

ShareWay IP and Mac OS X

 ShareWay IP is Open Door Networks' AppleShare-over-IP file sharing system. ShareWay IP lets AppleTalk file servers, including Mac 7, 8 and 9's built-in Personal File Sharing, share files over IP as well as AppleTalk. With **Tiger** (Mac OS X 10.4) and **Leopard** (10.5), Mac OS X can no longer access AppleTalk-based AppleShare servers, including pre-X versions of Personal File Sharing. Running ShareWay IP Personal Edition on pre-X systems lets them share files with these Mac OS X systems.

ShareWay IP is the only way to let a pre-X Mac's Personal File Sharing share files with a Tiger or Leopard system. These system's AppleShare client (through the "Connect to File Server" menu item) can only access AFP (AppleShare) servers that provide file service using TCP/IP. They do not support AFP over AppleTalk. ShareWay IP Personal Edition adds TCP/IP file sharing capability to any Mac OS machine running Mac OS 7.5.5 or later, letting that machine's files be accessed from Mac OS X.

Mac OS X sometimes even lists servers available over AppleTalk, assuming that it can connect to them via TCP/IP. Many times this is an incorrect assumption, since the "server" is not running ShareWay IP and is thus an AppleTalk-only server. In these cases, OS X will display an error message when you try to connect to the server, until you install ShareWay IP on the server machine.

ShareWay IP also lets other AppleTalk-only servers share files with a Mac OS X system. Servers like Windows NT and Novell Netware provide AFP support, but only over AppleTalk. ShareWay IP Standard and Professional Edition add TCP/IP file sharing capability to these and other AppleTalk-only AFP servers, letting those servers' files be accessed from Mac OS X. In these cases you run ShareWay IP on a gateway Macintosh.

Please send any additional questions you may have about ShareWay IP and Mac OS X to shareway@opendoor.com.