Apple Workgroup Server 95: E-Mail Server (9/93)

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TOPIC ---

Will the Apple Workgroup Server (AWS) 95 support E-Mail packages like
QuickMail and MS Mail? Will it handle mail gateways for QuickMail or
MS Mail to other mail systems? What are the performance consequences of
using it as a mail server for 50 concurrent mail users logged on as well as
50 concurrent file server users logged on?

DISCUSSION --

We have heard that the QuickMail server does not run properly on the
AWS 95, but that the MS Mail server does (unverified). The gateways may be
the same. You may want to check with the specific vendors of the gateways
before you recommend their use. To locate a vendor's address and phone
number, use the vendor name as a search string.

There have been no specific performance studies done comparing the
performance of running the server as an file server alone verses running it
in conjunction with a mail server. There is no question that you can
expect degradation in performance, how much is dependent on how the
services of the server are used. The benchmarks we have done comparing the
file server and Oracle running concurrently, show as much as a 60% drop in
performance. We don't expect MS Mail to reduce disk performance as much as
Oracle, but that really depends on the customers usage.

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