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Programmatic Mounting of AppleShare Volumes

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This Technote shows how to mount an AppleShare volume using the `PBVolumeMount` call.

Introduction

The AppleShare Client implements the `PBVolumeMount` trap to allow developers to mount volumes programmatically. There are two ways to use the `PBVolumeMount` call to mount volumes. There is new functionality added to the `PBVolumeMount` call by AppleShare Client 3.7 that allows for mounting servers over TCP/IP as well as AppleTalk.

The first method is best used when you are remounting a volume that has been mounted by the user. Identify the volume that you wish to remount and call `GetVolMountInfoSize` to get the size of the `VolMountBlock` that you will need to allocate. Allocate the memory for the `VolMountBlock` and call `GetVolMountInfo` to get the block filled in. When you wish to remount the volume call `PBVolumeMount` with the `VolMountBlock` created earlier. You will need to store the password separately as `GetVolMountInfo` will not return password information. The Alias manager uses this method to mount server volumes from aliases.

The second method entails creating your own `VolMountBlock`, filling in the fields yourself and calling `PBVolumeMount`. This method gives great flexibility but is rather complex. I advise looking at the code in the MoreFiles Sample Code. (see the References section)

Snippet #1: Finding the version of the AppleShare Client

```
const  short   kASver_3_5      = 1;
const  short   kASver_3_6      = 2;
const  short   kASver_3_6_1    = 3;
const  short   kASver_3_6_2    = 4;
const  short   kASver_3_6_3    = 5;    // incld. 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5
const  short   kASver_3_7      = 6;    // incld. 3.7.1
const  short   kASver_3_7_2    = 7;

short   ClientVersion(void)
{
    long   result;
    OSErr  theError = noErr;

    theError = Gestalt('afps', &result);
    if(!theError)
    {
        return(result & 0x0000ffff);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

AppleShare Clients 3.0 - 3.6.5

AppleShare clients prior to version 3.7 mount volumes over AppleTalk only. The More Files sample code has a good example of using the `PBVolumeMount()` call to mount a volume given a server name and password. For maximum compatibility set the `UAMType` field of the `AFPVolMountInfo` struct to 1 for guest login or 3 for login using a password.

