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# Acronis Files Connect 11.1

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# Introduction

This guide provides the documentation of Files Connect installation, configuration and features.

## About Files Connect

With Files Connect, Windows® computers can provide Apple Filing Protocol (AFP) file sharing and IP-printing to Macintosh® computers. Files Connect is optimized to provide the fastest file and print services available, resolve common Mac/Window file sharing issues, and provide support for Apple technologies such as Network Spotlight full-content search and Time Machine backup.

Files Connect includes the following services:

- Files Connect File Server
- Files Connect Print Server

With Files Connect, Mac users can connect to and mount directories on a Windows file server just as native AFP volumes. With the Files Connect Print Server installed, Mac users can create desktop printers that deliver print jobs to printers via the server automatically. Files Connect's integration into the existing network is seamless – Mac users continue using the same tools and applications for accessing servers and printers that they always have.

# QuickStart Guide

## Files Connect System Requirements

Verify that your server meets the requirements for Files Connect. It is recommended that you quit any running programs, including the **Services** control panel, before starting the installation.

The following are the minimum system requirements for the Files Connect File & Print Server on Windows Server and Windows Workstation platforms and for connecting from Mac clients. For optimal results, your Windows Server machine should be running the latest service pack from Microsoft®. Adding additional RAM to your server machine will greatly enhance Files Connect performance. The recommended system requirements for a particular implementation or application can vary, so please **contact Acronis Technical Support** if you have questions or need assistance.

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### Note

GroupLogic AppleTalk is no longer supported since version 11.0 of Files Connect.

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## Operating System Requirements

### Windows Server Platforms

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#### Note

Older versions of Windows Server are supported by Files Connect versions older than 10.5. These include Windows Storage Server 2008 Service Pack 2, Windows Storage Server 2003 Service Pack 2 and R2 Service Pack 2, 2008 Service Pack 2, 2003 Service Pack 2 and 2003 R2 Service Pack 2.

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- 2019 Standard & Datacenter
  - 2016 Standard & Datacenter & Essentials
  - 2012 R2 Standard & Datacenter & Essentials
  - 2012 Standard & Datacenter & Essentials
  - 2011 Small Business Server Standard Update Rollup 3
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#### Note

Windows Small Business Server 2011 Essentials is not supported.

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- Windows Storage Server 2016
- Windows Storage Server 2012 R2
- Windows Storage Server 2012
- Windows Powered NAS

### Windows Workstation Platforms:

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**Note**

Older versions of Windows, like Vista and XP are supported by Files Connect versions older than 10.5.

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- Windows 10
- Windows 8

**Mac clients:**

**macOS:** Mac OS X 10.7 or later.

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**Note**

Files Connect supports the latest Mac client technologies, including Bonjour®, Kerberos®, and Apple's built-in encrypted logon support for long passwords.

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**Note**

Print Accounting is not compatible with applications running in 64-bit mode on Mac OS X 10.6 or later.

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## Hardware Requirements

**Minimal configuration**

- Local shares – Core class CPU with 2 or more cores, 4 GB of RAM
  - Network Reshare – Core 'i' class CPU with 4 or more cores, 8 GB of RAM, dual non-bonded Gigabit Ethernet NICs
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**Note**

You may need substantially more resources depending on the number of volumes and users and other applications running on the server.

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## Installing Files Connect

### First Run / Installing Your License

When you start the Files Connect for the first time, you can choose to enable the **Print Server** or not.

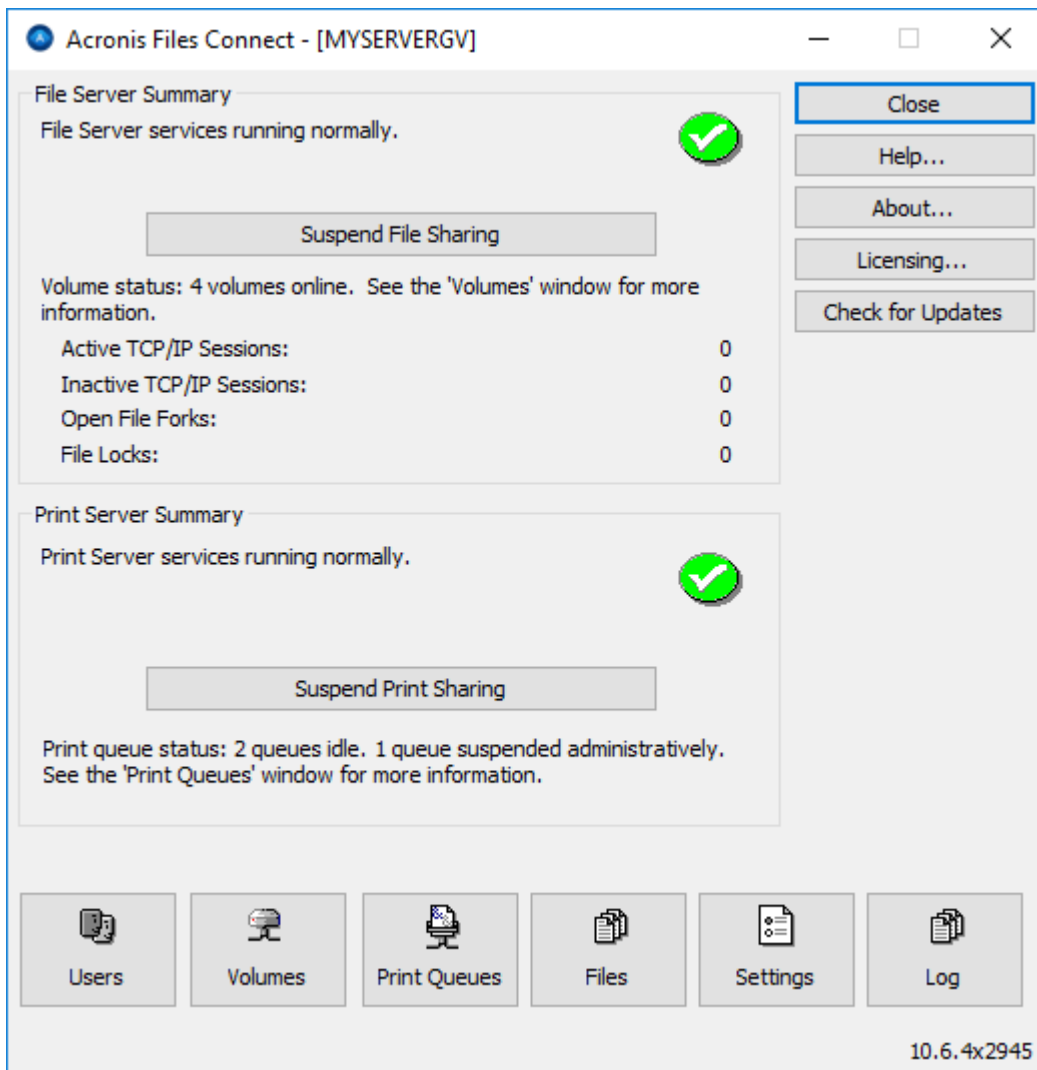
New Files Connect installations default to **Trial** mode. If you have a Files Connect license, enter your license serial number. For more information on how to do it, refer to [Adding a License Serial Number](#)

If you upgraded a previous version of Files Connect, it will continue to use your existing license serial number.



# Configuring Your First Shared Volume

1. Open the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**.



- **Suspend File Sharing** – Disconnects all clients and prevents new connections to the server.
- **Suspend Print Sharing** – Disconnects all the printers and prevents new connections to them.
- **Users** – Displays a list of the connected users.
- **Volumes** – Creates or configures shared volumes.
- **Print Queues** – Creates or administers **Print Queues**.
- **Files** – Displays currently open files used by Mac clients.
- **Settings** – Edits Files Connect settings.
- **Log** – Shows Files Connect related events from the Windows Event Viewer.

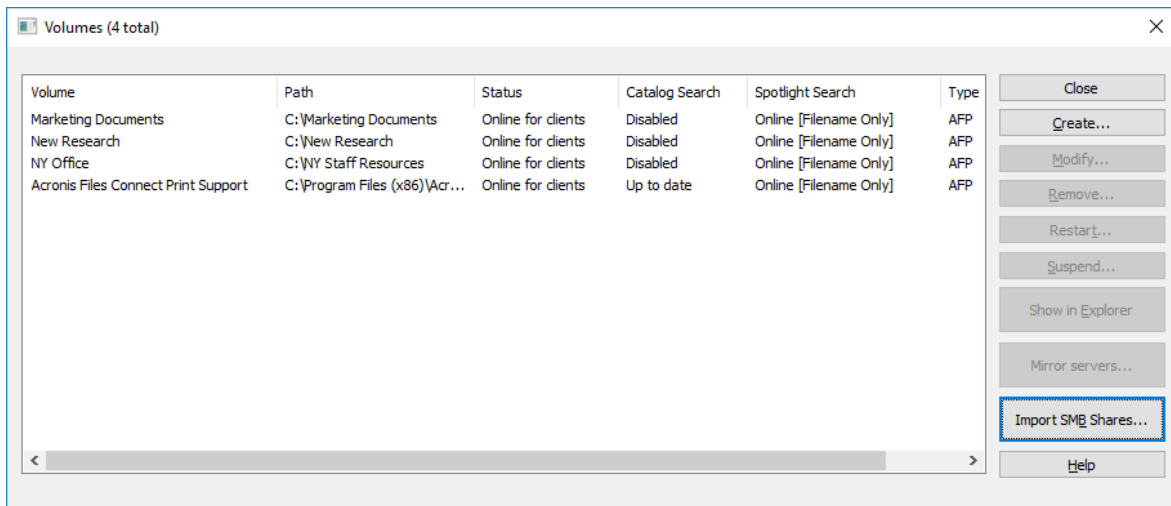
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**Note**

The first time the Acronis Files Connect Administrator is opened, it will prompt you to create shared volumes or import your existing SMB shares to Files Connect. This can also be done any time from within the **Volumes** window.

