LogDoor User's Guide

HomeDoor-specific processing

HomeDoor overview

The HomeDoor Multi-domain Web Service Manager is a companion multi-domain product from Open Door Networks. HomeDoor works together with your Web server and domain name server (DNS) to provide sites on your server with their own domain name. HomeDoor works by accepting requests for pages within a particular domain and redirecting those requests to folders on your Web server.

HomeDoor (version 1.2 or later) produces a log file. Unlike your Web server's log file, HomeDoor's log file does not list every access made to your server's pages. HomeDoor's log file only contains entries for accesses made through HomeDoor itself. In general, these entries indicate the first access made by a particular browser to the Web pages for a site. Subsequent accesses are usually made directly to the Web server, without going through HomeDoor, and are thus not listed in HomeDoor's log.

See the **HomeDoor Web pages** for details of HomeDoor and its log file.

Processing of HomeDoor logs

LogDoor processes HomeDoor logs similarly to logs produced by your Web server. URLs in HomeDoor logs indicate the server and pathname to which each request is redirected. LogDoor ignores the server name when processing HomeDoor logs, so that the site name it extracts and uses will be the same as the site name obtained from your Web servers' logs.

- NOTE: If you are using HomeDoor to redirect requests to more than one Web server, and if two or more of those servers have sites with the same name, these sites will be merged together in LogDoor's displays and reports based on HomeDoor's log.

Since HomeDoor only performs redirection and does not actually serve Web pages, HomeDoor logs do not include bytes transfered or errors. Thus these fields will be zero in LogDoor's displays and reports.

Concurrent processing of HomeDoor and Web server logs

If you are running HomeDoor on the same Macintosh as your Web server, LogDoor will only be able to process one log file at a time. You can set up two different LogDoor tasks, one for your Web server's log file and one for HomeDoor's, however LogDoor can only run one task at any given time. You will probably want to have one of the two tasks running most of the time, and only open and run the other one occasionally. You can do this manually, or you can write an AppleScript which periodically closes one task and opens and starts the other.

If you are running HomeDoor on a different Macintosh from your Web server, you can run a second copy of LogDoor and process both logs simultaneously. Consult your LogDoor licensing agreement for the specific requirements of using two copies of LogDoor in this situation.