

Is it possible to use network licenses in a mixed configuration with single seat licenses?

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A real scenario with mixed configuration

To give an example, let's imagine a company in which there is a cost estimation office with various operators and a technical office with 3 designers. One of these designers usually travels and is not always physically present in the office. The estimating department uses NextGen occasionally, while the designers use it continuously.

Furthermore, most of the time the company performs calculations according to the ASME VIII Div. 1 and EN 13445 standards. Only occasionally they need to perform calculations according to AD 2000 and ASME VIII Div. 2.

To get the most out of it, especially in a multi-station environment, you can use both network keys and single-station keys at the same time.

Let's see how this company can cover its needs: we have said that the designers use it continuously, while the estimators use it only occasionally. Let's therefore assume 4 licenses: 3 for the designers, and one shared in the estimating department.

One of the designers is not in the office all the time, so you will need to provide him with a single seat license. All others will have access to network licenses.

However, it must be considered that the network licenses must all be identical: the company only occasionally uses some calculation codes and it would be a waste to buy multiple licenses that include them; these licenses can be loaded on a second key for a single station.

Bearing in mind that NextGen searches first for the key directly connected to the computer and then for the one on the network, we will therefore have:

- A network key with 2 licenses (ASME VIII Div. 1 and EN 13445), used by one of the designers and by the estimating department
- A single-seat key (ASME Div. 1, ASME Div. 2, EN 13445 and AD 2000) used by the second designer or, as needed, by the quotation office
- A single-seat key (ASME Div. 1 and EN 13445) used by the traveling designer

This is of course a starting point, but in this way we will have the maximum possible flexibility, without having an increase in costs.