Maximo 7.5 Licensing Changes

IBM has just announced significant changes to the way Maximo is licensed. These changes come in the wake of customer and business partner communications, and in response to the Enterprise Asset Management marketplace in general.

And they're good.

Read more about these sweeping changes to Maximo licensing and how they can potentially affect your business.

Changes to Maximo 7.5

Changes apply to Maximo version 7.5 (and 7.5 Industry Solutions); in order to take advantage of any of the potential benefits, you will need to upgrade to Maximo 7.5 if you're not there already. The implications are widespread – if you're currently on Maximo 7.5, it's time to review your licenses against these metrics. If you're thinking of upgrading Maximo, take a look at what a move to 7.5 might mean to your organization in terms of license renewals. And if you're thinking of implementing Maximo, or are currently involved in a Maximo procurement exercise, be sure to verify that you're taking advantage of any benefits brought about by these changes.

These changes have the potential to impact every single organization that uses – or plans to use – Maximo. My advice to every Maximo user organization out there is to get in touch with someone who can walk you through what these changes could mean to you.

What are the Maximo license changes?

To be clear, I think all of these changes are significant, and have the potential to affect all Maximo user organizations differently. So, in no particular order:

- New Express User license type

- Some license types being absorbed in core functionality

- Limited Use Licenses now apply to Maximo Industry Solutions

- Limited Use Licenses can now be used with any 3 Maximo modules

More detail on each of these points follow. So, read on.

New Maximo Express User license type

Previously, Maximo Asset Management was a two-tier product, with Authorized and Limited Use Authorized user licenses available. The introduction of the Express user license type means that Maximo Asset Management is now a three-tier product, as follows:

- Authorized

- Limited Use Authorized

- Express

This license type provides access for those who make updates or record status changes against the Work Orders assigned to them, and grants access to run and view reports, as well as to view records in other applications (read-only access).

The Express user license type is available in Maximo Asset Management as well as in Maximo Industry Solutions (Oil and Gas, Utilities, Transportation, Nuclear, Government, Life Sciences).

Some Maximo license types being absorbed in core Maximo

The functionality previously offered under the Self Service Requestor, Desktop Requisition, and Health and Safety Environment Self Service User licenses is now included in your core Maximo license.

Organizations who wish to enable larger communities to identify work requirements are now able to do so without purchasing these types of license for each named user. Examples include university campuses who wish to allow students to record work requests, large organizations who want any employee to be able to identify work, organizations who want members of the general public to be able to record requests for work and monitor their progress, etc.

People whose interaction with Maximo would be limited to recording a request for work and monitoring its progress can now do so without a Maximo license.

Limited Use Licenses now apply to Maximo Industry Solutions

Previously, Maximo Industry Solutions had one license tier – Authorized. This allowed each user full access to Maximo plus all specialized Industry Solution functionality. Now, similarly to Maximo Asset Management, there are three tiers of licensing available for Maximo Industry Solutions:

- Authorized

- Limited Use Authorized

- Express

These license types are applied the same way to Maximo Industry Solutions as they are to Maximo Asset Management.

Authorized: grants a named user full access to Maximo, including all specialized Industry Solution functionality.

imited Use Authorized: grants a named user access to 3 identified modules of Maximo, including specialized Industry Solution functionality contained within those 3 modules. Users can also run and view reports, and are granted read-only access to the other modules of Maximo.

Express: grants access for those who make updates or record status changes against the Work Orders assigned to them, and grants access to run and view reports, as well as to view records in other applications (read-only access). Access would include specialized Industry Solution functionality available in the Work Order application.

Limited Use Licenses can now be used with any 3 Maximo modules

Previously an organization had to select 3 modules from a list of 8 available modules that all of their Limited Use Authorized Users would be able to use. IBM has expanded this list of available modules to include the following: Assets, Change, Contracts, Financial, Inventory, Planning, Preventive Maintenance, Purchasing, Release, Service Level, Task Management, Work Orders.

Organizations must still define the 3 modules in use, but there are now more choices of module available.

What do I do next?

Call Interloc. Or IBM. We'll be able to examine your current license structure with you and go over what the new license metrics might mean to your organization once you reach Maximo 7.5. My previous blog post – the guide to Maximo licenses – includes detailed information on how to reach the appropriate person within IBM. Or you can send me an email here.

Some of the things we can go over:

- What licenses do you need?

- What changes can you make?

- How do you make those changes?

- What impacts would changes have on your annual renewal fees (if any)?

> **"***With this new pricing structure, Maximo has gone from a two tiered model to a 3 tiered -- including industry solutions.***"**

In Conclusion

I hope to hear from you. These changes are exciting and I believe they have the potential to significantly impact every Maximo user organization.

Keep watching our blog; this is a new system. We will continue to provide you with the latest and greatest information as we get it.

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