
Mounting network volumes in Leopard

Posted by gregfyn - 2008/04/04 16:51

Hi There! One thing I noticed in Leopard is that there has been either a change or removal of the feature that was in prior versions. I used to connect to a network share on our X-Serv and then an icon would show up on the user's desktop for that shared network resource. I could then add that item to a user's login items and enter thier credentials in the keychain and that way my user's would not have to. I can't seem to find a way to do this in Leopard.....any ideas anyone?

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Posted by Ploddles - 2008/04/05 01:21

If the network drives aren't appearing on your desktop then go to Finder | Preferences. On the General tab select and tick "Connected Servers" under 'Show these items on the Desktop:'.

You should then see the relevant icon on your desktop. I don't have an X-Serv but connections to my Windows 2008 server show up.

I'm logging on to a Windows domain and using a Managed, Mobile account. When I select 'Login Items' then System Preferences just locks up and I have to 'Quit' System Preferences to be able to do anything else in there.

Anyone else having this problem and know the fix? It happens on both my aluminium iMac and black Macbook. Happens on all versions of Leopard from 10.5.0 to 10.5.2

Cheers

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Posted by gregfyn - 2008/04/08 23:33

Thanks Ploddles! Your tip was very helpful....I wish I could help you better with your lock-up issue, but most of my clients only use Macintosh workstations with Mac Servers... For some basic troubleshooting...maybe this will help though...

- 1) Start with the physical...Be sure the Switch and cables are andvalid functioning properly. If your network is slower than it should be, usually with Macs this is a dead give away....unless your windows box has a virus.
- 2)As obscure as it can be, the time can actually cause problems like you are having. Make sure that you set your server and macs to a time server.

Thanks again!

Post edited by: gregfyn, at: 2008/04/08 23:34

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Posted by Ploddles - 2008/04/09 06:36

Greg,

Apparently this is a know bug and the following work around can be used if you want to remove items.

Download PListEditPro from the apple web site at http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/development_tools/plisteditpro.html. Run it and open the loginwindow.plist file in the affected users library/preferences directory. Click Operations | Change Format and select XML - this will allow you to see and edit the contents in a readable format.

Find the <dict> line just above the item you want to remove and select it with all the contents down to the line </dict>. Delete this selection and save the file.

Next time the user logs on all should be OK.

Reports say that this issue has still not been fixed in 10.5.3 which is currently in beta. Hopefully Apple will sort it out soon though.

Regards.

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