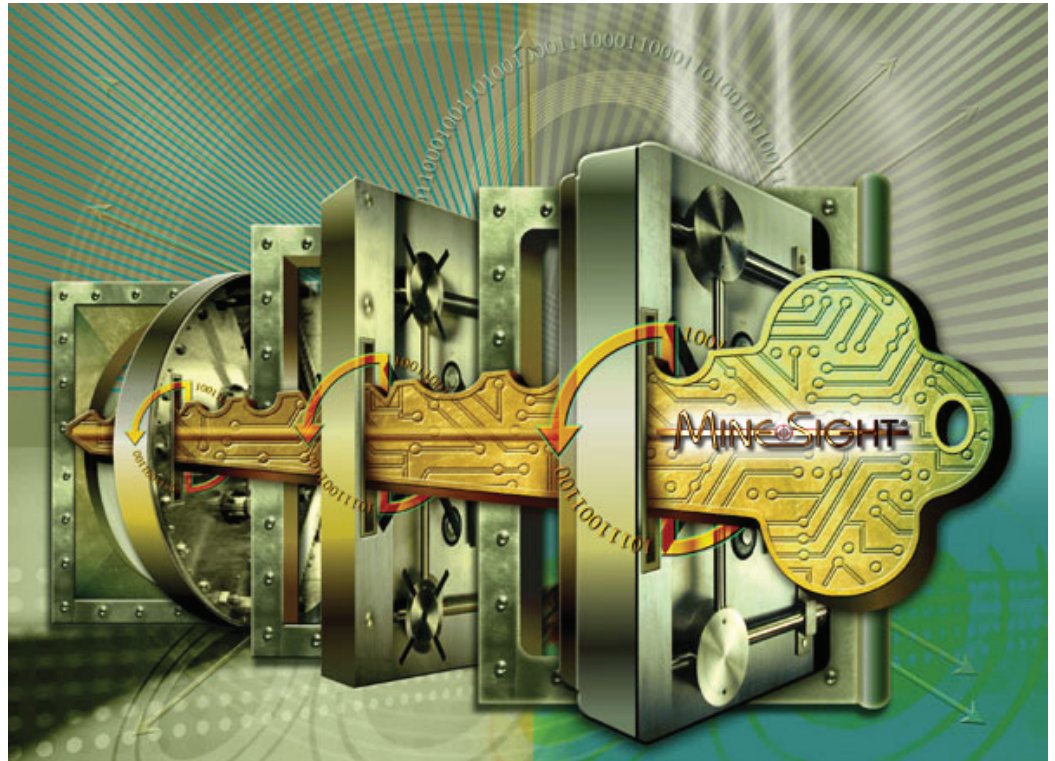


# Network VS Single-user License

**M**intec offers MineSight® software licenses in two forms: single-user licenses and network licenses.

In both cases, access to the software is controlled by a USB key or dongle. Each single-user license requires an individual key whereas access to the MineSight software on a network requires only one key for several access points or nodes. The number of nodes available on a network is only limited by the number of MineSight licenses owned or leased.

A network key is plugged into a central server and controls access to the MineSight software. The MineSight software can be loaded onto the central server or, more commonly, on individual computers or other servers on the network.



## *Some of the advantages of network licensing over individual licensing are:*

- 1 Networks permit more efficient use of each of individual license. A network allows multiple users to access MineSight simultaneously up to the maximum number of nodes. As each user logs off, a new user can log on without physically finding and transferring a key or dongle.
- 2 Administration of license usage is possible on a network to ensure optimal usage and to curtail abuse. The administrator can monitor the license usage and access times through a license server usage log containing a record of each license transaction.
- 3 Allocation of licenses on a network can be changed to meet changing requirements. Access nodes can be assigned by group or department and the assignment can be changed by the administrator at any time.
- 4 Dongles on laptop or desktop computers often get damaged or lost through normal daily use or transfer between users. The dongle for a network is usually permanently located inconspicuously on a server in a spot that is at low risk for damage. The network dongle does not have to be moved to switch users.
- 5 Network security supports commuter licensing which allows users to check out licenses when they will not be able to access the network security for key checking. Users who travel can check out a commuter license, reducing the number of nodes available on the network, but allowing them to use MineSight without the risk of losing or damaging a dongle. The commuter key can be issued remotely by the network administrator if necessary.
- 6 Increasing the number of access nodes available on a network is much simpler, requiring only downloading and installing a new license file. Increasing the number of single-user licenses requires physical shipment of dongles and resultant delays.
- 7 The administrator can restrict the subnet that MineSight® can talk to and through which a license can be checked out, improving security as a result.

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