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AppleShare 1.0/1.1: Lost Server Volumes

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TOPIC -----

The following describes a problem with server volumes being reported in need of repairs in error.

DISCUSSION -----

When using AppleShare 1.1, the Finder may complain that the server volume needed minor repairs and then reported that the volume couldn't be fixed. Unplugging the AppleTalk connector makes the problem go away.

One way to get into this situation is to have a volume to which access has been completely denied after the volume is marked for mounting at start up. When the Finder tries to access the volume, it gets an immediate error. The Finder then tries to create a new Desktop file, which fails also, resulting in a final error message and no trace of the volume on the Desktop.

One fix: use the Chooser to select the server volume then deselect the box labeled "Mount at Startup time." That should stop the volume from being mounted without access to the root, causing the Finder no further difficulties on the next startup.

Another solution: throw away the "AppleShare Prep" file in the System folder, causing all startup information to be lost.

Future versions of AppleShare will check the root of the volume for accessibility before mounting the volume, the way the chooser already does (indicated by greying out the volume name in the volume list).
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