PC Net Exchange: Read Me File (6/95)

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TOPIC ---

This article contains the ReadMe file for PC Net Exchange software.

DISCUSSION --

PC Net Exchange 1.0.1

PC Net Exchange is a utility program that helps users of Mac OS computers share
DOS/Windows files, over an AppleTalk network, with users of AppleShare Client
for Windows software. This document describes PC Net Exchange and how it works
with AppleShare Client for Windows and PC Exchange. PC Net Exchange is
distributed free of charge—see the notice at the end of this document for
details. For information about purchasing AppleShare Client for Windows and PC
Exchange, see your authorized Apple dealer.

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Note: None of the products described in this document translates or converts
DOS/Windows data files into Macintosh data files, or Macintosh data files into
DOS/Windows data files.

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AppleShare Client for Windows

The AppleShare Client for Windows software provides file services and print
services for Windows computer users on an AppleTalk network. The file services
let you share files from your Windows computer with Mac OS computer users on the
network. You can use AppleShare Client for Windows to create, copy, use, and
delete files on a Mac OS—based computer that is running either AppleShare or
Macintosh file sharing.

PC Exchange

The PC Exchange utility lets you use PC-formatted floppy and SCSI disks on a
Macintosh computer just as you would use Macintosh-formatted disks. PC Exchange
automatically identifies PC disks and files with "PC" icons, and you can save,
delete, copy, and open files as usual. PC Exchange internally labels these files

as text files, and you can open these files from within any Mac OS-based
application that supports text files. (If they are indeed text files, you will
be able to use them from within the application you opened. If they are not
text files, then the Mac OS-based application will open the files but will not
be able to display the contents of the files properly.)

You use PC files other than text files with your Mac OS applications by using
the PC Exchange control panel to map PC filename suffixes to Mac OS application
document types. (A PC filename suffix is the three characters following the
"dot" in a DOS/Windows filename.) Once you have mapped a PC filename suffix to a
document type, the Mac OS treats any PC file whose name ends with this suffix as
a Mac OS document of that type. You see the file in the Finder represented by
the appropriate Mac OS document icon. You can open the document directly from
the Finder, automatically starting the appropriate Mac OS application. If the
file's format is the type you specified in the mapping process, you will be able
to use the file just as if it had been created by the Mac OS-based application.

PC Net Exchange

You can install PC Net Exchange with PC Exchange on your Mac OS servers to
extend this suffix-based file-mapping capability to your network. If PC Net
Exchange is installed, you can map such files on the Mac OS-based system to Mac
OS documents in the same way that you map PC files on locally attached PC
disks. Any mapping that you've previously defined is automatically implemented.

 If PC Net Exchange is installed on a server, files that users have copied or
saved to that server by using AppleShare Client for Windows appear as "PC"
(text) files, and you can map these files to Mac OS application document types
with the PC Exchange control panel. If PC Exchange is not installed, such files
appear on the server as "PC" (text) files, but you cannot map these files to Mac
OS document types.

System Requirements

Windows system
• AppleShare Client for Windows version 1.0 or later

Mac OS system
• Macintosh system software version 7.1 or later
• Macintosh PC Exchange 2.0.3 or later

Installing PC Net Exchange

To install PC Net Exchange on your Mac OS system:
1. Drag the PC Net Exchange icon into the Extensions folder inside your System
Folder.
2. Restart your computer.

Known Limitations

Some DOS/Windows applications store changes to a document in a temporary file,
then rename that file to the original document name when the user saves the

document. PC Net Exchange cannot detect this type of file activity, and
therefore cannot assign the correct icon to the file. To allow PC Net exchange
to assign the "PC" icon to such a file, drag the file into another folder, then
back to its original location, or copy the file from the Windows computer to the
Mac OS computer using the Windows File Manager.

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