

Summary

System Requirements

- client software needs 125 Kb memory.
- clients need to have System 7.0 or later installed.

For maintenance of networked Macintosh computers:

- AppleShare file-server (or other AFP Server implementation);
- networked clients and server. The maximum number of clients may be limited by the network configuration you use;
- disk space on server to hold one copy of the disk of the clients,
- clock synchronisation software advised.

Or for maintaining a general purpose portable Macintosh computer:

- portable Macintosh computer;
- external harddisk or harddisk in docking station.

Features

- works in the background,
- is relatively simple to setup,
- one copy of SimpleWave can contain settings for several machine types,
- requires only client software, no special server software needed,
- uses normal AppleShare FileServer as host,
- connects automatically to specified file-server,
- prevents disconnecting from the file-server by the user,
- restores startup diskname if needed,
- empties trash at startup,
- removes print jobs left by previous users,
- one folder can be set to be the Skip Folder which is left alone,
- Skip Folder can be set to delete files after a few days,
- Skip Folder can be limited in size,
- deletes files present on local disk but not in file-server folder or moves them to the Skip Folder,
- copies files from file-server when not present or different,
- restores icon positions, window sizes and window views,
- remaps designated aliases from pointing to file-server to the equivalent file or folder on the local startup disk,
- resolves designated aliases on file-server and uses the original item like there is no alias, thus saving disk space when using multiple master folders.
- the Macintosh name is restored when the System file is replaced,
- respects files on file-server marked as copy-protected, which can be used to maintain

special computer specific files,

- when using a file-server not implementing the copy-protection option a workaround is available,
- can delete locked files
- can maintain the Desktop as well,
- can set the sound volume and monitor depth on the client computers to predefined settings.
- notifies user only when a serious problem occurs,
- messages asking to contact the administrator can be customized to show how or where the administrator can be contacted,
- can force a restart or ask to restart when the System Folder was changed,
- has trace mode to track down problems,
- user messages can be in the same language as the system software (English and Dutch available),
- can also be used without file-server, but with external harddisk instead for maintenance of portable computers,
- checks the disk at every startup or once a day.
- new versions are distributed by its predecessors,
- includes a way to prevent users from deleting the SimpleWave software,
- includes a way to prevent people from moving the SimpleWave extension to their private computers and thus possibly destroying their private data.
- comes with clear, in depth documentation,
- ResEdit application (from Apple) used to configure settings,
- can only be licensed to sites for an unlimited number of copies,
- compatible with MacPrefect protection software,
- extensively tested by several happy users with different configurations,
- author glad to answer your questions and help with any problem you may encounter,
- special mailing list (on Internet) for SimpleWave users available.
- information for programmers available on how to detect SimpleWave and the Apple events it supports.
- future versions are planned (including for PowerPC).