

Macintosh OS: No Multiple Password Assignment with File Sharing

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TOPIC -----

I have the same user ID definitions in multiple Macintosh computers that support File Sharing under System 7.0. Is it possible (or are any utilities available) to change the password in one Macintosh only, and automatically change the passwords in all other Macintosh computers?

This type of functionality exists in the UNIX world.

DISCUSSION -----

This facility isn't available under the Macintosh OS. This particular area of network management came about in the UNIX world as the complexity of managing multiple computers, groups of users, and so on became more common (especially in large computer environments, not in the single-user workstation environment).

And there is a lot of resistance to this in the Macintosh community (some find it intrusive), and raises different issues of security.

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