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System 7: Create Network Aliases from Remote Macintosh

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Article Change History

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• To show what really happens when making an alias locally; also used information from another article.

TOPIC -----

If I follow the procedure below, I would expect to be prompted with a log-on sequence for my Macintosh, wherever it is on the network:

- 1) Create an alias for a Macintosh with a hard disk named the default "Macintosh HD".
- 2) Copy the alias to a floppy.
- 3) Insert the floppy into another Macintosh with a hard disk having the same name ("Macintosh HD") as the first hard disk.
- 4) Double-click on the alias.

But instead this procedure opens the current hard disk.

DISCUSSION -----

If you wish to make an alias of a file or volume that will work over a network, you must mount the desired target volume from a remote Macintosh, and then make the alias of the file or volume from the remote Macintosh. That alias can then be passed to any Macintosh on the network to access the desired file or volume. If you make the alias on the local Macintosh, it will only be a reference to a local file or volume.

For instance, if you make an alias for "Macintosh HD" from your local volume, then the alias will only contain the name "Macintosh HD". If that

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alias is taken to another system with a hard disk named "Macintosh HD" then the alias will simply open that local volume.

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