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TOPIC -----

Are there any AppleShare utilities that limit the number of copies made of applications on the server?

DISCUSSION -----

Here are two programs that restrict launch restrictions on AppleShare:

KeyServer

Developed and used at Dartmouth and available from Sassafras Software, is a launch control package which also provides rwall and motd capability.

LaunchBreak

Developed by the University of Michigan's Computer Aided Engineering Network, LaunchBreak 1.0.3 is available to not-for-profit educational institutions.

LaunchBreak's features:

- Monitors the usage and enforces an upper limit for copying applications on an AppleTalk network.
- Applications running under LaunchBreak can be rendered useless outside of a site's network, hindering software piracy.
- Applications can be located anywhere on the network.
- Doesn't interfere with legitimate copying of programs for backup.

Applications can be freely copied, although the copied programs are still subject to control of LaunchBreak.

- The license server can run as a foreground application on an AppleShare server, or on another machine on the network.
- Remote administration of the license server
- Statistical record keeping on all server transactions.

System Requirements:

- System 6.0 or later
- AppleTalk Data Stream Protocol (ADSP).

For more information, search on "Sassafras" or "LaunchBreak"

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