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Some users have asked about the AFP compatibility of 3Com's 3+ with the
Macintosh family.

The 3+ network operating system for Macintoshes and MS-DOS compatible
computers provides transparent file sharing between Macintosh and IBM
PC-compatible computers. The 3+ software is only AFP-compatible in that you
can use the software at the same time that you have an AppleShare volume
mounted. The 3+ software was written before AFP specifications were made
public, and does not implement any AFP calls. It has not been updated to
use AFP.

3+Share software also looks quite different than AppleShare software. You
cannot mount a 3+Share volume using the standard AppleShare chooser method.
The interface for such tasks as network administration, setting passwords,
and setting access privileges is not the same as the AppleShare interface,
either.

The 3+ network operating system is an ALTERNATIVE to the AppleShare File
Server and Print Server. It provides file service, print service, naming
service, and internetwork routing service, and should be considered
compatible with AppleShare only in that it doesn't actively interfere.

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