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AppleTalk Traffic When Launching Local Application

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TOPIC -----

I have a problem for which I have no explanation. If I have one or more file server volumes mounted (but none of the directory windows are open), and I try to launch a local file with a local application, there is a delay of several seconds during which the AppleTalk traffic indicators blink.

This delay does not always occur and its occurrence does not appear to be tied to any specific condition on the Macintosh. I don't understand why there should be any AppleTalk traffic when launching a local application.

DISCUSSION -----

Any time an application is launched, all of the information about any changes that have taken place on any currently-mounted volumes needs to be written out. This is done by flushing each of the mounted volumes. This operation normally happens very quickly. However, updating volumes over a network can sometimes take time if the network is busy. This is not something that AppleTalk or AppleShare takes care of, but a job that the Finder does.

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