:** If I have a stand-alone licence on my laptop can another network user access my licence while I am not using CCS?

A: No, this is not possible. A stand-alone licence can only be accessed by the computer on which it is installed.
- Q:** How does CCS charge for the network licence?

A: Each CCS network licence count is charged the same way as a stand alone licence, i.e. an initial licence fee is charged with a subsequent monthly rental per system. I.e. if you have a five user CCS network licence count, CCS charges five times the initial licence fee plus five times the monthly rental for the network installation.
- Q:** Can the user retain his CCS System and data on the local computer allowing faster processing speed but still use a CCS network licence.

A: Certainly and this is the way we recommend the users operate.

- **Q:** If there is no CCS network licence installed, can the CCS users connected to the network and still take advantage of all the CCS network facilities such as backing up, shared masters and multi-user pricing.
A: Certainly but the users would require stand-alone licences to access the CCS System. The licence only determines whether the user can access the CCS System it does not affect where the information is stored or how the data is shared.

CCS Network Facilities

Backing up to the network

The user may backup each job to an archive area on the network where only that user can access the backup. The user may backup to a common area on a network, any other CCS user on the network could recover from the common area on the network.

Masters on a network

Many masters can be kept centrally on the network server and can be accessed by any computer on the network. When the chief estimator updates the master, the users on the network immediately have access to the new data.

Multi-user pricing

CCS provides a facility for more than one user to price a job at one time by using the CCS multi-user facility.

In order to take advantage of the CCS network facilities, the network manager must configure the network as described in the CCS TechNotes, which can be found on the CCS installation CD under the documentation folder.

Manuals describing how to use the CCS network facilities can be found in the same documentation folder.