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2. Click **Volumes**. The Volumes window will appear.



- **Create** – Creates a volume.
- **Modify** – Opens the Volume Properties window.
- **Remove** – Removes the selected volume.
- **Restart** – Restarts the volume.
- **Suspend** – Takes a volume temporarily offline so that clients cannot connect to it.

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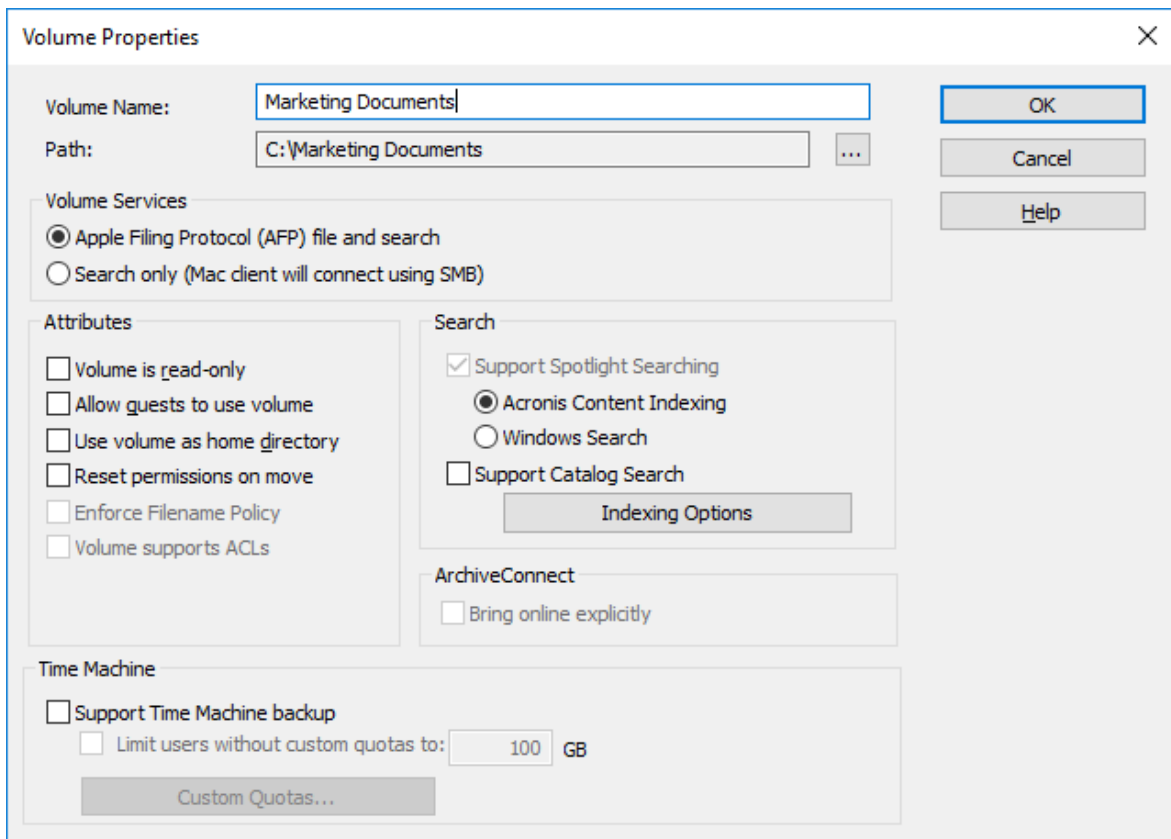
**Note**

Suspended volumes will be resumed every time the Files Connect service is restarted.

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- **Show in Explorer** – Shows the volume's parent folder in Windows File Explorer.
- **Mirror servers** – Mirrors one or multiple file servers so that all SMB shares on them are automatically added as AFP file share volumes in Files Connect. See more about [Mirroring SMB file servers](#).
- **Import SMB Shares** – Reshars all folders shared with Windows file sharing (SMB) with Files Connect as well.

3. Click **Create** to create a new volume. The **Volume Properties** windows appears.



- **Volume Name** – Choose a name for the volume.
- **Path** – Browse for the folder that you want to share.

## Volume Services

- **Apple Filing Protocol (AFP) file and search** – This is the default setting and creates a volume accessible by AFP. The volume will be accessible and searchable from the Files Connect Mac client app and the Mac Finder. When opening files and browsing these volumes, the Mac will connect using AFP in either case.
- **Search only (Mac client will connect using SMB)** – With this option, the volume will be displayed in the Files Connect Mac client app and will be searchable, but it will not be shared as an AFP volume. Macs connecting to the Files Connect server using AFP will not see this volume. Macs will automatically connect to “Search only” volumes and files found in Files Connect Mac client app search results using SMB. This connection uses preexisting Windows or NAS SMB file server shared volumes.
- **Volume is read-only** – Prevents writing to the volume.
- **Allow guests to use volume** – When checked, a Mac user can log into the file server without supplying a name and password.
- **Use volume as home directory** – Filters out all directories except for a user’s home directory.
- **Reset permissions on move** – Resets the permissions on moved files and folders to inherit from the destination folder.

- **Enforce Filename Policy** – Enforces the filename policies that are defined in the global settings.
  - **Volume supports ACLs** – ACL support allows Mac clients to use Windows Access Control Lists.
  - **Support Spotlight Searching** – Enables Spotlight searching of file attributes and content.
    - **Windows Search** – When checked, this volume will use Windows Search as the default search engine for this volume.
    - **Acronis Content Indexing** – When checked, this volume will use Acronis Content Indexing as the default search engine for this volume.
  - **Support Catalog Search** – Selecting this check box enables Catalog searching for this volume.
  - **Indexing Options** – Configures all [Indexing options](#).
  - **Support Time Machine backup** – Advertises the volume to Time Machine clients.
4. Browse for the folder you want to share.

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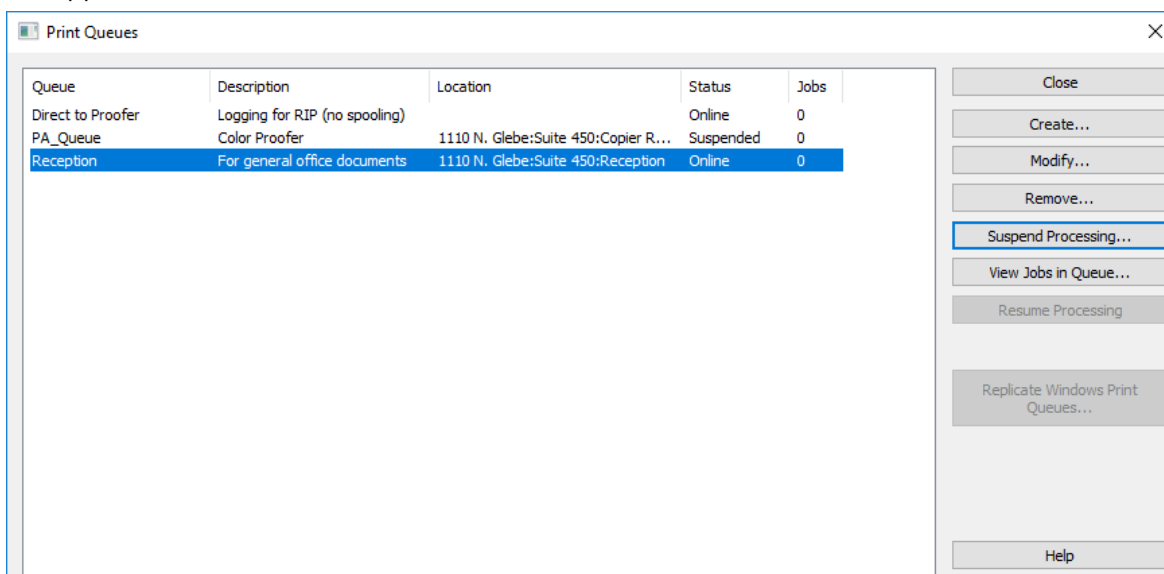
Removable devices (Flash drives, USB drives, etc.) are not supported as volumes.

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5. Click **OK** to share the volume with Files Connect.

## Configuring Your First Shared Print Queue

1. In the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, click **Print Queues**. The **Print Queues** window will appear.



- **Create** – Creates print queues. Opens a window with a list of the pending jobs that allows you to start, stop, or reorder the print jobs.
- **Suspend Processing** – When a queue is suspended jobs are accepted by the server however they are not sent to the printer until processing is resumed.

- **View Jobs in Queue** – Opens a window with a list of the pending jobs that allows you to start, stop, or reorder the print jobs.
- **Replicate Windows Print Queues** – Takes the existing Windows print queues and republishes them as Files Connect queues.

2. Click **Create** to create a new Print Queue.

- **Name** – The name which appears in the **Printer & Scanner** window of Mac computers.
- **Publish queue** – Defines if the print queue should be discoverable by clients.
- **Processing** – Specifies where Files Connect will send the jobs after they are received.
- **File** – Specifies the PPD to be used by clients when printing to this queue.
- **Print Accounting** – Requires the Mac clients to supply job tracking information every time they print to this queue (see [Using Print Accounting features from a Client](#) and [Using Print Accounting](#) for additional information).

3. Enter a **Name** for the Print Queue.

4. Select a **Processing** method and enter the information required for the selected processing method.

5. Click **OK**.

# The Mac client

Introduced in Acronis Files Connect 10.5, the Mac client is by far the easiest way to connect to network resources.

