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TOPIC -----

If I have something in my login file, like a question about setting the variable term with the A/UX login, I can answer but I can't see what I am typing. Is there a way to have a window with the question in it?

DISCUSSION -----

Since A/UX Finder 32-bit environment was selected as a default Login Session, and the Login process (not part of CommandShell process) was handled via the /mac/bin/mac32 process, all output messages (from .profile or .login or .cshrc or .kshrc file) are disabled by the mac32 environment. We know of this symptom.

There are, however, two ways that let you view and answer the question asked in the shell script: the "Console Emulator" Session and "Initial command" dialog box.

Console Emulator Session

Use "Console Emulator" session. This lets regular UNIX input or output (usually specified in the .profile or .login or .cshrc or .kshrc file) be viewed on the Console display.

- 1) Select "Console Emulator" as the Session Type.
- 2) Login into Console Emulator mode. All the questions asked in the .profile or .login or .kshrc file will be displayed.
- Issue the "mac32;screenrestore" or "mac24;screenrestore" command to go to Macintosh 32-bit or 24-bit environment.

Or you may insert the "mac32; screenrestore" or "mac24; screenrestore"

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command at the end of your .profile or .login or .kshrc file to automatically go to MultiFinder environment.

- Select "Logout" from MultiFinder environment to get back to the "Console Emulator" mode.
- 5) Issue the "exit" command from the "Console Emulator" mode to get back to the Login Dialog session.

The Initial Command

Use the "Initial command" dialog box from the "Active Window Settings" menu:

- 1) Within a CommandShell window, select the "Active Window Settings" item from the "Preferences" menu.
- 2) Put in any command you want to execute at log-in time into this window. For example:

sh /.cmdshrc

where /.cmdshrc is the shell script file to be executed as soon as you log into this window.

- 3) Click OK.
- Select the "Save Preferences" item from the "File" menu to save the settings. The .cmdshellprefs file will be created in the user's home directory.

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