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Dear Sir / Madam,

We present to you the seventy first edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights details on Microsoft® Multi-user licensing.

- What does ‘Multi-user Single Operating System’ mean?
  An Operating System where multiple users who are simultaneously interacting and sharing a single operating system.

- What is the implication on Windows desktop licensing?
  For applications where multiple interactive users are simultaneously sharing a single operating system, Microsoft Windows Server Licence is applicable. Running Win 7, Win 8, Win 10 or any other Microsoft Client (desktop) OS to allow multiple simultaneous users to access and use the OS software is not permitted.
  This means that the shared host computer (or virtual machine) would require a Microsoft Windows Server operating system licence.

- What are the Windows Server and RDS CAL requirements?
  In addition to a Windows Server License, Windows Server CAL and a Remote Desktop Services CAL – formerly known as a Terminal Services CAL) are required for each end-user or device that accesses such a Windows Server.

- Is there any alternative solution?
  Microsoft’s Windows Multipoint Server (which is now a role in Windows Server 2016 unlike a standalone product) could be used and requires a Windows MultiPoint Server CAL (WMS CAL) for each access device (and for the host computer if the host computer is used as a user station).

- Points to note:
  1. There are two editions for Multipoint Server: Standard and Premium
     Standard allows 10 users while Premium allows 20 users to simultaneously share the host machine.
  2. Under MultiPoint Server 2012 Volume Licensing model, every accessing device or user requires a Windows MultiPoint Server 2012 CAL and a Windows Server 2012 CAL.
     While under OEM licensing model, every accessing device requires only MultiPoint CALs.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to arrange for any additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at in-fmkpmgccsbulletin@kpmg.com, for any queries or feedback.

Regards,
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