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TOPIC ---

A customer has an alias to a server, a document, and an application in his
Startup Items folder in his System Folder. If he cancels the connection to the
server at startup, then the rest of the start up items do not open.

DISCUSSION --

The behavior the customer is encountering is correct. If an alias to a server is
launched from the Startup Items folder, and the user presses the cancel button
when asked to connect, the rest of the startup items will not launch.

This behavior is common to the startup items folder, and is not specific to
server connections. For example, if a series of startup sounds are placed in the
Startup Items folder, and the user presses Command-period to cancel the playback
while the first sound is playing, the remaining sounds will not be played.

There are a couple of ways for this customer to work around this behavior. The
first is to use AppleShare's server mounting feature. When the customer uses the
Chooser to mount a server volume, he should check the box next to the name of
the server volume he wants mounted at every startup. Cancelling a password
dialog generated by this method will have no effect on the file in the Startup
Items folder.

Second, the customer could change the names of the server aliases in his Startup
Items folder, so that they appear alphabetically after any other files, such as
applications, that must always be loaded.

Third, the customer could use a third-party macro utility, which might be able
to use a macro sequence to mount a server volume at startup.

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