There are two ways to download the Mac client:

- By opening the Web Service address of your Files Connect deployment with the proper port. For example, <https://myserver.mycompany.com:8085>

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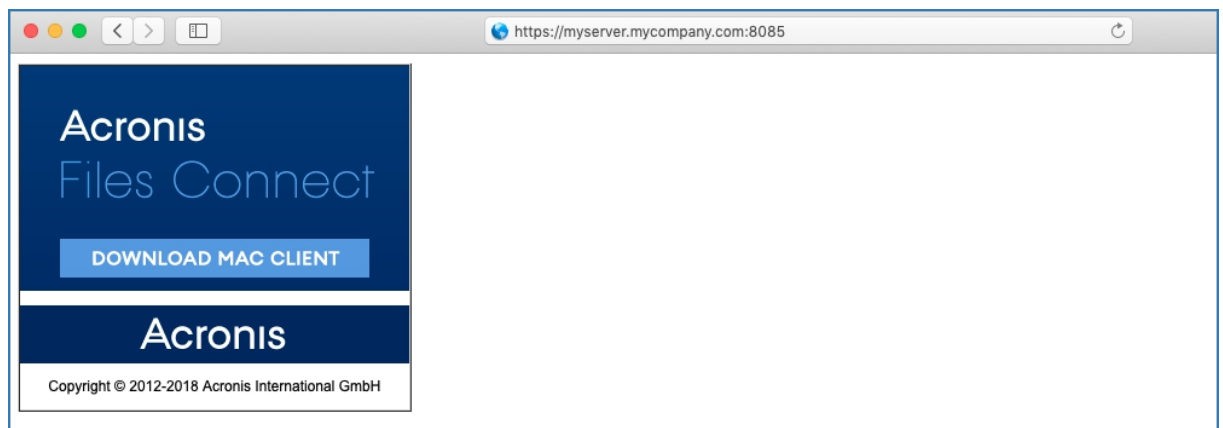
When connecting to the server, you may see the message *This connection is not private*. This is expected behavior if the Files Connect Web Service App/HTTPS Port has not been configured with a public trusted certificate. *See more about [Ports and certificates](#).*

Alternatively, for Safari, you may wish to adjust your Certificate Trust Settings to trust the default self-signed certificate used by Files Connect. To update them, click on *Show details* and then *Visit this website*. Then click on *Visit website* and enter your password to complete the process.

Other web browsers may require different steps.

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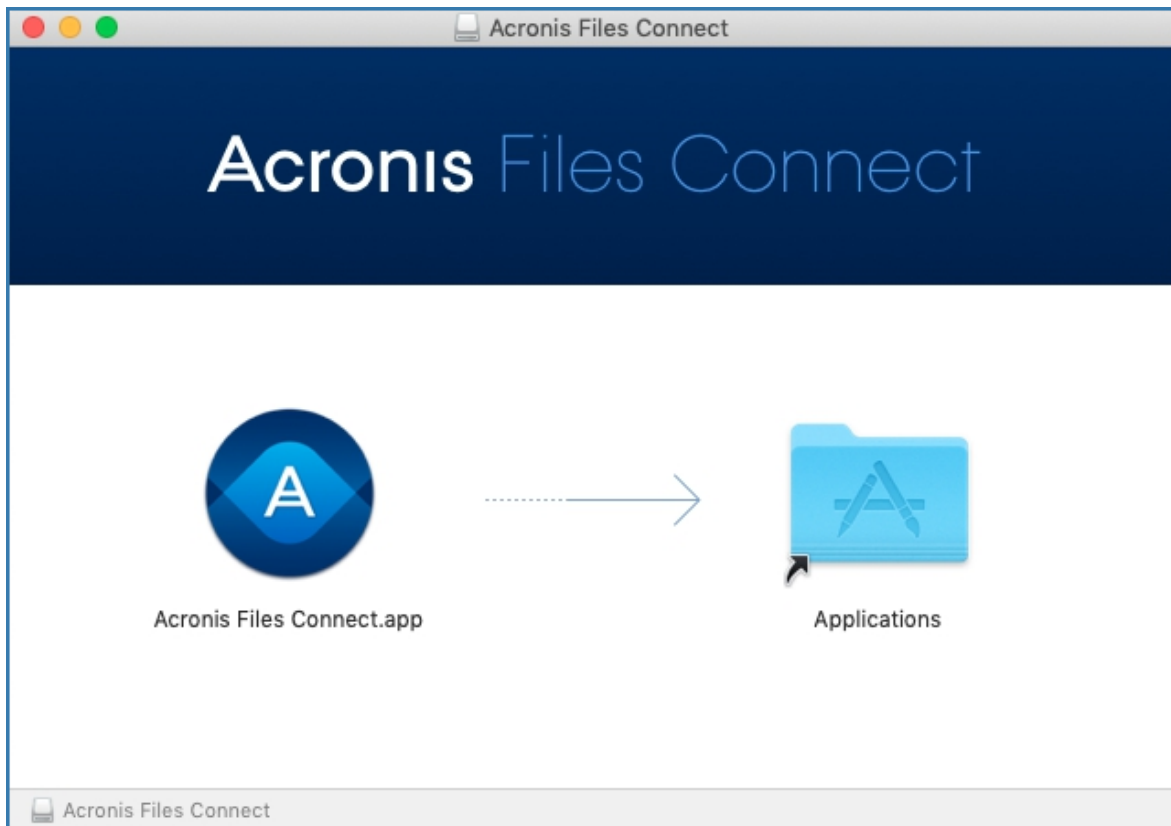
Once you have opened the address of Files Connect in a browser, you will see a button to download the Mac client.



- Users that have access to the **Acronis Mac Resources** (Files Connect AFP) volume, can also download the Mac client from there.

## Installation

1. Download the Acronis Files Connect application and install it.



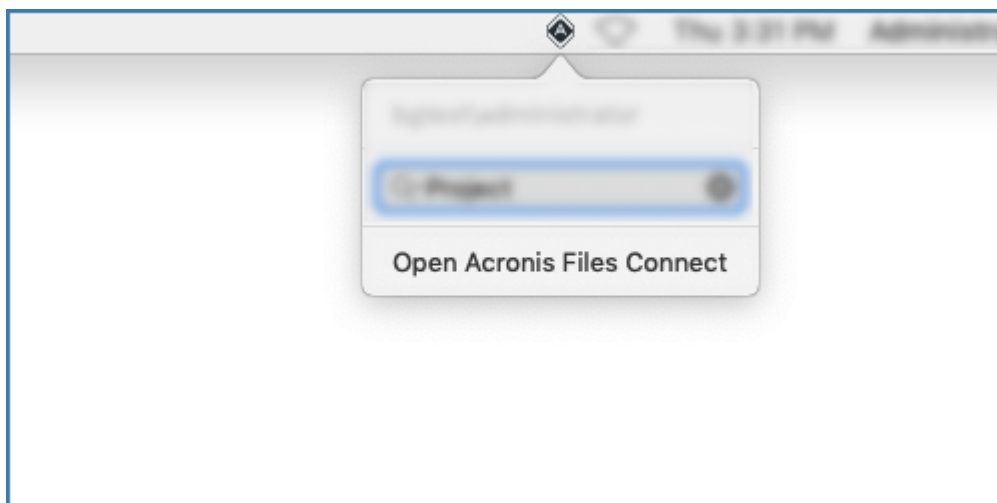
2. In your Menu Bar you will see the Files Connect icon.
3. The Files Connect options menu is opened by default. Select **Preferences**.

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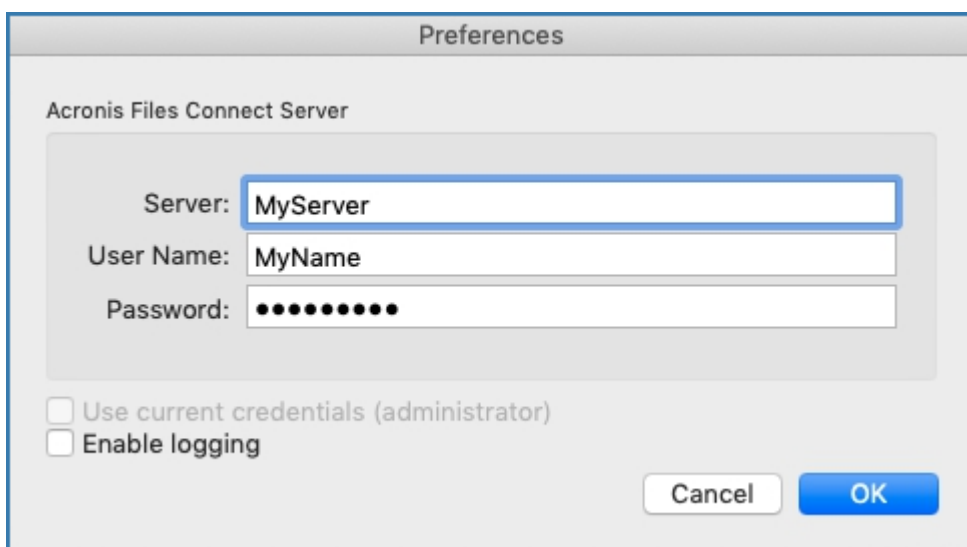
### Note

If it isn't open, you can click on the app menu to open it.

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- In the **Server** field, enter the FQDN or short name of your Files Connect server. For example, myserver.mycompany.com or myserver.  
If you have multiple servers, using the address of the primary gives you access to all servers and volumes.



Preferences

Acronis Files Connect Server

Server: MyServer

User Name: MyName

Password: ●●●●●●●●●●

Use current credentials (administrator)

Enable logging

Cancel OK

- Enter your credentials which will be used to connect to Files Connect's resources. These are most likely your Active Directory username and password.
- Alternatively, if your computer is bound to the company domain and you are logged in to the computer with the account you wish to use, you can select **Use current credentials (yourusername)**.