```
struct AFPVolMountInfo {
    short      length;                /* length of location data (including self) */
    VolumeType media;                /* type of media */
    short      flags;                 /* bits for no messages, no reconnect */
    SInt8      nbpInterval;           /* NBP Interval parameter (IM2, p.322) */
    SInt8      nbpCount;             /* NBP Interval parameter (IM2, p.322) */
    short      uamType;               /* User Authentication Method */
    short      zoneNameOffset;        /* short positive offset from start of
                                     struct to Zone Name */
    short      serverNameOffset;      /* offset to pascal Server Name string */
    short      volNameOffset;         /* offset to pascal Volume Name string */
    short      userNameOffset;        /* offset to pascal User Name string */
    short      userPasswordOffset;    /* offset to pascal User Password string */
    short      volPasswordOffset;     /* offset to pascal Volume Password string */
    char       AFPData[176];          /* variable length data may follow */
};
typedef struct AFPVolMountInfo AFPVolMountInfo;
```

AppleShare Client 3.7

AppleShare Client 3.7 has several new features dealing with volume mounting:

- Mounting volumes over TCP/IP
- Option to use the AppleShare Client login and Volume Select dialogs
- Support for Custom User Authentication Modules (UAMs) in `PBVolumeMount`

`PBVolumeMount` with `AFPXVolMountInfo`

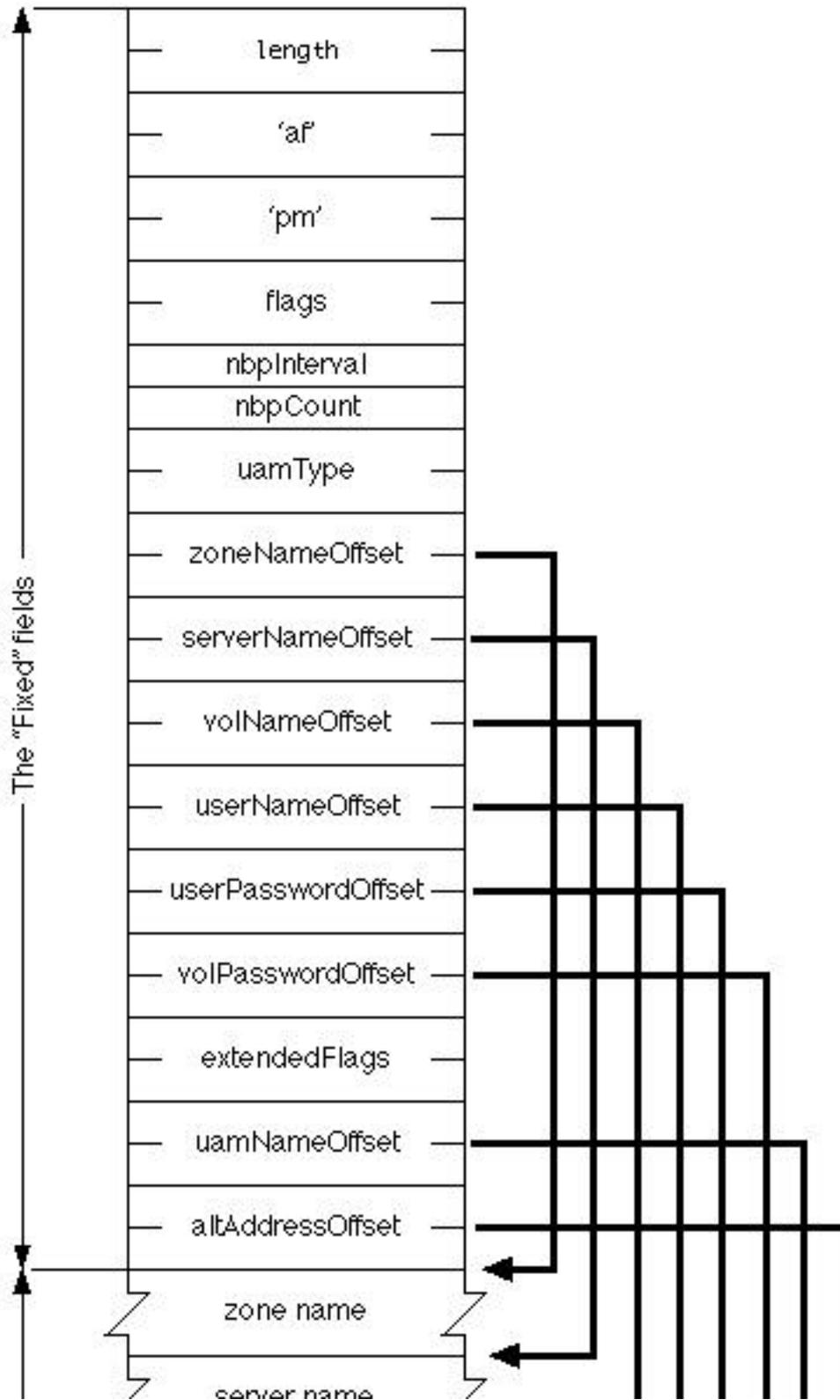
As you can see, the `AFPXVolMountInfo` structure is an extension of the `AFPVolMountInfo` structure defined above. The three new fields and two new flag bits allow the developer to specify the information needed to support TCP/IP and UAMs. The 3.7 Client will also support the old `AFPVolMountInfo` struct.

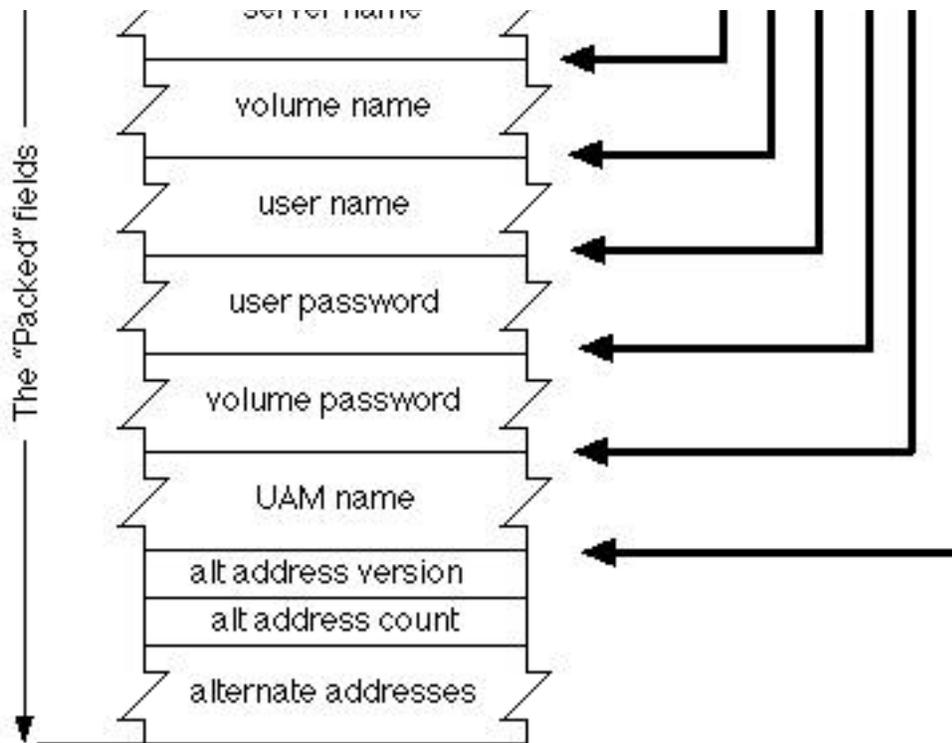
From the latest `Files.h`:

