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

This article describes AppleShare 4.2.1.

DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------
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AppleShare is high-performance, easy-to-use file and print sharing software that allows networked Macintosh and Microsoft Windows (including Windows 95) 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.

With Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server software -- now included with AppleShare -- Macintosh users can access AppleShare servers over a dial-up link, so even mobile users can take advantage of AppleShare file, print, and application services. The AppleShare 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, MA

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
• Includes Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server software for remote
  connections to AppleShare servers and services (AppleShare 4.2.1 only)

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

Ordering and Licensing Information

AppleShare 3.0.1
Order No. M0090LL/B

AppleShare 4.0.2
Order No. M3995Z/A

AppleShare 4.2.1
Included with certain Workgroup Servers and available as an upgrade for
AppleShare 4.x customers. Includes Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server software
version 2.1. and the AppleShare Client for Windows 1.0.2.

AppleShare Client for Windows 1.0.2
Order No. M3481Z/B
Included in all Workgroup Server configurations; client network license allows
the installation of the client software on any Windows software based PC on the
network; includes Windows 95 support (with third-party software).

For more information, please see Tech Info Library article, "AppleShare Client
for Windows 1.0.2 and Windows 95."

Product specifications are subject to change. Check with your Apple reseller for
the most current information about product specifications and configurations.

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