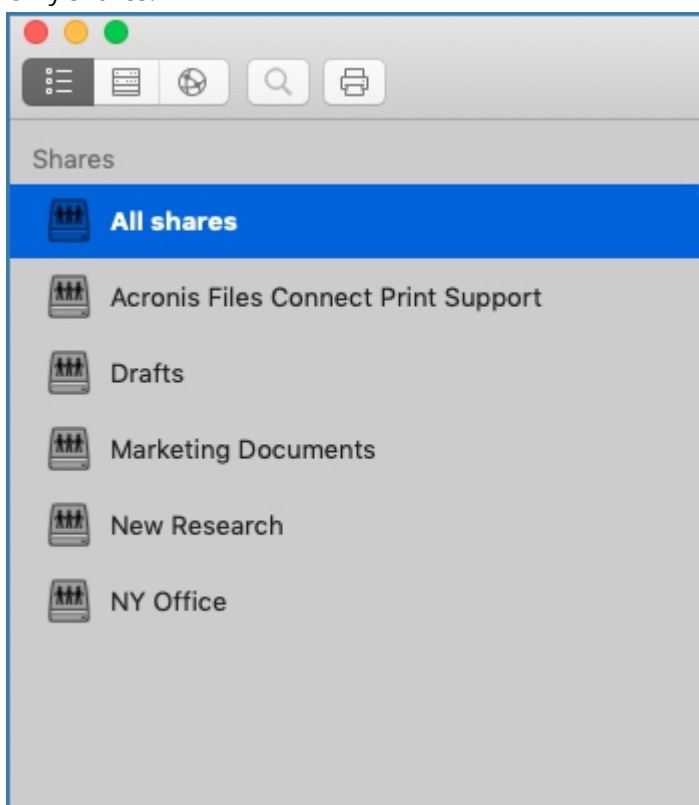
## Use

Once connected, you can navigate the available resources via the four tabs in the upper left corner.

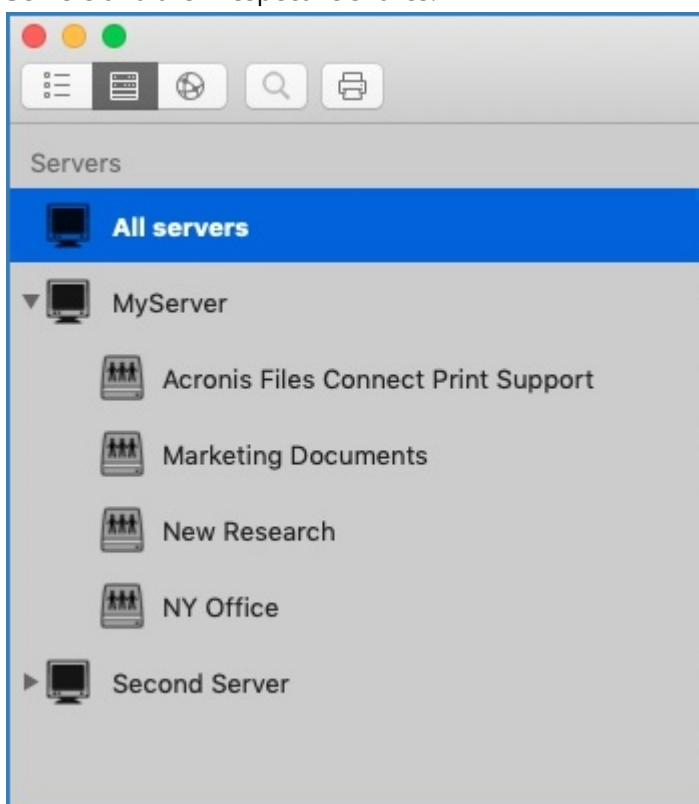
They allow you to view the available resources, as follows:



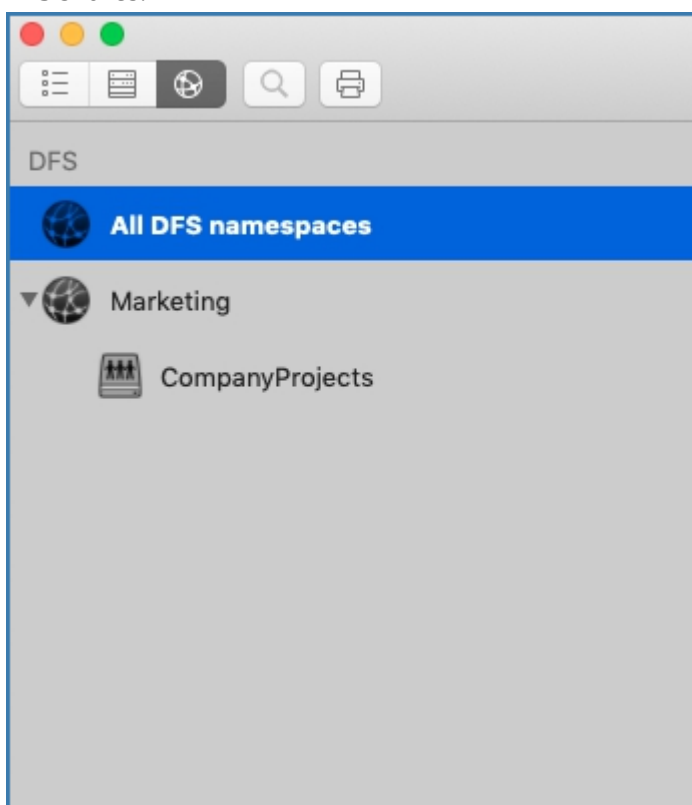
- Only shares:



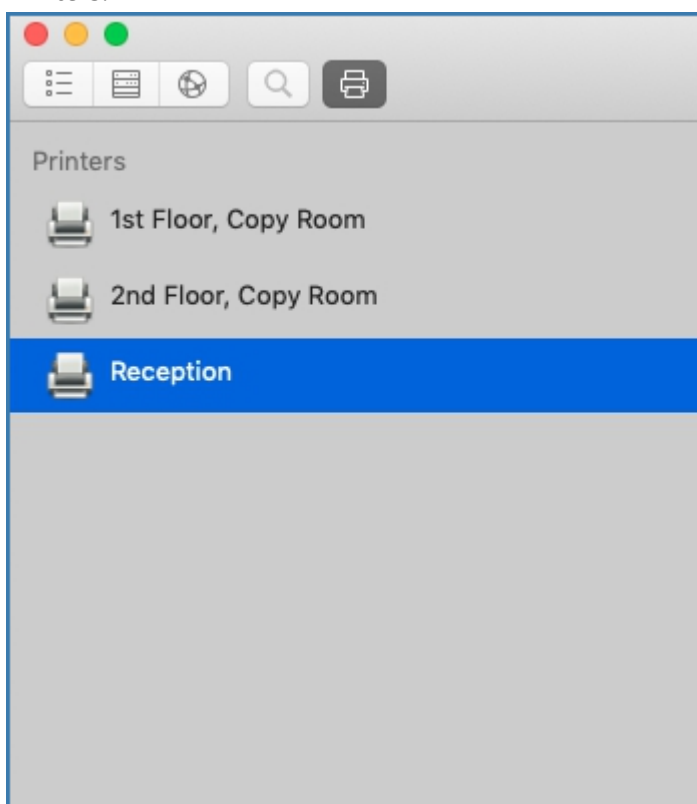
- Servers and their respective shares:



- DFS shares:



- Printers:



- To refresh the list of shares and printers, click on **View** in the menu bar and select **Refresh**. You can also use **Command + R**.

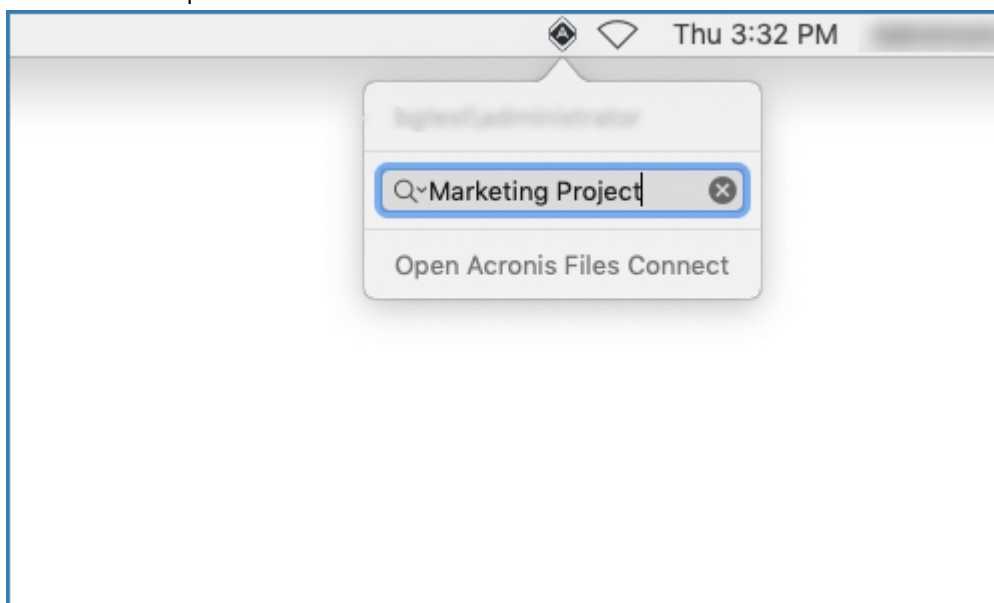
## Multi-selection

You can multi-select items by using **Command + Click** or **Shift + Click** on them. This works for files and folders and also works for **Shares** and **Servers** when you want to search in a couple of specific shares instead of **All Shares**.

