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TOPIC -----

This article describes what requirements are needed in helping to determine if PowerShare Services are necessary in Apple Open Collaborative Environment (AOCE).

DISCUSSION -----

Not all PowerTalk users require a server-based environment. Stand-alone users or users in a small network will not require a server to take advantage of the package of collaboration services included in PowerTalk. Direct AppleTalk mail does not require a server. Neither does messaging using personal Mail Service Access Modules. For small workgroups who wish to communicate only with each other through AppleTalk or with the outside world through personal Mail Service Access Modules, there is no need for a server. A typical server-less AOCE installation will be one in which the AppleTalk and Personal Catalog features are sufficient for catalog services, personal Mail Service Access Modules are available for any external messaging, and security is not a critical issue.

However, if authentication and security is an issue for the customer, then a server-based environment is indicated. The PowerShare Catalog Server is required in order to take advantage of the authentication services and to utilize ASDSP across the network.

Some installations may also have a need for server-based messaging. Examples include installations where one Macintosh is shared by several users, and situations where users travel frequently and dial into one central point for messages.

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