Overview:
The Zoo lets you share Rhino, Flamingo, Penguin, and Bongo licenses (CD-Keys) among users on the same network workgroup. When these products are installed as the workgroup nodes instead of stand-alone, it works like this:

- When a workgroup node starts, it requests a license from the Zoo.
- An unused license is assigned to the node.
- When a node shuts down, the license is returned to the Zoo's license pool.

Features:

- **Free** - The Zoo is a free **download**.
- **No extra costs** - Special versions of Rhino, Flamingo, Penguin, or Bongo are not needed.
- **No special hardware** is needed - The Zoo will run on any system in the same network workgroup.
- **Simple setup** - Install the Zoo on any system in the workgroup and type the license keys into the Zoo instead of the individual systems.
- **A mixture** of workgroup nodes and standalone licenses on the same workgroup is supported.
- **Check out** - License keys can be checked out so laptop users can disconnect from the network. The key can be checked in again when the laptop is reconnected to the network.
- **Robust** - Workgroup nodes will keep working even if the network connection or server is down, but workgroup nodes cannot start up without access to the Zoo.

Installation:

- **Download** the Zoo **free** of charge.
- Install the Zoo on any computer in your network workgroup.
- Install Rhino, Flamingo, Penguin, and Bongo on any or all of the computers in your network as workgroup nodes.

Adding licenses:

- From the Zoo **Edit** menu, select **Add** and type the CD-Keys.
  License key numbers (CD-Keys) are located inside the back cover of the application User's Guide or in the front of the CD case.
- Or, check in existing stand-alone licenses from Rhino's **Tools** menu, select **License Manager->Check-in license**.

Limitations:

- **Workgroup solution only** - The Zoo and all computers running the nodes must be in the same network workgroup behind the same network router. License requests do not pass through routers.
- **Firewall open** - If the computer running a node or the Zoo is using a **firewall**, be sure that **UDP port 138 is open**. It is likely to already be open, since Windows uses it for NetBEUI over TCP/IP.
- **Rhino 2.0 or 3.0 Educational Lab License** - The Zoo does not work with Rhino 2.0 or 3.0 educational lab license.
- **Rhino 2.0 or 3.0 on Asia Windows** - The Zoo does not work with Rhino 2.0 or 3.0 on Asian operating systems.
- **Not a service** - The Zoo is not a service on NT4, 2000, and XP. If you reboot the system with the Zoo, you must log in to the computer to start the Zoo.

  ...but, inexpensive products like FireDaemon can install and run the Zoo as a windows service... as far as we know.