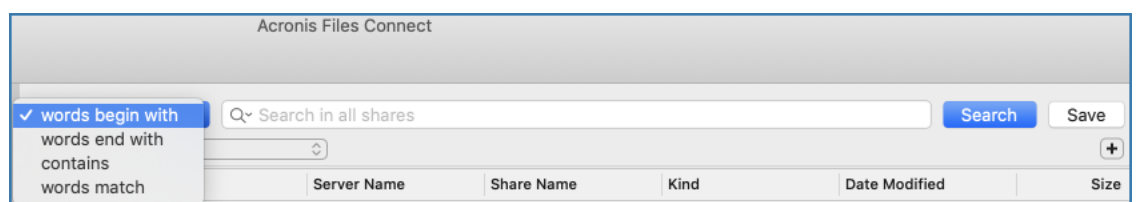
## Search

You can search for files by many parameters like file type, creation date, filename, file content and more. The search is performed only for the selected share(s)/server(s).

1. The quickest way to search is by clicking on the Files Connect icon in the Menu Bar and using the search field. By default, this will search in all available shares unless you have already used the app to search in specific shares. Your last search will become the new default.
  - You can also click on the magnifying glass icon and select the search parameters from a list of recent search queries.



- The default filter is by **name** and **content** if content search is enabled for the volumes being searched.
2. Alternatively, you can use the search bar in the app itself. Here you can also configure the search parameters. For example, searching for files that **begin with X**, and their file **Kind** is **Executable**.



## Search Filters

- **Words begin with** matches any word, within a string, beginning with the pattern you have entered. For example, "**alpha delta tango**" would match "**Words begin with del**".
- **Words end with** matches any word, within a string, ending with the pattern. For example, "**alpha delta tango**" would match "**Words end with Ita**".
- **Contains** matches any substring, within a string, wherever it is. For example, "**alpha delta tango**" would match "**Contains ang**".
- **Words match** only searches for exact matches within the string. For example, "**alpha delta tango**" would match "**Words match alpha delta tango**".

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### Note

Only whitespace is treated as a word separator. The strings **alpha\_delta\_tango** and **alphaDeltaTango** are considered one word and would not match a **Words begin with del** search.

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### Note

Whatever parameter you choose for the main search filter, will become the new default until you change it. This does not include the additional filters you add like **Kind, Any**, etc.

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## Recent Searches

- For quicker and easier access to the files you search for often, you can pick one of the 10 most recent searches. This list is accessible from the magnifying glass icon both in the Menu Bar and in the app itself.

## Mounting Shares and Finder integration

- Double-clicking on a share or a found file automatically mounts the share and opens the file. To unmount such a share, click on the icon that appears next to its name.
- You can right-click on a file and select "**Show in Finder**", which opens the Finder directly to the file's location. This also works for multiple selected files.

## Bookmarks and Recent Files

- Right-clicking on a file or a number of selected files allows you to create bookmarks for the selected items. Afterwards, these bookmarks can be accessed from the Files Connect Menu Bar > **Bookmarks**.
- A list of the 20 most recent files you have opened is accessible in the Files Connect Menu Bar > **History**.

## Removing the Mac client

1. Open the **Applications** folder and move Acronis Files Connect to **Trash**.
2. In **Terminal**, write:

defaults remove com.acronis.AcronisFilesConnect

3. In `~/Library/Application Support/Acronis/`, delete the Acronis Files Connect folder.

## Connecting from the Mac Finder

1. From the Finder, click the **Go** menu, and then click **Connect to Server**.
2. Type **afp://** and then the name of the server. For example, **afp://server.mycompany.com**.
3. Select the volume you want to mount.

**Ensure that you connect with afp://. If you connect with smb://, you will be using the Windows SMB protocol and won't get the benefits of Files Connect.**

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### Note

AFP volume names are case-sensitive. When you specify a volume to connect to, the case will need to match the volume name configured in the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator > Volumes** panel. Connecting to the server without specifying a volume will present a list of available volumes.

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### Note

You may also be able to see the server by clicking the **Browse** button.

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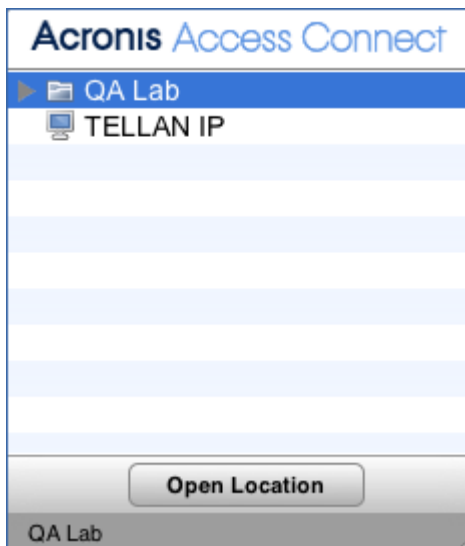
If you cannot connect using the name of the server, try with the IP address. For example, `afp://10.1.5.27`

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## The Optional Files Connect Zidget™

If you want your Mac users to be able to take advantage of the optional Files Connect Zidget™, you may need to add a DNS entry for `AccessConnectServerList.yourdomain.com` that points to the Files Connect server. For detailed instruction on how to do this, refer to [Configuring Files Connect for Zidget Access](#).

Your users will then be able to install the Zidget from <http://ServerList:8081> to browse for printers and file servers through this simple Dashboard widget.



## Connecting from a mobile client

You can allow mobile clients to connect to your Volumes. To enable the mobile access feature, open the Acronis Files Connect Administrator > **Settings** > **Mobile Access**, and then select the check box.

For more information on mobile access feature, refer to [Setting Mobile Access](#) and [Using Mobile Access](#).

## Additional Resources

### Network Reshares

With the introduction of “Network Reshare”, Files Connect now includes the ability to create file share volumes that point to folders located on other servers and NAS devices on your network. Mac clients continue to connect to Files Connect using the standard AFP file sharing protocol, while Files Connect utilizes the SMB/CIFS file sharing protocol to access files that are requested by Mac users from remote servers and NAS systems. By doing so, Mac users retain all the benefits of AFP file sharing while gaining access to resources that have traditionally only been available through SMB/Windows file sharing.

For in-depth information on the configuration and usage of Network Reshares, refer to [Configuring Network Reshare](#).

### Network Spotlight Search

Spotlight search allows files to be found by searching on content, in addition to file names and file attributes. When enabled, Spotlight search replaces both enumeration and catalog search and provides results when searching at both the root of a volume and within subfolders.

You can do Spotlight searches through the Mac client. For more information on how to use it, refer to [The Mac Client](#). For in-depth information on how to configure and use Spotlight Search, refer to [Spotlight Search](#), [Spotlight Search Operations](#) and [Support Spotlight Search](#).

## Filename Policies

Since Files Connect provides seamless communication between Windows file servers and Mac clients, you can configure policies on valid file names and file types.

Files Connect could detect and reject the Macintosh clients' attempts to save (create, rename, move) files with characters that are "illegal" in Microsoft File Explorer or other applications that don't support the Unicode file system APIs.

You have to configure what is allowed or deemed "illegal". The list could include:

- Characters that cannot be displayed on Windows
- Trailing spaces
- Unicode characters not available in the default Windows font
- Any given character
- File names longer than "x" characters
- Specific file extensions

Filename Policies do not affect existing files on the server or files that are copied via Windows file sharing.

For in-depth information on the configuration and usage of filename policies, refer to [Setting Filename Policy](#).

## DFS Support

Files Connect can be configured to make a Microsoft Distributed File System (DFS) available to Mac clients. In addition to the server side configuration, installation of the Files Connect Mac client or Zidget dashboard widget (for Mac OS X 10.4 or later) is required for each Mac client that requires access to DFS. For more information on the required client side configuration, refer to [The Mac Client](#) and [Installing and Configuring the Zidget on a Client](#). For more information on how to configure and use Distributed File System with Files Connect, refer to [DFS](#).

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### Note

DFS support requires two additional settings. In the Acronis Files Connect Administrator, select **Settings**, and then **Security** tab. Enter your **Directory Services** credentials and enable **Support UNIX Permissions and ACLs**.

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## ShadowConnect

ShadowConnect is a feature included with Files Connect 7.2 and later that leverages Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Services (VSS) to allow Mac users to browse and restore previous versions of modified or deleted files. Using built-in Windows functionality, Windows users can right-click on a

file located on a file server volume and select the **Restore previous versions** option. This allows them to browse a list of previously saved versions of the file, which they can choose to restore. Before ShadowConnect, Mac users were not able to take advantage of this technology. By using ShadowConnect, Mac users can browse previous versions of files and folders using familiar macOS features, such as Cover Flow and Quick Look. After locating the desired version, ShadowConnect allows the Mac user to restore the file or folder to its original location or a copy can be made in a location of their choice. ShadowConnect brings the ability to restore previous versions to Mac users, while providing enhanced browsing capabilities that make it easier than ever to find the file they're looking for.

For in-depth information on the configuration and usage of ShadowConnect, refer to [ShadowConnect](#).



# Installing Files Connect

## Getting Started

With Files Connect, Windows® computers can provide AppleShare® IP file sharing and IP-printing and TCP/IP services to Macintosh® computers. Files Connect is optimized to provide the fastest file and print services available. Files Connect includes the following services:

- Files Connect File Server
- Files Connect Print Server

With Files Connect, Macintosh users can connect to and mount directories on a Windows file server just as if they also were native AppleShare volumes. With the Files Connect Print Server installed, Macintosh users can create desktop printers that deliver print jobs to printers via the server automatically. Files Connect's integration into the existing network is seamless—Macintosh users continue using the same tools and applications for accessing the server and printers that they always have, but the server delivers much higher performance. With Files Connect Print Accounting, the Mac clients must provide additional information such as a job code or employee ID before the server will accept the job.

## System Requirements

Verify that your server meets the requirements for Files Connect. It is recommended that you quit any running programs, including the **Services** control panel, before starting the installation.

The following are the minimum system requirements for the Files Connect File & Print Server on Windows Server and Windows Workstation platforms and for connecting from Mac clients. For optimal results, your Windows Server machine should be running the latest service pack from Microsoft®. Adding additional RAM to your server machine will greatly enhance Files Connect performance. The recommended system requirements for a particular implementation or application can vary, so please **contact Acronis Technical Support** if you have questions or need assistance.

