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AppleShare: Copy-Protection and Locked Files or Folders

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AppleShare 1.0 and 1.1

AppleShare 1.0 and 1.1 do not provide a mechanism to prevent users from copying files from an AppleShare volume.

Locking folders with these versions will not prevent someone from moving the folder elsewhere on the volume.

AppleShare File Server 2.0 or Later

You can Lock folders but you cannot copy-protect them. Locking prevents renaming, discarding, or moving the folder elsewhere on the volume. Locking does not affect access privileges. Only the folder's owner can enable or disable the folder lock option from the Access Privileges window.

Files can be locked and/or copy-protected. Locking a file prevents renaming, discarding, or saving any changes to the file but does NOT prevent someone from moving, copying, or opening the file. You can lock a file from the finder within the Get Info window.

When a file is copy-protected, users are unable to copy or duplicate it in the finder. Users with access privileges could still open a copy-protected document and using the Save As function could make a copy of the document -- defeating the copy protection.

The copy-protection feature is most useful for preventing copying of applications, to comply with copyrights and licensing agreements. Copy-protection can only be set with AppleShare Administration software within the file information window.
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