

ChatGuardian

For complete security and peace of mind when using ChatNet with children, your computer should have a file or folder level security program installed such as Mac Manager. Users with access to move, delete, or change files could bypass ChatGuardian. ChatNet can only protect access to itself, not to your computer's files.

When ChatGuardian is enabled, passwords can be set to create restricted access to ChatNet's features. Users with Supervisor access are not restricted by any of ChatGuardian's settings.

Supervisor Password

The Supervisor Password, when entered, allows a user to become a Supervisor user with unrestricted access. For example, if the settings under User Preferences disallows users to send or receive files, someone with Supervisor access can still transfer files. Users with Supervisor access cannot change any ChatNet preferences without knowing the preferences password. Supervisors have the option of becoming a Stealth user in AppleTalk Mode (see Stealth Users in the Supervisor Access section).

Preferences Password

The Preferences Password allows any of ChatNet's preferences to be changed.

The preferences password should be kept confidential and secure. Users with the preferences password can change any ChatNet preference at any time when they are logged in as Supervisor.

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The preferences password should be changed and kept secret even from other Supervisor users. Supervisor users with the preferences password have the ability to change all ChatNet settings.

This includes the ability to change passwords preventing access to ChatNet Preferences.

Enable ChatWatcher

When enabled, ChatWatcher creates a text file log that records the time and date for Server logins, Room/Channels entered or created, private message text, and file names transferred. The ChatWatcher log can only be viewed by users with access to preferences. The log is limited to the most recent 32k of text information. ChatWatcher is useful to evaluate user activity during a ChatNet session if the user cannot be directly supervised.

View ChatWatcher

To view the ChatWatcher log, click the View ChatWatcher button and the most recent 32k of information will be displayed in an edit window for you to view and/or print. Remember, only the most recent 32k of information is presented.

Censor List

The Censor List button accesses the Censor List editor screen. Words and phrases typed in the Censor List are filtered and never displayed or spoken. Instead, each word or phrase is padded out. Type each word or phrase to be censored and press the Return key. Type ONLY one word or phrase per line. Only text that EXACTLY matches an item in the censor list, including spaces and punctuation, is padded out. Therefore, divide a phrase into the smallest portion to achieve the most consistent censor action.

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The Room/Channel Lock button accesses the Room/Channel Lock editor screen. Words typed in the Lock List are filtered out of the names of rooms/channels or IRC topics and are not displayed for the user. Users are restricted from entering or creating a room/channel or IRC topic containing locked out words. Type ONLY one word per line. Only text that EXACTLY matches an item in the lock list is filtered. Rooms/channels and topics are also filtered by the Censor List. There is no need to duplicate censor list words here.

User Preferences

The User Preferences button accesses the User Preferences dialog box. Options are presented providing complete control over user restrictions. User preferences do not affect users who login with Supervisor access. All user preferences are initially defaulted to enabled.

Note: Changes to preference settings stored on Server volumes are not updated until the current users logoff.

Send/Receive Private Messages

When enabled, users can send and receive private messages. A private message only exists between two users. In AppleTalk mode, private messages sent to or from a Supervisor are always allowed.

Send/Receive Files

When enabled, users can send and receive files. In AppleTalk mode, files sent to or from Supervisors are always allowed.

Send/Receive Invitations

When enabled, users can send and receive invitations to public or hidden (invisible) Rooms/Channels. In AppleTalk mode, invitations from Supervisors are always allowed.

Ignore Users

When enabled, users can ignore messages from other users. In AppleTalk mode, a Supervisor cannot be ignored.

Create Rooms/Channels

When enabled, users can create public Rooms/Channels.

Create Hidden

When enabled, users can create hidden (invisible) Rooms/Channels. A user must be able to create Rooms/Channels to be able to create hidden ones. In IRC, this option also controls setting a channel's mode as private, secret, and invite-only.

Create Room/Channel Logs

When enabled, users can capture a file that contains any new discussion text that occurs in the room/channel.

Print Windows

When enabled, users can print the text within any ChatNet window.

ChatNet User Info

The ChatNet User Info radio buttons control how user information is set on the login screen.

Selecting User Entered Name allows users to type in any information they desire. This is useful when users move around frequently but also allows users to type false information. This is the initial default setting.

Selecting Owner Name reads the name recorded in the Owner Name section of the Sharing Setup control panel. Selecting owner name is useful when users remain at the same computer consistently. However, there is no guarantee that another user is not using that computer temporarily. If no owner name is set, this option is ignored.

Selecting Mac Manager Name should only be selected by those also using ELS, Inc.'s Mac Manager (v 3.1 or higher) desktop management and security product. More trust can be placed in the accuracy of the user information and the actual person logged into ChatNet.

Note: Do not use the Mac Manager Name setting if Mac Manager is configured for multiple users to access the same login name. If ChatNet is set as a startup item and a user logs out of Mac Manager, they are also automatically logged out of ChatNet.