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AppleShare: Limiting Users From Launching Applications

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TOPIC -----

I want to limit the number of users that can simultaneously launch applications on an AppleShare File Server. I am currently doing this on an IBM network.

- 1) Does the AppleTalk network system support the ability to limit the number of users who can simultaneously launch an application on a file server?
- 2) If this is possible, does it depend on the application software or the file server software?
- 3) If it depends on the application software, do you know of any applications that take advantage of this capability (particularly, productivity software, such as word processors and spreadsheets)?

DISCUSSION -----

AppleTalk Filing Protocol (AFP) does not directly support the ability to limit the number of users launching an application. This is something the developer of the application must provide within their code. AFP does provide methods to allow a developer to accomplish this type of limiting. For a more detailed discussion of multilaunch applications, review "Software Applications in a Shared Environment", available from APDA, part number A7Z0014.

Microsoft Technical Support indicates that Microsoft Word, versions 3.0.x and 4.0; Microsoft Excel, versions 1.5 and 2.2; Microsoft File 2.0 and PowerPoint, versions 1.0 and 2.0 are all multilaunch applications. Each has some limited multi-user capabilities as well.

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