

Policy on installation of licensed Mosaic software on non-Mosaic based systems

Periodically, a faculty or staff member requests or needs a Mosaic licensed application software to install on their non-Mosaic systems. The general policy is that Mosaic licensed software is not to be released and installed on non-Mosaic systems. There are several reasons why this is the policy:

1. When we license the software we do it based on usage by students and faculty for academic/teaching purposes.
2. The license server, associated vendor license daemon and license file that governs the floating licenses for a product is managed, updated and cared for by the Mosaic team in conjunction with the application running on the Mosaic work station. Mosaic does not manage non-Mosaic systems so there is no way for us to determine the impact of our efforts to these non-Mosaic systems.
3. We have no way of regulating how licensed software applications proliferate in the COE or on campus.
4. In some cases the media cannot be duplicated due to DRM measures on the CD/DVD or sheer number of discs let alone the manpower required to manage it. There is a high risk to us if we loan out the originals and they are lost/not returned/ damaged.

Exceptions to this policy are when the Mosaic installed software application is campus licensed, is available thru ITS or the library to faculty or staff then the software can be made available to install on non-Mosaic systems. This exception is evaluated on a case by case basis as some campus licensed software is actually re-licensed to the COE Mosaic group for a fixed number of concurrent seats on Mosaic based systems only.