AppleShare & System 7.x.x: Removing a Corrupt PDS File (7/96)

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TOPIC ---

How do I remove a corrupt AppleShare PDS file?

DISCUSSION --

CAUTION: Removing the AppleShare PDS file will result in a loss of file and
folder access privileges. You will have to use the AppleShare Admin application
to reassign these access privileges.

There are several ways to remove a corrupt AppleShare PDS file.

If you are using System 7.5.3 on an AppleShare File Server

Follow the steps below:

Step 1
Quit the AppleShare application.

Step 2
Choose the Find... command in the File menu.

Step 3
In the Find Items section, choose "on local disks" in the pop-up menu. In the
two pop-up menus below, choose from left to right, name, and contains, then
enter PDS in the field on the right.

Step 4
Click More Choices

Step 5
Press and hold the option key while you click and hold the size pop-up menu,
choose visibility. In the pop-up menu under the field you entered PDS, choose
invisible.

Step 6
Click Find.

Step 7

The hit-list is presented in the Items Found window, and there should be an
AppleShare PDS file for each volume on a Mac OS server. Click and drag the
volume's PDS file listed to the trash. You should receive the message "The file
can not be left in the trash. Delete it now?" Click OK.

Step 8
Reset access privileges by using the AppleShare Admin application.

If you are using ResEdit or third-party utility

If you have ResEdit or a third-party utility, like Norton Disk Editor, that is
capable to change the visibility of a file, and you are skilled in using this
application, follow these steps:

Step 1
Quit the AppleShare application.

Step 2
Use ResEdit or the third-party utility to make the AppleShare PDF file visible.
Quit the application.

Step 3
Drag the AppleShare PDF file to the trash.

Step 4
Choose Empty Trash from the Special menu.

Step 5
Choose Restart from the Special menu.

Step 6
Reset access privileges using AppleShare Admin.

If you are not using System 7.5.3 on an AppleShare File Server or ResEdit
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If you are not using System 7.5.3, and you do not have ResEdit or third-party
utility, follow these directions:

NOTE: These directions will require you to have your AppleShare serial number
available if you are using AppleShare version 4 or newer.

Step 1
Quit the AppleShare application.

Step 2
At the root level of your hard drive, choose New Folder from the File menu.

Step 3
Name the new folder "Old Users & Groups" or something similar.

Step 4

Open the System Folder, open the Preferences folder, find the Users & Groups
Data File.

Step 5
Drag the Users & Groups Data File from the Preferences folder to the new folder
you created above.

Step 6
Launch the AppleShare Admin which is usually located in the Apple Menu. Enter
the server information including the serial number if prompted.

Step 7
Quit the AppleShare Admin.

Step 8
Move the Users & Groups Data File from the folder you created in Step 2 above to
the Preferences folder in the System Folder. You should see the message "An item
named 'Users & Groups Data File' already exists in this location. Do you want to
replace it with the one you're moving?" Click OK.

Step 9
Again launch AppleShare Admin. You should see this message for every volume you
have on your server, "All access privileges on the volume named (volume name)
have been lost. You will need to reset access privileges for this volume." Click
OK. A new AppleShare PDS file has been created for your server.

Step 10
Reset all access privileges while in AppleShare Admin.

If you have an Apple WorkGroup Server 95

Please see the article entitled "AppleShare File Server Software Will Not
Start".

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