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EDUCAUSE Constituent Group on Software Licensing
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EDUCAUSE '99
Meeting Minutes

We had about 60 individuals in attendance from the higher education community. We also had representatives from Microsoft and Oracle. Many problems associated with Adobe and licensing their products were discussed by the group. We also talked about Corel, MatLab, and Filemaker, but issues weren't as serious. In addition we talked about issues related to paying for licensing, cross platform concurrent licensing, home licensing, student ownership, licensing for distance education, and network installers. CDs provided within books are starting to cause issues in some clusters. What are the licensing issues associated with CD copied onto cluster machines?

Toby Richards, new Higher Ed Director from Microsoft gave a presentation on Campus Agreement (CA). Microsoft currently has 500 schools under CA. There will be a version 2.5 rolled out in the Spring of 2000. More Microsoft will be placed into the pool and service/training will be added to CA - hopefully as options. Microsoft is planning on a version 3.0 but needs to get the licensing council back together for requirements. This will probably happen in the Spring 2000 time frame.

We did talk about a common set of terms/conditions (T&Cs) that higher ed could generate and give to vendors, instead of the other way around. Two schools have sent information to the listserv about T&Cs which we have found interesting. I am hopeful other schools will look at these and all contribute back to the list things that work.

I am currently working with Adobe and trying to get them to join our listserv so we can start to address issues raised in this meeting.

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