

----- PortShare Lite and PortShare Pro -----

PortShare Pro server:

- can share any serial communication port registered with CTB (PortShare Lite can share only the built-in modem port).
- can share several ports simultaneously.
- can group shared ports with functionally equivalent devices into "Port Groups".
- supports the "Always Drop DTR" option.
- supports the "Delayed disconnect" feature
- supports the connection time limit feature.

PortShare Pro client:

- creates virtual CTB ports to access remote ports or port groups (PortShare Lite only redefines one of the built-in ports).
- can create several virtual CTB ports each connected to its own remote port/group.
- can use Port Groups: if a group is used, connects to the first available device in the group (if your local port belongs to this group, picks it first).
- can redefine both modem and printer ports as virtual ports for non-CTB-compatible applications/tools (so you can use your favorite terminal emulator with a remote modem and print on a remote serial printer like ImageWriter).
- can connect to local ports, thus enabling access to non-standard devices for both local and remote non-CTB-compatible applications/tools.
- checks the password for the selected remote port/group immediately when entered.
- can remember passwords for several ports/groups.

----- What to use ? -----

For small networks with only one serial device to be shared, we recommend PortShare Lite. We also recommend it for low-end computers running System 6.

We recommend PortShare Pro for computers running System 7 that have several serial devices attached, for big networks (where the Port Group feature is important), and for power users to let them run several simultaneous communication sessions.