

New Technical Notes

Macintosh



Developer Support

AppleShare and Old Finders

Networking

M.NW.AppleShareOldFinder

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A rumor has been spread that if you use a pre-AppleShare Finder on a workstation to access AppleShare volumes, you can bypass AppleShare's "access privilege" mechanisms.

This is not true. Access controls are enforced by the server, **not** by the Finder. If you use an older Finder, you are still prevented (by the server) from gaining access to protected files and folders; however, you will not get the proper user-interface feedback that you would if you were using the correct Finder: for instance, folders on the server will always appear plain white (that is, without the permission feedback you'd normally get), and error messages would not be as explanatory as those from Finders that "know" about AppleShare servers.

Further Reference:

- AppleShare User's Guide