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### Note

GroupLogic AppleTalk is no longer supported since version 11.0 of Files Connect.

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## Operating System Requirements

### Windows Server Platforms

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### Note

Older versions of Windows Server are supported by Files Connect versions older than 10.5. These include Windows Storage Server 2008 Service Pack 2, Windows Storage Server 2003 Service Pack 2 and R2 Service Pack 2, 2008 Service Pack 2, 2003 Service Pack 2 and 2003 R2 Service Pack 2.

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- 2019 Standard & Datacenter
- 2016 Standard & Datacenter & Essentials
- 2012 R2 Standard & Datacenter & Essentials
- 2012 Standard & Datacenter & Essentials
- 2011 Small Business Server Standard Update Rollup 3

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**Note**

Windows Small Business Server 2011 Essentials is not supported.

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- Windows Storage Server 2016
- Windows Storage Server 2012 R2
- Windows Storage Server 2012
- Windows Powered NAS

**Windows Workstation Platforms:**

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**Note**

Older versions of Windows, like Vista and XP are supported by Files Connect versions older than 10.5.

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- Windows 10
- Windows 8

**Mac clients:**

**macOS:** Mac OS X 10.7 or later.

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**Note**

Files Connect supports the latest Mac client technologies, including Bonjour®, Kerberos®, and Apple's built-in encrypted logon support for long passwords.

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**Note**

Print Accounting is not compatible with applications running in 64-bit mode on Mac OS X 10.6 or later.

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## Hardware Requirements

**Minimal configuration**

- Local shares – Core class CPU with 2 or more cores, 4 GB of RAM
  - Network Reshare – Core 'i' class CPU with 4 or more cores, 8 GB of RAM, dual non-bonded Gigabit Ethernet NICs
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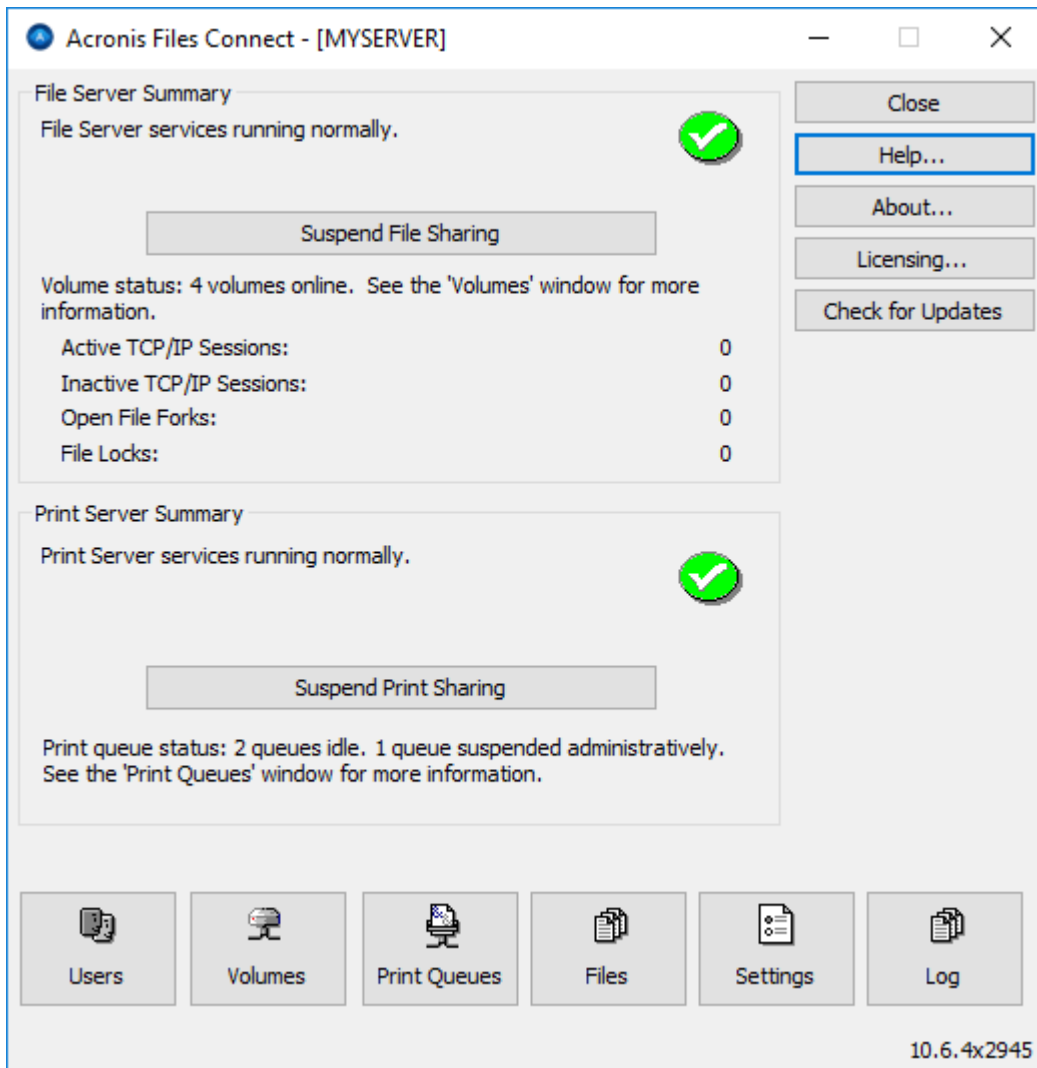
**Note**

You may need substantially more resources depending on the number of volumes and users and other applications running on the server.

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## Getting Help

1. In **Files Connect Administrator**, click **Help**.



2. Find more information at [Acronis website](#).
3. Check the most up-to-date release at [Acronis Files Connect Latest Releases page](#).
4. Search the [Acronis Knowledge base](#).

The price of Files Connect includes one year of free technical support and updates. After that, you can purchase extended support.

For technical support services, please submit a support request at <https://support.acronis.com/mobility>. Please have your Files Connect serial number ready for verification. For more details, refer to [Acronis Mobility: Support & Maintenance Guide](#).

## Installing Files Connect

The primary component of Files Connect is a Windows Service that provides file and print sharing to Mac clients. Files Connect also includes a GUI Administrator where you can configure shared

volumes and other settings, and a Gateway service which enables mobile users to connect to your Volumes. The number of clients who can connect using Files Connect depends on your license and its client count. You can upgrade your client count as needed. Files Connect counts multiple connections from one user account on one IP address as one user for licensing purposes.

## Before you begin

This topic gives you the information you need before installing Files Connect.

***Installing Files Connect on a Domain Controller is not recommended as it can cause issues with Kerberos.***

## Required Windows File Permissions for Shared Volumes

Files Connect relies on the SYSTEM account on the Windows server to perform many of its core functions. For this reason, any folder hierarchy that is shared as a volume with Files Connect requires that the SYSTEM account has **Full Control** access to the entire folder hierarchy. These permissions are set by default for the Windows OS partition, but any additional disks or partitions containing Files Connect volumes must also have SYSTEM = "Full Control" set to allow Files Connect to function properly. Please verify that all the volumes you share have this permission set.

## Sharing the Root of a Drive

Although Files Connect supports sharing out the root of the drive, Windows treats permissions at the root of the file system differently from other folders' permissions. We recommend that you do not share out drive letters directly. Instead, you should create a sub-folder for your shared volume.

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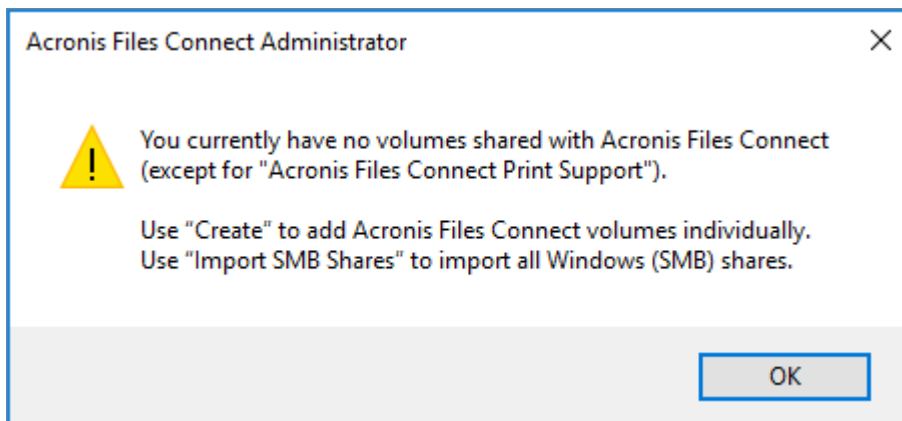
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For reinstallations, the Files Connect installer stops the Files Connect Service to perform the install. However, in some cases the installation fails because the Files Connect Service cannot be stopped. These cases include possible service errors, conflicts with other running processes, or installing while the Services Control Panel is open. If you experience installation failures, you can stop the Service manually from the Services Control Panel and proceed with the install.

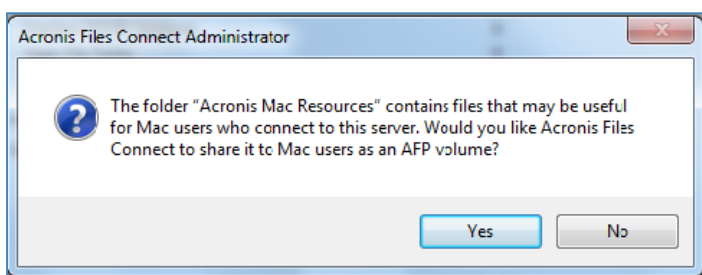
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## Launching Files Connect for the First Time

When you launch the Files Connect Administrator for the first time with no configured volumes (shares), Files Connect prompts you to create new volumes or import existing volumes. Files Connect can import existing volumes on your server that are shared using Windows file sharing (SMB).



