

HP Software Vendor Data Sheet

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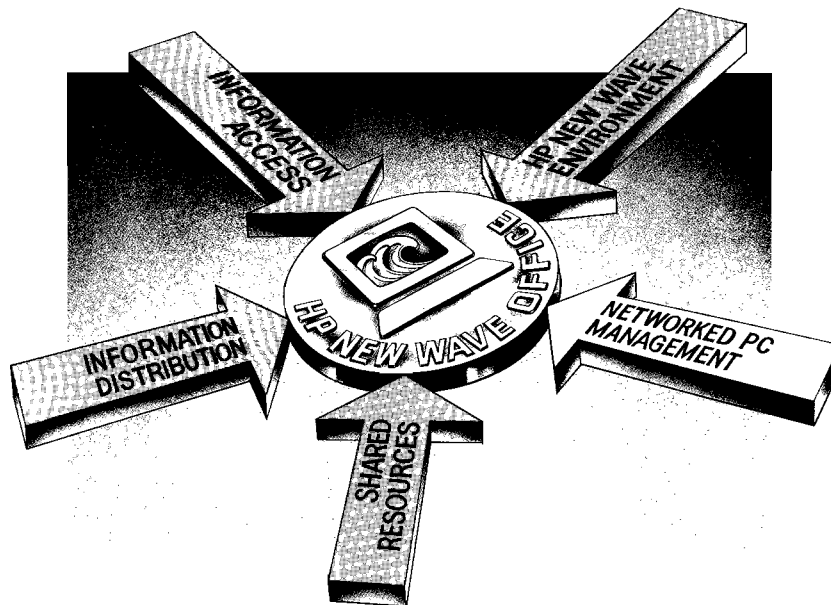
HP NewWave Office

PC software is a major corporate investment that is difficult and costly to manage. More than ever PC users need to know that they can share their work across compatible versions of common software. PC administrators and support staff are faced with a growing problem in software control and management. Now they have an answer: HP Software Vendor.

Until now, PC support staff faced the challenge of managing a wide variety of PC software applications with few useful tools to make the job easy. Just as PC applications have become business tools, they have also become more complex, with installation often difficult for end users. Installing and updating applications is extremely time consuming and can result in problems

and questions from each PC user. After the software has been given to the users for installation, the PC support staff is no longer in control of it, not knowing who has what software installed, if it is configured correctly, or if the right version is installed. There is no control over whether legal software licensing practices are being followed. These uncertainties add to the management and control problems of today's PC computing environment.

Figure 1. HP NewWave Office provides Networked PC Management.



HP Software Vendor is the solution

HP Software Vendor provides a means of centrally controlling and distributing PC applications within the HP NewWave Office LAN environment. HP Software Vendor provides a unified, industry-leading approach to PC software management. HP Software Vendor offers automated, centralized PC application installation, automated software updates, and software license tracking and enforcement. HP Software Vendor is a part of the Hewlett-Packard NewWave Office family of products.

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The software vending machine

With HP Software Vendor, it is easy to make a wide selection of PC applications available to end users while controlling software expenses and administration overhead. It assures high quality support and user productivity through automated software installations and updates and through application version control. HP Software Vendor gives the control of PC applications back to the PC administrator.

HP Software Vendor is a versatile administration tool providing distribution of Hewlett-Packard and other PC applications and files from a server to PC clients in a LAN environment.

To improve productivity, HP Software Vendor:

- Eliminates the manual PC software installation process and the time wasted waiting to "swap disks"
- Automates PC software updates and ensures that all users have the same version of each application
- Greatly reduces the number of problems users encounter while installing and configuring PC applications
- Drastically reduces the amount of time required for PC software license auditing

HP Software Vendor provides the control point for the central administration of PC applications. HP Software Vendor can:

- Keep track of all users' PCs and PC software. HP Software Vendor maintains:
 - Each user's PC configuration—type of PC, monitor, keyboard, mouse, disk drives, and memory

- A list of the names and versions of the applications on each user's PC
- The number of user licenses in use for each application and the number of licenses still available
- Display and print reports showing:
 - PC configuration information
 - Information on each software package available on the server
 - Name and version of software packages installed on each PC
 - User license information
 - Errors encountered by users during software installation
- Preconfigure PC applications to match end-user PCs
- Troubleshoot PC application installations
- View or modify user PC configuration information
- View or modify user license information
- Print reports on PCs, packages, license groups and any installation errors users may have encountered

For PC users, HP Software Vendor makes it easy to preconfigure PC applications to match each user's PC environment, ensuring that the applications are installed and configured correctly. To let users choose applications, HP Software Vendor provides them with a menu listing the PC applications available and allows each user to initiate installation from their own PC.

