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## MAE 2.0: Personal File Sharing and root Directory (3/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article provides a description of personal file sharing in Macintosh Application Environment (MAE) and an important notice about not sharing the root directory.

DISCUSSION -----

The File Sharing extension included with MAE allows any MAE workstation with AppleTalk active to act as a personal file sharing server. Macintosh personal file sharing is an AppleTalk-based network file system that is separate and distinct from other network file systems, such as NFS. However, MAE's integration of UNIX file systems into the Macintosh Finder enables users to share both UNIX and HFS volumes and folders from their MAE workstations. These directories can be mounted by authorized AppleShare clients on the AppleTalk network.

**IMPORTANT:** In most cases, a user should NOT share the root directory without careful configuration of access privileges. For example, sharing the root directory with read only permission allows remote users to view files such as /etc/passwd. Users should be especially cautious when sharing folders on NFS volumes via file sharing.

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