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DOS Compatibility Card: Excel Doesn't Work From Network (10/94)

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TOPIC -----

I am working with a Quadra 610 with a DOS Compatibility Card running AppleShare client to a Netware 3.12 "Netware for Macintosh" server. Because the network is virtual, Excel 5.0 has a problem loading documents from the drive. An error occurs that reads "SHARE must be loaded to run Excel". However SHARE.EXE is loaded properly, and those same documents load without problems from the server to the Macintosh.

Microsoft has recommended trying Windows virtual share driver, VSHARE.386. This produced the same results.

Any ideas on how to get this to work properly?

DISCUSSION -----

We have duplicated the problem here, and am currently trying to find a workaround. The problem stems from Excel. It sees the shared volumes as CD-ROM drives. This causes a problem when trying to write to the drive. Although it's unclear at this time why it's also keeping excel from reading from the drive. Using VSHARE.386 (which is the version of SHARE.EXE that ships with Windows 3.11) doesn't correct the problem, because it's not a problem with file locks -- to Excel it looks like the whole volume is locked. Other applications seem to work fine, so this problem seems specific to Excel.

Workaround

Get Excel for the Macintosh until a less costly workaround can be found.

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