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TOPIC -----

Is there a way to change my password remotely when using Apple Remote Access?

DISCUSSION -----

Yes, you can change your password remotely, but it's not an "intuitive" process. The key is to understand that AppleTalk Remote Access uses the Users & Groups file on the system acting as the AppleTalk Remote Access server.

The first step is to allow you, the user, to change your password. If you are running AppleShare 3.0 on the same system that AppleTalk Remote Access is running on, use the AppleShare Administration program to set this option. (The reason is that AppleShare converts the Users & Groups file to an AppleShare format.)

1) With System 7 Personal File Sharing on (through the File menu's "Sharing..." item), go to the User's & Groups control panel and click the icon bearing your name.

2) Make sure the "Allow user to change password" box is checked.

Important: If the ARA server is separate from the servers you are accessing remotely through ARA, you must mount a volume from the ARA server to be able to change the password.

As of November 1992, the only solution is to set up file sharing on the ARA server and allow yourself (and perhaps other users) to mount the server. You don't have to give access to the entire volume; you could create a folder with read-only access and only share it. This way, you

could log on to the ARA server and change your password without having access to information on the server.

The password-changing capability works when you mount a volume with the AppleShare icon in the Chooser. When you select the server, you will notice the set password button. If the ARA server is not doing any AppleShare work, personal file sharing, or server activities, then you cannot mount the server that would let you change your password.

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