A flexible tool

With HP Software Vendor, the PC administrator can package PC applications or any set of files, place the packages on the server's shared disk/directory, and make the packages available to users for automated distribution to their PCs.

The administrator portion of HP Software Vendor is a Microsoft® Windows® 3.0 application from which all of the administrator's tasks are performed.

Pull-down menus make it easy to:

- Add users' names and passwords
- Add users' PC configuration information
- Select from existing package definition file templates or design custom definition files
- Assign the packages to be made available to each user
- Enter the number of user licenses available for each package or package group
- View or modify package information

The PC administrator using HP Software Vendor should have these qualifications:

- Ability to use Microsoft Windows
- Knowledge of DOS
- Knowledge of the installed LAN
- Understanding of the installation process for the PC applications that will be distributed

Feature summary

- Central control of PC application installation and configuration
- PC application user license management
- PC application update management
- Version control of software among users
- Tracking of applications that are installed and those that are not yet installed on each user's PC
- Ability to add, change, delete, display, print, or export to Lotus® 1-2-3® format: a list of PC applications; PC configurations; PC application packages; PC installation errors; and PC application license information



- Security through assignment of PC applications to selected user PCs
- Flexibility to distribute any file or group of files to user PCs

Product information

These requirements apply to HP Software Vendor which is a LAN-based product. Refer to other HP NewWave Office product data sheets for other requirements.

Servers

- Resource Sharing for MPE XL or MPE V on HP 3000 systems
- LAN Manager/X for HP 9000 Series 8xx and 6xx with HP-UX 7.0 or greater
- Novell® NetWare®/386 compatible servers

Administrator PC

- HP Vectra 80286, 80386 and 80486 models
- IBM AT, PS/2
- Compaq AT compatibles
- 2 Mbytes memory (to run in standard or enhanced mode)
- EGA or VGA monitor
- Microsoft Windows 3.0 with its required version of DOS
- Microsoft Windows supported mouse
- 20-Mbyte hard disk drive
- 1.2-Mbyte 5¼-inch flexible disk drive or 1.4-Mbyte 3½-inch flexible disk drive
- LAN client software and interface card
- The administrator PC must be connected to the same LAN as the server and the users' PCs
- Consult the Corporate Price List for the number of users licensed per server

This PC is not required to be dedicated as an HP Software Vendor administrator PC. HP Software Vendor need not be running on the administrator PC while software is being distributed from the server.

Client PC

- HP Vectra
- IBM XT/AT, PS/2
- Compaq XT/AT compatibles
- 20-Mbyte hard disk or network directory space
- 640 Kbytes memory
- DOS version 3.1 through 4.01
- LAN client software and interface card
- The users' PCs must be connected to the same LAN as the server and the administrator PC

Support

HP Software Vendor offers Hewlett-Packard's industry leading software support program which includes the HP Software Product Update Materials and HP ResponseLine Software Support for Business PCs. Support features available include:

- A software update service ensuring that your software is kept current and that you benefit from any fixes that become available
- Electronic access to support information
- Access to the HP Response Center for telephone assistance

Consulting

To receive expert help with product implementation and initial use, contact your support representative to find out about HP's extensive consulting services.

Documentation

The following documents provide all the necessary information and training needed to install, configure, manage, and use HP Software Vendor.

- HP Software Vendor Installation Guide (D2506-90002)
- HP Software Vendor Administrator's Guide (D2506-90004)
- Using the Vendor Card (D2506-90006)
- HP Software Vendor Application Vending Tips (D2506-90008)

Assistance is available. Contact a Hewlett-Packard Sales representative for details.

Ordering information

D2506A HP Software Vendor
 Option OCC Upgrade Adjustment
 Option OCC is available only to customers who have purchased the HP NewWave Office or Business System Plus products listed below: 32510A, 32503A, 32504A, 32506A, 32507A, 32560A through 32563A, B1701A through B1704A, B1710A through B1713A, B1720A through B1723A

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