



Seamless Windows File and Print Server Access for Mac Users

With ExtremeZ-IP, a member of Group Logic's Access family, Mac users can quickly and easily access Windows file and print servers. Thousands of IT Administrators use ExtremeZ-IP to overcome the operating system incompatibilities inherent between Windows and Mac OS X. As a result, their Mac users enjoy the same high quality, fast, secure and reliable access to Windows shared files and printers as their Windows users. This leverages existing Windows file server investments – without the need to replicate information onto Mac OS X platforms.

The Challenges of a Mixed Mac-Windows Environment

If your organization is one of the estimated 80% of enterprises have Mac users¹ that need to access digital assets in a mixed Mac-Windows environment, you know firsthand that Windows desktops and Macs communicate with one another differently. While these communication issues manifest themselves in a number of ways, when Mac users try to access Windows file and print servers in a mixed operating system environment, they typically experience performance and data integrity issues. Once Mac users experience performance or data integrity issues, your business is impacted in many ways:

- Helpdesk calls from Mac users regarding file, print and backup issues increase up to 40%
- Additional file storage needs drive up loads on networks and servers
- Productivity drops as users can't access files they need to do their jobs
- End-user satisfaction plummets

1 Yankee Group Survey, 2008

The Benefits of ExtremeZ-IP

From the Windows System Administrator to the Mac end-user, ExtremeZ-IP makes everyone happy. Here are just a few examples of how ExtremeZ-IP benefits your organization:

Windows Administrators:

- Reduce administrative costs as the same administrator can now support both Windows and Mac environments
- Reduce hardware costs as you eliminate the need for Mac servers to support Mac users
- Reduce help desk calls by as much as 40%
- Reduce downtime in case of server restarts
- Save space and reduce backup time as you keep improper files (e.g. MP3s) off servers,
- Deliver enterprise-class IT services such as, DFS, Active Directory and virtualization to Mac users
- Leverage Windows file servers as the target drives for Mac's Time Machine desktop backups

Mac Users:

- Save time with simple, fully Mac-compatible file servers access
- Find files fast – and even leverage Mac's built-in Network Spotlight to help find files even faster
- Improve collaboration between Windows and Mac users
- Enjoy better service, performance and responsiveness from IT
- Eliminate the need to learn Windows in order to access Windows-based storage and printers
- Easily access Microsoft DFS (Distributed File System) files
- Enjoy single-sign on capability to all Windows-based systems



Key Product Capabilities and Features

ExtremeZ-IP offers unique product features and capabilities that you will not find in any other AFP Server:

With ExtremeZ-IP, Windows System Administrators can:

- Support significantly more Mac users than any other AFP server solution
- Support all Mac OS versions 9 and later
- Enforce file name policies for Mac files
- Eliminate the need to index volumes at startup
- Seamlessly integrate Macs into Active Directory
- Give Macs access to Distributed File System (DFS) namespaces
- Eliminate AppleTalk but maintain ease of use
- Support Time Machine backups and control available backup disk space quotas per user or group

With ExtremeZ-IP, Mac users can:

- Retain the full "Mac" experience as they access Windows-based storage, printer and backup capabilities
- Eliminate the need to search through thousands of files and instead search files significantly faster than SMB solutions
- Continue to use long file names and files larger than 4GB if in accordance with IT administrative policies
- Automatically discover and setup file and print servers for Mac access

About Group Logic

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