```
/* AFPXVolMountInfo is the new AFP volume mount info record,
requires the 3.7 AppleShare Client */

struct AFPXVolMountInfo {
    short      length;                /* length of location data (including self) */
    VolumeType media;                /* type of media */
    short      flags;                 /* bits for no messages, no reconnect */
    SInt8      nbpInterval;           /* NBP Interval parameter (IM2, p.322) */
    SInt8      nbpCount;             /* NBP Interval parameter (IM2, p.322) */
    short      uamType;               /* User Authentication Method type */
    short      zoneNameOffset;        /* short positive offset from start of struct
```


AFPXVolMountInfo





In order to use the new features of the `PBMountVolume` trap you must set the `extendedFlagsBit` in the `flagsword` of the `AFPXVolMountInfo` structure, and use the new VMIB definition. Each of the offset fields specifies a 16 bit offset from the beginning of the struct to the data in question. To leave a string field empty you need to have the offset "point" to an empty string. You cannot just leave the offset = 0.

To have the AppleShare Client put up the login dialog, set the `volMountInteractBit` in the `flags` word. Make sure you have an A5 world and have initialized QuickDraw and the `DialogManager` before making this call with the bit set. You also must have this bit set if you are using a UAM other than the standard Apple ones. AppleShare Client 3.7.2 and later: If you leave the volume name blank in the `AFPXVolMountInfo` structure, the Client will put up the volume select window, allowing the user to choose which volumes to mount.

The `uamNameOffset` offset specifies an offset to a pascal string denoting the User Authentication Module (UAM) to use for this connection. You must also set the `uamType` field. The UAM name string is explained below

The Alternate Address offset specifies an offset to a block of tagged data, containing IP addresses. The Block begins with a version byte and a count byte, followed by up to 255 tagged addresses, see below for the format. The current version byte is 0x00.

Connecting to an IP address

To connect to a server over TCP/IP, you need to copy the IP address into an address tag and put the address tag into the Alternate Address field. A server name is still required, though it is not currently used. If you also specify a zone name the Client will fall back to AppleTalk if it cannot connect via TCP/IP, it will set the `volMountChangedBit` in the `flags` word if it falls back. An example Alternate Address field for address 128.0.10.1 would look like this:

0x00 0x01 0x08 0x02 0x80 0x00 0x0A 0x01 0x02 0x24

The client would use this address to connect to the default AFP over TCP/IP port 548 on the machine denoted by the address 128.0.10.1.

Tagged data for Addresses.

The new tagged data format accommodates changes in address formats, which will allow this client to support new addressing standards such as IPv6 (IPNG) without changing the interface. The first byte of the Alternate Address area is a version byte, currently set to 0. It is followed by an `AFPAlternateAddress` structure (defined below). The reason that the version byte is not included in the `AFPAlternateAddress` structure is that the `AFPAlternateAddress` structure is also used in the `ServerInfo` reply message in AFP 2.2.

Each Data Item consists of a length byte followed by a tagID byte followed by up to 254 bytes of data.
ie | len | tag | up to 254 bytes of data |

The 3.7 Client understands the following tags:

| Length | tagID | Description |
|--------|-------|---|
| 0x06 | 0x01 | Basic IP address; 4 bytes, no port number |
| 0x08 | 0x02 | IP address with Port; 4 bytes address, 2 bytes port |

The length byte specifies the length of the whole tag, including the length byte. All fields are in network byte order. (MSB first)

From the latest `Files.h` (which is a part of the Universal Interfaces & Libraries v3.0.1):

