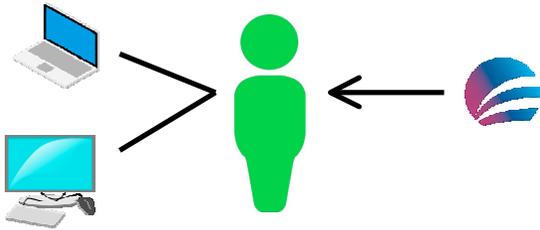


# This Week's Wisdom:

## MapInfo Licence Types

There are three different licence types for MapInfo and each has their advantages depending on how your business or organisation works. Use one or a combination of licence types to ensure you're getting the best value for money from your MapInfo.

### Node-Locked:



Node-locked licences are the most straightforward of the three licence types. Each user requires their own MapInfo licence. The licence can only be used by the user it is registered against, however that user can use their licence across other personal devices (for example, their laptop and desktop computer).

### Transfer a licence

To transfer a node-locked licence to another PC, the licence must be 'given back' to Pitney Bowes via the transfer licence option in MapInfo. (PRO > Licensing > Transfer a Licence). The new user can then activate MapInfo on their machine using the same serial number and access code. Too many transfers and you may be blocked!!

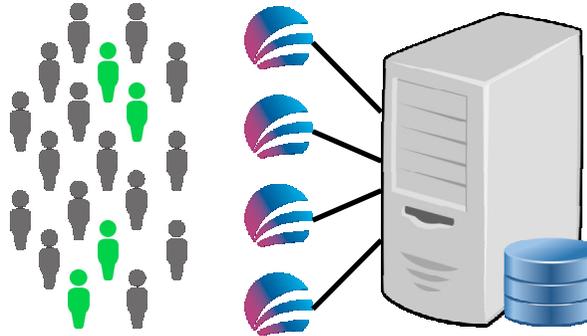
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### Concurrent:



Like a library, concurrent licences allow users to borrow and return a licence as and when they need to use it. These are great for large GIS departments with lots of irregular users. They present excellent value for money over buying each user their own individual node-locked licence.

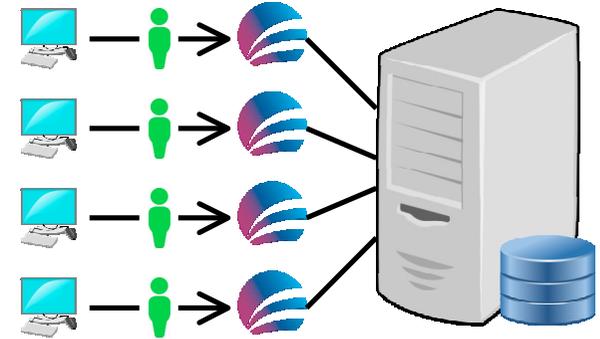
Concurrent users can still borrow MapInfo when not connected to the internet using specific Borrow Periods (1 to 365 days). The licence will remain in use (and therefore unavailable to other users) until it is returned or the borrow period ends.

### Licence Server Utility

A Licence Server Utility needs to be installed on your server. This keeps count of how many licences are being borrowed and how many are available. Once all licences are in use, the LSU will stop any further users from being able to access MapInfo.

*TIP: The LSU only supports one licence type at a time so if you have a mixture of Concurrent and Distributed licences you will need to install two LSUs.*

### Distributed:



Similar to concurrent licences, distributed licences also use a LSU. Licences are distributed to a single user and are designed to be permanently rather than temporarily 'borrowed'. (A total of 10 transfers per year are permitted or 2x the number of licences).

Like a node-locked licence, the software is installed on the client PC but licences are "distributed" to the user from the LSU on the server. The user can return the licence back to the LSU for re-distribution to another user/PC. You only need register the licences once on the LSU rather than many times on the Pitney Bowes server.

### Understanding your serial number

<b>MINWES</b>	Node-locked
<b>MISWES</b>	Server (Concurrent or Distributed)
<b>MANWES</b>	MapInfo Advanced + Node-locked
<b>MINWES17..</b>	The MapInfo version you are licensed to use