



# The Casper Suite: Evolution of the 7 Series

The Casper Suite simplifies the lives of IT administrators with a unified and extensible framework to deploy, update, activate and report on Mac OS X systems. The Casper Suite increases the efficiency of your IT staff, decreases the cost of ownership, and reduces liability for companies, schools and other organizations.

## Version 7.0

### Usage Management

Track actual application usage on individual computers, groups of computers, and by licensed software asset. Reclaim unused licenses and reduce your overall software costs.

### iPhone Deployment & Asset Management

Setting up your users' iPhones just got easier! Install Configuration Profiles, including wireless, and VPN settings and email accounts, with the new Recon Mobile App.

Collect and maintain detailed inventory information on iPhone hardware and software. Inventory data is pulled from the computer an iPhone has been synced to and does not require the phone to be plugged in. Inventory data can also be gathered with the Recon Mobile App. And just like your Macs, you can look up warranty status for your iPhones via Apple GSX account integration.

### Imaging

Imaging with the Casper Suite just got even easier! Partition drives at image time with built-in support for Boot Camp or restore partitions. Get the most out of your Mac hardware by deploying Winclone Boot Camp images automatically during the Casper Imaging process or as part of ongoing maintenance.

Keep up with Apple hardware versions by using an original Apple installer disk image to build a base OS package. Get faster imaging times by combining OS and packages into a "compiled" configuration that can then be block copied, decreasing imaging time by up to 75 percent. Bind Macs to multiple directory servers at image time with built-in support for Active Directory, Open Directory, and even third-party directory plug-ins such as LikeWise, Centrify, and ADmitMac.

### Adobe CS4 Support

Once again the Casper Suite comes to the rescue for admins deploying and maintaining Adobe Creative Suite applications in an enterprise environment. Using native Adobe installers for CS4 products and updates, the Casper Suite allows you to deploy these titles quickly and easily.

### Managed Preferences

Enforce specific preferences at each login (such as screensaver password, iTunes store or dock settings). The easy-to-use interface is fully customizable to work with third-party applications that support Managed Preferences.

### Directory Bindings

Set up and store binding information for Active Directory, Open Directory, and even third-party directory plug-ins such as LikeWise, ADmitMac, and Centrify once in the JAMF Software Server. Then bind machines to one or more of these services remotely with Casper Remote, automatically with the Casper Suite policy engine or at imaging time. Prioritize the binding order for your environment.

### Licensed Software Templates

Licensed software objects have long been a feature of the Casper Suite that allow you to track the number of copies of software deployed on your network against the number of licenses you own. This feature gets a user friendly boost in Version 7 with built-in templates to define the contents of over 50 software packages you may track on your network, making the creation of licensed software objects that much easier.

# Version 7.1

## Snow Leopard Support

Keeping pace with Apple's development cycle, the Casper Suite receives an update within 6 days of the release of Snow Leopard to ensure compatibility with the most current version of the Mac OS.

## Integration with Apple's GSX Web Services

The JSS is updated to integrate with Apple's Global Service Exchange (GSX) Web Services, allowing IT administrators to pull inventory and purchasing data directly from Apple's database into the JSS for reporting.

# Version 7.2

## Unification and Extensibility using Extension Attributes

The introduction of Extension Attributes allows developers to automate reporting for their products within one console. This integration eliminates the need for administrators to use multiple reporting tools, by bringing most major functions under control of the JAMF Software Server (JSS). With the addition of Extension Attributes, the Casper Suite completes the evolution into a platform focused around unification and extensibility to simplify management of the best software available on Mac OS X.

## Setup assistance to simplify usage of the Casper Suite

A simplified console for IT administrators incorporates new capabilities to complement the comprehensive foundation of features already available in previous versions. New additions to the Casper Suite's JSS include setup assistants to simplify distribution and reporting: Policy Assistant to manage printers, scripts and software packages, Setup Assistant to make it even easier to get started with the Casper Suite, and LDAP Assistant to integrate with directory services.

## Improvements to Managed Preferences (MCX)

The usage of Apple's native MCX technology is enhanced with the ability to upload custom manifest and plist files directly to the JSS, while also allowing administrators the option to import pre-built manifests from the Manifest Destiny project. Using the pre-built manifests from Manifest Destiny can save IT managers a great deal of time while leveraging the combined efforts of the community to avoid repetition of tasks. Of course, granular control is readily available for those who want to create custom manifests or build upon the available resources to suit their specific requirements.

# Version 7.3

## JSS API

The JSS API allows for unification and extensibility between the JSS and other systems running in your environment. The JSS API is based on the REST standards framework, providing an intuitive and secure method for interacting with objects in the JSS.

## Adobe CS5 Deployment

Deployment of Adobe Creative Suite 5 is now much easier. We utilize Adobe's custom enterprise deployment tool, the Adobe Application Manager, Enterprise Edition to repackage and provision CS5 for remote deployment or deployment during the imaging process. We can also report on licensing compliance at the time of an audit and set up automated reporting so that you always remain aware of your compliance status.

## More Information

We offer several resources to learn more about JAMF Software products. First, our **Video Library** contains a number of videos showing our product in action. Next, our **PDF Library** contains case studies, product documentation, feature checklists and more to aid you in your investigation.

Finally, we offer **weekly live demonstrations** of our solutions at 2:00 pm Central Time every Monday, excluding certain holidays. Registration for these demos, as well as our resource libraries, can be found at: [www.jamfsoftware.com](http://www.jamfsoftware.com).

