Apple Workgroup Server 95: Autologin File (4/95)

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TOPIC --

This article will answer these commonly asked Apple Workgroup Server (AWS) 95
questions:

• What is the purpose of the file named "Autologin" in the Login System folder?

• Can I set up my AWS 95 to automatically log in when powered up?

• When I turn on the power of my AWS 95, it automatically logs in as root. Why
does it do that?

DISCUSSION --

When the AWS 95 is first powered on it will immediately launch A/UX through an
alias in Startup Items of the Macintosh partition. A/UX 3.x.x will usually go
straight to the Finder, logging in as root if (and only if) there is no password
on the root account, which is the default installation. If the administrator
chooses to add a password to the root account, A/UX 3.x.x will stop at the
standard A/UX Login screen and wait for a password. In the default File/Print
server configuration there is a text file called "Autologin", in the Preferences
Folder of the Login System Folder, which contains the name of the account for
the system to automatically login to. By default it is set to root. If this
file does not exist, here is how to recreate one.

1) Open any text editor in the Mac OS or in the CommandShell.
2) Create a new file and name it "Autologin"
3) The first line should only contain the word "root"
4) Save this file in /mac/sys/Login System Folder/Preferences
5) Quit the text editor.

With this file present, the next time the server starts up, it will
automatically log in and (if the proper alias is in the default System Folder)
launch AppleShare File or Print services. For security reasons, many
administrators may NOT want the file server to automatically log in as root. To
prevent this from happening, remove this file from the /mac/sys/Login System
Folder/Preferences folder.

NOTE: This file is not usually present in default database configurations.