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## Apple Network Administrator Toolkit Description (7/96)

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### TOPIC -----

This article contains a description of the Apple Network Administrator Toolkit.

### DISCUSSION -----

#### Overview

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Finally there is a powerful yet easy-to-use management software for networked Macintosh systems. The Apple Network Administrator Toolkit has the applications you need to control and manage all the systems on your network from a single point.

Whether you are an educator, a computer lab director, or the administrator of a business network, the Apple Network Administrator Toolkit will help you stay productive and keep your networked systems running securely and efficiently. It will make your job easier from the moment you start using its comprehensive suite of tools.

#### Flexible access and management

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Protect applications, documents, CDs, and system settings on all your Macintosh computers with the latest version of Apple's popular security and access management tool, At Ease for Workgroups 4.0. You can create different At Ease configurations for classes or individuals, and assign privileges for each setup -- all from a central location. You also have a choice of interfaces for each workgroup: the simplified At Ease interface, a secure version of the traditional Macintosh desktop, or the standard Finder. Simply assign the working environment most appropriate for each user or group.

#### Network wide management

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With Apple Network Assistant software, you can manage a group of networked Macintosh computers from a central location. Ensure that everyone is using the right version of each application. Check the version numbers on each networked computer, then quickly create a list of machines to be updated -- a simple mouse click, and Apple Network Assistant will simultaneously update each machine.

You can also restart or shut down multiple systems with a single click, quickly and easily restore a computer's hard disk to a known configuration, and delete unnecessary files from multiple systems in one simple step.

The special screen-sharing function of Apple Network Assistant allows you to give personal assistance across a network of computers. Let users view your Macintosh screen while you perform a task, or share someone else's screen with everyone. View multiple users' screens at once, or get a closer look at each screen one by one. Even take control of a user's system to demonstrate an action.

#### User and group management

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Tired of having to type in long lists of names and passwords for each network resource? Apple User and Group Manager software saves you time and effort by letting you consolidate user lists from multiple sources. Add users quickly by copying part or all of a list from one server to another, or by importing student or employee lists. Create users and groups, and change passwords. The Manager supports AppleShare 3.0, First Class 2.5, and At Ease for Workgroups 4.0 servers.

The Apple Network Administrator Toolkit: Powerful tools for network management.

#### Features

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##### Flexible access and management

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- Assign different interfaces for novice and advanced Macintosh users
- Define application and document access privileges for each user or group
- Control access to selected applications, files, CD-ROMs, servers, printers, and other resources
- Set the maximum number of pages each user can print

##### Network wide management

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- Manage all your networked Macintosh systems from a single location
- Check software versions, file modification dates, disk space, amount of RAM, and other system attributes
- Restore a system's hard disk to a previous configuration
- Help users with computer tasks by sharing your Macintosh screen or by viewing or controlling theirs

#### User and group management

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- Consolidate user lists from multiple sources
- Drag and drop user and group data from one service to another
- Create user lists from existing school registers or employee databases

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