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AppleShare Client 3.8!

Apple has once again updated its file sharing extension AppleShare to version 3.8. The new version has bug fixes and offers TCP/IP file sharing (when used in conjunction with AppleShare IP file servers). Much of the Login process is now asynchronous, so the user can cancel out of a connection attempt if desired. The new AppleShare Client requires Mac OS 7.6 (or higher) and Open Transport 1.1.2 (or higher). It is available at:

ftp://ftp.info.apple.com/Apple_Support_Area/Apple_Software_Updates/US/Macintosh/Networking-Communications/AppleShare_Client/

Syquest Utility Software

Syquest has finally licensed one single driver and utility package for all its cartridge drives. The new Syquest Utility Control Panel replaces La Cie's SilverLining Lite and as well as the SCSIProbe! Control Panel that Syquest licensed before the appearance of SilverLining Lite. The new Syquest Utility works with all sizes and incarnations of Syquest and Syquest compatible cartridges and is available free of charge at:

ftp://ftp.syquest.com/pub/drivers/syjet/scsi/mac/

Microsoft Outlook Express 4.0.1 Patcher

A very large potential security hole has opened up in Microsoft's free email and news client Outlook Express. It turns out that email messages with large headers can contain executable code that could potentially do very nasty things to your hard drive —up to and including erasure and reformatting! Microsoft already has a patch on-line at:

http://www.microsoft.com/ie/security/?/ie/security/oelong.htm

iMac due August 15

Apple's consumer/education computer, the new all-in-one iMac will debut August 15. Already, many third party products have been announced or introduced for it. This looks to be the biggest new product intro from Apple in many years.

Mac OS 8.5 due October 9

The next big update to the Mac OS is due to ship October 9. There will be no upgrade pricing this time —just the full package.

Support for all Power Macs (unlike Mac OS X), but not 68K Macs
Performance improvements - networking, disk, graphics, AppleScript and Finder
User interface update - Find by Content integrated with Internet search engines
Improved Windows network integration
Apple Remote Access 3.1 replaces old ARA and OT/PPP control panels
Mac OS Easy Open and File Exchange joined into new application
Improved Time and Date handling —integrated with Map control panel