```
enum { /* constants for use in AFPTagData.fType field*/
    kAFPTagTypeIP          = 0x01,
    kAFPTagTypeIPPort     = 0x02,
    kAFPTagTypeDDP        = 0x03 /* Currently unused*/
};

enum { /* constants for use in AFPTagData.fLength field*/
    kAFPTagLengthIP       = 0x06,
    kAFPTagLengthIPPort   = 0x08,
    kAFPTagLengthDDP      = 0x06
};

struct AFPTagData {
    UInt8    fLength; /* length of this data tag including the fLength field */
    UInt8    fType;
    UInt8    fData[1]; /* variable length data */
};
typedef struct AFPTagData AFPTagData;

struct AFPAlternateAddress {
    UInt8    fAddressCount;
    UInt8    fAddressList[1]; /* actually variable length packed set of AFPTagData */
};
typedef struct AFPAlternateAddress AFPAlternateAddress;
```

Mounting a Volume using a Custom UAM

A UAM is a code resource with a single entrypoint that takes a selector. It lives in a file of type 'uams'. It is used to extend the AppleShare Client, allowing it to connect to third party servers using different authentication schemes. UAMs usually put up password and volume select dialogs, and thus require that the `volMountInteractBit` be set in the flags word of the `VolMountInfo` block. UAMs are stored in the "AppleShare Folder" at the top level of the System folder.

To use a Third-Party UAM for authentication, use the new VMIB definition (with the `extendedFlagsBit` set in the flags word), put the UAM type from the 'uamg' id 0 resource (from the UAM file) in the `uamType` field, and put the UAM Name into the VMIB at the `uamNameOffset`. Then call `PBVolumeMount()`.

You must make sure that you have an A5 world and have called `InitGraf` and `InitDialogs`, before making the `PBVolumeMount` call. Third-Party UAMs are currently (AppleShare Client 3.7.2 and earlier) limited to connecting over AppleTalk only.

UAMName

This is the AFP protocol name for the UAM, from the 'uamn' id 1 resource in the UAM file. It is a Pascal string.

NOTES

All structures must be 68k aligned.

Summary

The new `PBVolumeMount` interface gives the developer a great deal of options in mounting AppleShare File Servers. `PBVolumeMount` can put up login and volume select dialogs. It can use custom UAMs in the same manner as the AppleShare Client when called through the Chooser. It can connect to the server using AppleTalk or TCP/IP.

Further References

- MoreFiles Sample Code
- nw1106 Update: Borrowed AFP Sessions
- (http://appleshareip.apple.com/appleshareip/text/pdf/afp_2.2_specification.pdf) AFP 2.2 specification (PDF). 41k

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