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Workgroup Server 95: Files To Keep For Reconfiguration (7/94)

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TOPIC -----

Keep copies of the following files (or, if they're a text file, a hard copy of their contents) to facilitate reconfiguring the Workgroup Server (WS) 95, should you ever need to re-install the system software.

DISCUSSION -----

Important for all Workgroup Server 95 computers

- /etc/fstab

This is the file system table, containing the list of the file systems to mount and their mount points.

- /mac/sys/System Folder/Preferences/Users & Groups Data file

This file contains information about your AppleShare Users & Groups, and is essential for maintaining access privileges on the server. If you ever reinstall your software or create a new system folder, the Users & Groups Data File containing the data on your users should be placed in the Preferences folder of the new System Folder BEFORE launching the AppleShare Admin program. Otherwise, a new Users & Groups data file is created, and all access privileges of your users & groups will be lost.

NOTE: The other file that is essential to preserving access privileges -- the AppleShare PDS file -- is invisible. However, Retrospect will retain access privilege information on your shared data if the File Server software is running and the folders are being shared during the backup process. See Appendix D, "Backing Up and Restoring Servers" of your Retrospect manual for details.

- /mac/sys/System Folder/Preferences/Retrospect/Retro.Configuration

This file contains your settings for Retrospect, including such things as scripts, remote names, activator codes, and location of storage sets. Back up this file whenever you make significant changes to your Retrospect settings.

If You've Modified The Mac32 Environment

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- /mac/bin/mac32

This file is a shell script which sets certain environment variables; if you have modified this file for any reason -- for example, to change the default file format from AppleSingle to AppleDouble -- create a backup of it.

If You've Set Up UNIX Users

- /etc/passwd

This is the password database containing a list of all UNIX users and their encrypted passwords. (Note that these are UNIX users only, such as "root", not AppleShare registered users. AppleShare registered user and group data is contained in /mac/sys/System Folder/Preferences/Users & Groups Data File.)

- /etc/group

This is a group database file

If You've Configured the WS 95 for TCP/IP

- /etc/NETADDRSS

This file contains the IP address for your machine, created when you run newconfig bnet.

- /etc/hosts

This file may contain a table of IP hosts to which you can connect. The /etc/hosts can be used to resolve IP domain names when a domain name server is unavailable.

- /etc/HOSTNAME

This file contains the hostname and domain name for your machine, created when you run newconfig bnet.

- /etc/resolv.conf

This file contains domain name server information

- /etc/rc

This file may contain information about your default gateway.

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