

The Monty Python Saga

I figured this whole AppleTalk, Monty Python thing was becoming confusing so I decided to create a single chapter explaining it. Apple Developers have had a long time love for Monty Python (haven't we all) and wanted to somehow put it in the system. I assume at the time AppleTalk looked like a good victim. So, most things involving AppleTalk took on Monty Python in some way or another.

Let me clear up what is explained below: AppleShare (allows AppleTalk communication) was code named Killer Rabbit. File Sharing (allows files to be transferred over an AppleTalk network) was code named Holy Hand Grenade (the HHG killed the Killer Rabbit). A part of File Sharing called AppleShare PDS shows the Killer Rabbit icon. Finally, AppleTalk Remote Access (allows AppleShare over a modem) has the icon of the Holy Hand Grenade on one of its files.

AppleShare

AppleShare Code Name: Killer Rabbit

In the STR# Resource, ID -2003, String 4, of the AppleShare extension it says "Oh, most heinous!"

In the 'Strs' resource, IDs -1906 and -1905 it says "(Bogus - call x3683)". I am not exactly sure what that means but it is random and uses odd language for a Mac, so it was enough for me to put in this file.

AppleShare PDS

If you have ever used FileSharing on your Mac there should be an invisible icon on your desktop that looks like a rabbit with fangs and shades. That icon's is named "Killer Rabbit" after the blood-sucking character from the movie Monty Python and the Holy Grail. To see it, simply open your hard drive with ResEdit and in the first window there should be something called Apple Share PDS (Parallel Data Structure). Open that and go to the ICON resource.

Note: If you have System 7, or AppleShare 3.0, the icon is on the PDF inside the File Sharing folder, in the Preferences folder, in the System folder. In the cases of write-protected or read-only volumes (such as CD-ROMs), the Mac writes visible PDF files to the startup disk. These files are used to help manage file sharing and they have an icon of a Killer Rabbit.

Incidentally, the Killer Rabbit is stored as ICN# resource 20002 of the File Sharing Extension.

Holy Hand Grenade!!!

ARA Code Name: 976 (the prefix for many phone-sex hotlines)

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This is an icon of the Holy Hand Grenade, from Monty Python, on top of the Standard AppleTalk wires. This icon appears on a file named "ARA PS Install 1 PDF" and belongs to AppleShare 3.0.3. You will also find the icon looking through the resource fork of the AppleShare or File Sharing extension on some American systems with unknown versions or software. The icon appears to be possibly installed by ARA based on the name.

In the German File Sharing Extension D1 7.6.1 (called "File Sharing Erweiterung") the "Holy Hand Grenade" icon is in an ICN# resource with the ID 20002. From: Hans Altmeyer (100766.2060@compuserve.com)

I have not been able to locate anybody with an U.S. System and this icon, so I really don't know where you can find it. It might be in the Preferences folder. If you know, please tell me in full detail where it is. Thanks. (ARA stands for AppleTalk Remote Access)

File Sharing

File Sharing Code Name: Holy Hand Grenade

The development name for File Sharing was Holy Hand Grenade. Thus we have the File Sharing Extension's creator 'hhgg'. This is from Monty Python. By the way, the AppleShare's "Killer Rabbit" (which appears on AppleShare PDS) was killed by the Holy Hand Grenade.