You will be asked whether to share the **Acronis Mac Resources** volume.



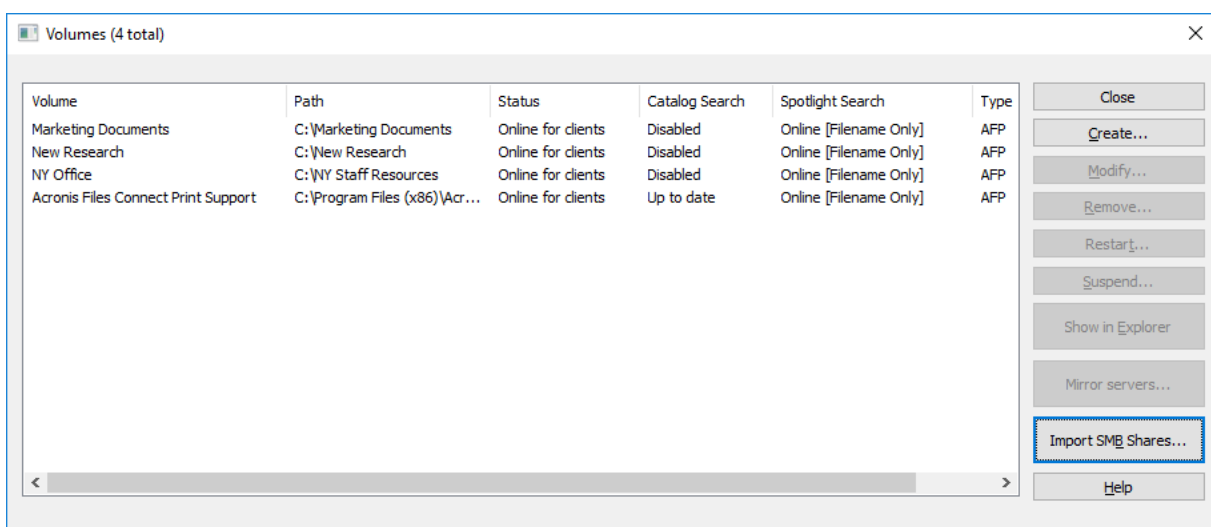
If you are upgrading from a previous version, Files Connect checks for volumes shared with previous versions of Files Connect and automatically creates these Files Connect volumes.

## Automatically Importing SMB Shares

### Note

**All shares will be imported as "AFP" shares.**

## SMB Shares



Each time the Files Connect Administrator is launched, Files Connect checks for any SMB shares that are not being shared as Files Connect volumes. If any such volumes exist, the **Import SMB Shares** button within the **Volumes** dialog becomes active. If you choose to import such shares, Files Connect creates new AFP volumes for them.

Files Connect does not replicate hidden shares (for example, C\$). When macOS clients copy files to a server with SMB, they do not have access to alternate streams, where the resource fork and Finder information is usually stored. Instead, this resource fork and Finder information is written to a separate file, the “dot underscore” file. To the Mac client, this action happens behind the scenes—the dot underscore is hidden, and all they see is a single file that appears to contain resource fork and Finder information. But when you view these files from Windows, the dot underscore file is just another hidden file with no relation to the original data file.

In Files Connect, the server can migrate resource and Finder information from the dot underscore file into alternate data streams of the file so that Mac clients have access to that information. When a Mac client requests information about a file or folder, Files Connect first tries to read from the file's or folder's Finder info stream (AFP\_AfpInfo) and in the case of a file – from its resource stream (AFP\_Resource). If either one of these streams is missing, Files Connect tries to find a corresponding dot underscore file. If that file is present and contains the necessary data, the data are migrated into the appropriate stream. The dot underscore migration feature is enabled by default, but you can disable it. To do so, set the refreshable registry value `ServerMigratesDotUnderscoreFiles` to 0 and if Files Connect is running use the Refresh Registry button in the Administrator to read in the new value.

In addition, Files Connect contains an optional feature that allows Files Connect to delete a dot underscore file after its contents have been migrated into the data file. This feature is disabled by default, but you can enable it. To do so, set the refreshable registry value `ServerDeletesMigratedDotUnderscoreFiles` to 1 and refresh the registry. Since Files Connect migrates dot underscore information only when necessary, dot underscore migration may occur over time, as Files Connect explores new areas of the volume for the first time. Files Connect does not perform this migration all at once when the volume first comes online. If the dot underscore file is locked, or has different permissions than the corresponding data file, the information may not be copied to the AFP\_Resource or AFP\_Info streams. This will be written to the log file. The dot underscore migration is a transition feature and is not designed for simultaneous use with SMB. Files Connect does try to deal with AFP clients accessing a file while it is still being written with SMB, but this is not a supported usage of the feature. Any changes that occur to dot underscore files after the initial migration is ignored by Files Connect, since the service always “prefers” its alternate streams to dot underscore files. Therefore, if a user alters the resource fork of a file over SMB after the resource fork information has been migrated by Files Connect, these changes are not migrated. While dot underscore files can contain information other than resource fork or Finder information, it is not migrated into the data file. The following types of information are not migrated:

- File Comments
- Real Name (File's name as created on home file system)
- Icon, B&W (Standard Macintosh black and white icon)
- Icon, Color (Macintosh color icon)
- File Dates Info (File creation date, modification date, and so on)
- Macintosh File Info (Macintosh file information, attributes and so on)
- Short Name (AFP short name)
- Directory ID (AFP directory ID)

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**Note**

SMB shares will not be migrated on a Windows Cluster Server installation of Files Connect.

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## Importing SMB shares after first launch

The prompt for SMB importing, that is described above, is only performed once—the first time you launch the Files Connect Administrator. After that, use the **Import SMB Shares** button in the **Volumes** window of the Files Connect Administrator to bring shares over as Files Connect volumes. See [Creating volumes](#) for information about migrating volumes.

## Naming Conventions for SMB volumes

Imported SMB volumes must adhere to the standards of Files Connect volume names. With Files Connect 8.0.4 or later, a name can have up to 127 characters for UTF16 and 190 for UTF8. If any migrated or replicated shares have names that are too long, the names are truncated. In the event that a migrated or replicated share has a name matching a current Files Connect volume, Files Connect appends a number to its volume name, for example "Volume (2)". The volume name may be truncated in order to have room to append the number.

## Setting up Files Connect Clustering

Clustering ensures fast failover and quick restart of the services provided by a failed server node. You set up a Files Connect cluster using Microsoft Cluster Servers (MSCS)—specially linked servers running the Microsoft Cluster Service. If one server fails or is taken offline, the other server or servers in the cluster immediately take over the failed server's operations. The applications running on the cluster are always available. The resources running on multiple servers appear to the connected clients as a single system, referred to as Files Connect virtual server. When a successful failover occurs because of a problem, the connected users sometimes cannot tell that the service was interrupted. Files Connect is a cluster-aware application that you can use on active/active clustered configurations. Multiple instances of Files Connect can run on a single server node. Each instance has its own IP address and can be assigned its own shared volume. The configuration of multiple virtual servers provides server consolidation and load management benefits. Running multiple instances of Files Connect on a server node provides high reliability because each instance runs in isolation from the others. For help in configuring a cluster, see the following Cluster Worksheet. Files Connect supports the following services in clustered configurations:

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When you are running Files Connect in a clustered environment, the Files Connect Administrator window shows the following in the title bar:

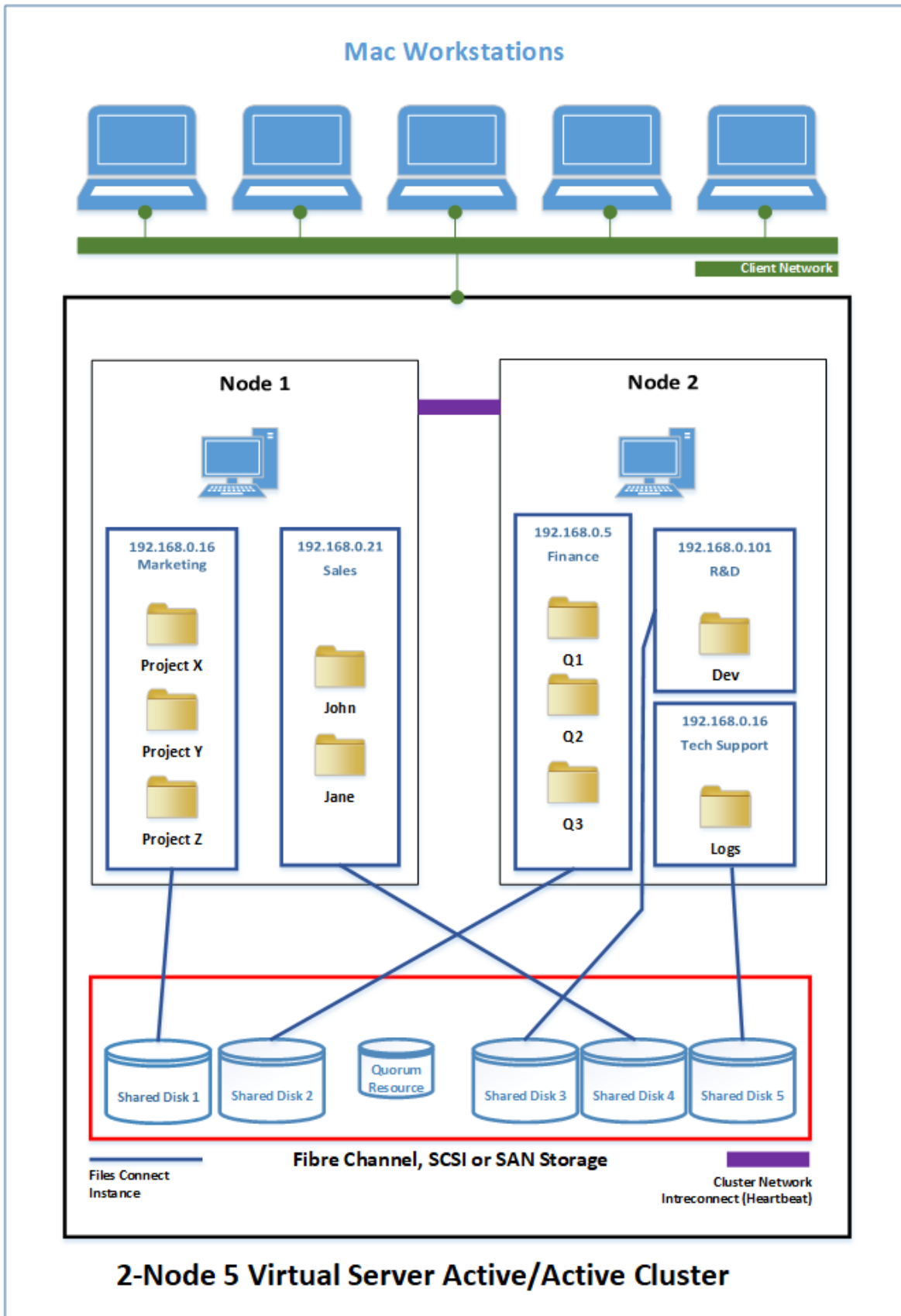
- the name of the server in upper case characters
- the name of the service in upper or lower case as you typed it when you set up the service.

