The Monty Python Saga

I figured this whole AppleTalk/Monty Python thing was becoming hard to understand so I decided to create a single chapter explaining it.   Apple Developers have had a long-time love for Monty Python (haven't we all) and wanted to somehow put it in the System.   I assume at the time AppleTalk looked like a good victim.   So, most things involving AppleTalk took on an aspect of Monty Python in some way or another.

Let me clear up what is explained below: AppleShare (allows AppleTalk communication) was code named Holy Hand Grenade.   File Sharing (allows files to be transferred over an AppleTalk network) was code named Killer Rabbit (the Holy Hand Grenade killed the Killer Rabbit).   A part of File Sharing called AppleShare PDS shows the Killer Rabbit icon.   File Sharing PDF files have the icon of the Holy Hand Grenade.   The entire System 7 AppleTalk project was named, appropriately, Holy Grail.

AppleShare (3.5)
AppleShare Code Name: Holy Hand Grenade

In the STR# Resource, ID -2003, String 4, of the AppleShare extension it says "Oh, most heinous!"

In the 'Strs' resource, IDs -1906 and -1905 it says "(Bogus - call x3683)".   "3683" is the phone extension to Arman Maghbouleh, at Apple.

"Bogus" and "Oh, most heinous!" are not related to Monty Python but are from the movie "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure".

AppleShare PDS
If you have ever used File Sharing on your Mac, there should be an invisible icon on the first level of your hard drive that looks like a rabbit with fangs and shades.   That icon is named "Killer Rabbit" after the blood-sucking character from the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail".   To see it, simply open your hard drive with ResEdit and, on the base level of your drive, there should be something called Apple Share PDS (Parallel Data Structure).   Open that and go to the ICON resource.

Note: If you have System 7, or AppleShare 3.0, the Killer Rabbit icon will be on the PDF files inside the File Sharing folder, in the Preferences folder, in the System folder.   Otherwise, they will have a Holy Hand Grenade (explained below).

Incidentally, the Killer Rabbit is stored as ICN# resource 20002 of the File Sharing Extension.

Note: The Rabbit may be replaced with the Holy Hand Grenade in MacOS8.

🔥Also, as another egg, make the AppleShare PDS icon visible (with ResEdit) and Get Info for the file. The document type is known as "Frankenstein PDF document".

Holy Hand Grenade!!!
ARA Code Name: 976 (the prefix for many phone-sex hotlines)
From: Kevin Garrett (Level6@aol.com)

🔥The Holy Hand Grenade icon, seen above, appears on files in the File Sharing folder, in the Preferences folder, on all computers. All of them will end with the letters "PDF". I don't know the exact use of these PDF files, but I do know they will appear for some of the CD-ROM discs you put in your Mac. From: George Halldin (Torgo42@aol.com)

In the German File Sharing Extension D1 7.6.1 (called "File Sharing Erweiterung") the "Holy Hand Grenade" icon is in an ICN# resource with the ID 20002.   From: Hans Altmeyer (100766.2060@compuserve.com)

File Sharing (7.6.2)
File Sharing Code Name: Killer Rabbit
The development name for File Sharing was Killer Rabbit.   The File Sharing Extension's creator was 'hhgg', standing for Holy Hand Grenade, which killed the Killer Rabbit.