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TOPIC -----

I'm setting up a lab where the systems will be connecting to an AppleShare file server. I want to disable automatic log on to the servers at startup. It's currently configured this way on my System 6.0.3 Chooser, but I'd like to modify the System 7 Chooser to do the same. Is this possible?

DISCUSSION -----

Modifying the System 7 Chooser to prevent auto-mounting of a remote server isn't a trivial programming task, and we don't recommend or support this. Fortunately, AppleShare 3.0 has a provision to prevent a remote AppleShare server from being mounted automatically on startup.

To prevent registered users from logging on to the server automatically at startup, launch the AppleShare Admin program and select File Server Preferences in the Server menu. Make sure the option, "Allow Users to Save Password for Automatic Login" isn't checked, and save any changes. From that point on, registered users can't check "Save My Name and Password."

Registered users who configured their systems to auto-mount a server before you disabled this option, will still be auto-mounting the server unless:

- The users reselect that server, updating the AppleShare Prep file,
- or
- The users' AppleShare Prep files (in the Preference folder) are thrown away. The AppleShare Prep file contains the auto log on details. A new Prep file will be created next time they choose to mount a server.

Note that only registered users will be prevented from auto-mounting a server. If you enable Guest access to the server, guests may still auto-mount a server, because a password isn't requested or required.

Some third-party INITs that prevent automatic mounting of a server are available, but the INITs we know of don't work properly with System 7.

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