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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------------

This article describes AppleShare 4.2.

DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------
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AppleShare is high performance, easy-to-use file and print sharing software that allows networked Macintosh and Microsoft Windows software-based computers to share files, applications, and printers.

With AppleShare file server software, organizations can store all of their shared files and applications in a single, central location, providing convenient, easy access to every user on the local area network. By allowing networked users to centralize all key files and applications for easy sharing, AppleShare improves everyone's productivity. It eliminates time spent looking for files, worrying about misplaced documents, and determining the file or application version.

AppleShare print server software offers all users queued access to up to five networked printers. This time saving function allows users to be more productive because they can use their computers to tackle other tasks instead of waiting for documents to print.

Now, all networked users can connect easily to an AppleShare server. AppleShare lets Macintosh users access shared resources via the Mac OS, and Windows software-based computers users via the Windows interface. AppleShare's network architecture coexists with other application programs and networking services such as Novell NetWare, Windows for Workgroups, and even the Internet.

Yet for all of its power and capabilities, AppleShare is extremely easy to set up, use, and maintain. It continues in the "plug and play" tradition established by the Macintosh more than a decade ago; most system administrators find that they can get an AppleShare server up and running within 15 minutes. And overall

maintenance -- including the addition and deletion of users -- is so simple that a dedicated, full-time administrator is not required. In fact, because AppleShare is so easy to install, maintain, reconfigure, and expand, it offers the lowest long-term cost of ownership of any product in its class.*

Whether your organization is a small or medium-size business, a classroom, or a department within a global enterprise, AppleShare improves collaboration and increases efficiency for all users.

*Based on a report by Business Research Group, Newton, Massachusetts

Features

Powerful file and print services
• Lets users store their files and applications in a single, central
  location
• Makes it easy and efficient to print documents to networked printers
• Provides comprehensive, easy-to-implement security

Ease of use
• Installs with a single click of the mouse
• Can be up and running in minutes
• Makes day-to-day management quick and easy
• Users can take advantage of file and print services from either Macintosh
  computers or Windows software-based PCs

Compatibility
• Includes full support for both Macintosh and Windows clients
• Server works with all Mac OS-compatible applications

Performance and scalability
• Supports up to 250 users
• Performs up to 10 times faster than built-in Mac OS file sharing
• Can be configured for use in an AppleTalk network of any size
• Is scalable from LocalTalk to Ethernet networks, and beyond
• Offers highest performance when running on PowerPC-based Workgroup
  Servers

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