MSCS uses the following terms to describe the component parts of a cluster configuration. Do not confuse these terms as you proceed with installing Files Connect.

- **Node** – A single member server in a cluster.
- **Resource** – A hardware or software component that runs in a cluster, such as a disk, an IP address, a network name, or an instance of the Files Connect service.  
**Group** – A combination of resources that are managed as a unit of failover. Groups are also known as resource groups or failover groups. A typical Files Connect failover group consists of a disk, an IP address, a network name, and an instance of Files Connect.
- **Dependency** – A service or other resource that must be available first in order for the dependant service to start.
- **Failover** – The process of moving resources or resource groups from one server to another. Failover can occur when one server experiences a failure of some sort or when you, the administrator, initiate the failover. This term is equivalent to the Microsoft Cluster Administrator action of moving a Cluster Group to another node.
- **Quorum Resource** – A disk resource containing the failover information that is shared between nodes in a cluster.
- **Heartbeat** – The communication between Cluster nodes tells the other nodes that the service is still running.
- **Virtual Server** – A virtual server is a combination of configuration information and cluster resources, such as an IP address, network name and an application resource. A Files Connect Virtual Server (EVS) is defined by its unique IP address.
- **Active/Active** – This term describes a configuration in which multiple nodes are Files Connect file servers running in production.
- **Active/Passive** – This term describes a configuration in which one node is active in production and another node sits idle until a failover occurs.
- **Shared Storage** – This term refers to the external SCSI or fibre channel storage system. Shared storage is a requirement for multi-node clusters. Although this storage is shared, only one node



can access an external storage resource at any given time.



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**Note**

Each server has its own IP address. You can configure multiple shares for each virtual server.

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## Cluster Worksheet

For each Files Connect service running on your cluster you will need the following:

1. A name for the unique Files Connect service (the first instance is created by default and is named ExtremeZ-IP)
2. A unique IP address and optionally a network name
3. Shared physical storage
4. A cluster group in which to put the new Files Connect service

To simplify this process we have provided a worksheet to prepare for your installation. Duplicate the worksheet for each additional Files Connect virtual server you would like to create. Information needed to install the software Files Connect Serial Number:

For each virtual server you want to set up, you will need to have unique values for all the sections below.

Information needed to create a new service:

- **Unique service name**
- **Information needed to set up a new cluster group**
- **Cluster Group name**
- **Network name (DNS/Netbios name)**
- **Unique service name (created above)**
- **Volumes to be shared**
- **Drive**
- **Letter Volume Name**
- **Is the volume shared with Windows?**

INFORMATION NEEDED TO INSTALL THE SOFTWARE	
Files Connect Serial Number	

For each virtual server that you want to set up, you will need to have unique values for all sections below

INFORMATION NEEDED TO CREATE A NEW SERVICE	
Unique service name	

INFORMATION NEEDED TO SET UP A NEW CLUSTER GROUP	
Cluster Group name	

IP address			
Network name (DNS/Netbios name)			
Unique service name (created above)			
Volumes to be shared	Drive letter	Volume name	Is the volume shared with Windows

## Installing Files Connect on a Cluster

Before installing Files Connect on a new cluster, you must have installed and configured the clustering service on your servers. In addition, you need the following:

- The Failover Clustering role installed and configured
- A Files Connect cluster-enabled serial number that is encoded with the number of nodes and virtual servers for which it is licensed. Use a single serial number for all the nodes of the cluster.
- A shared disk or disks where the Files Connect shared volumes will reside
- An IP address and network name for each Files Connect virtual server you want to create; create a DNS entry for each IP address.

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**Note**

If folders shared over SMB (for Windows clients) reside on the same physical disk as Files Connect shares, we recommend configuring DFS (Distributed File System) so that your Windows users can use one IP address or host name to access your shared volumes.

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## Reviewing the Installation Procedure

Installation consists of the following four parts, each with a number of steps that are described in the following sections:

1. Use the installer and serial number provided by Acronis to install the Files Connect on each node of the cluster.
2. Use the Files Connect Administrator application to configure the necessary Files Connect service (s) on each node of the cluster.
3. Use the Failover Cluster Management application to configure the Microsoft clustering service.
4. Use the Files Connect Administrator application to configure shared folders and other features of the Files Connect service.

## Configuring Files Connect Services

To operate, Files Connect requires the following four components:

- **IP Address**
- **Network Name**
- **Physical Disk**
- **Files Connect Service**

Place each set of components in its own cluster group or Files Connect Virtual Server (EVS). The number of EVSs created is based on the number of physical disks that need to be shared out with Files Connect. For example, if the volumes are on three physical disks, create three EVSs. This configuration has the most flexibility; however, in some cases you may not want to use up multiple IP addresses. Then you can have multiple physical disks shared out by one EVS. The [Cluster Worksheet](#) can help you set up a plan for your cluster.

## Creating a Files Connect Service

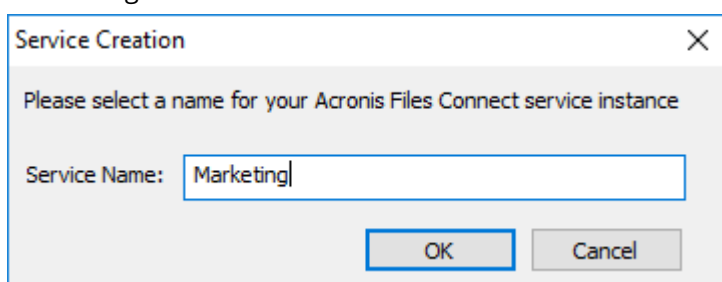
Each Files Connect virtual server you want to use requires a Files Connect service instance. Each of these Files Connect services requires a unique Service Name. When Files Connect is installed on a cluster enabled server, no services are created by default. In this step, you will create a new Files Connect service for each virtual server, on each node you want the service to run on.

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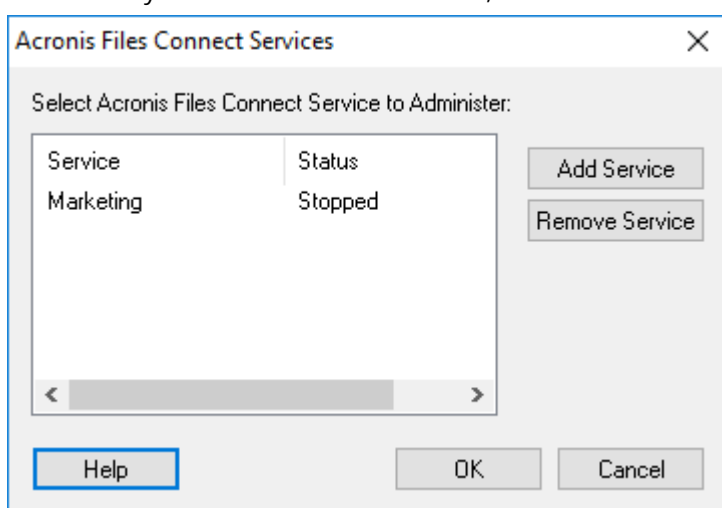
### Note

Prior to adding a Files Connect Service, you need to first check in the registry if such services already exist at **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE > SYSTEM > CurrentControlSet > Services**. If those services are there, remove them before adding the new one.

1. After completing the Files Connect installation process, or on a cluster server with an existing Files Connect installation, run the **Files Connect Administrator** application.
2. If Files Connect is being installed for the first time and no services exist, you will be prompted to create a service. Enter a name for the service and press OK. In this example, our service name is "Marketing".



3. Write down the exact service name you enter as you will need it when configuring Microsoft clustering in the next section. The service name will also be displayed in the title bar when you start the Files Connect Administrator.
4. After the service is created, it will appear in the Files Connect Services window. Files Connect Services will be shown each time the Files Connect Administrator is launched. It is used to select the service you would like to administer, as well as to add or remove additional services.



5. You will need to perform these steps on each cluster node that these Files Connect services will run on.

## Adding a Files Connect Service to a Cluster

You can configure the cluster for Files Connect in a number of ways:

- If you already have set up a Cluster Group, simply add Files Connect as a generic service to your Cluster Group.
- If you do not have any existing cluster group, follow the steps in the sections below, which take you through the process of using the Cluster Application Wizard® to configure the cluster group.
- Or, you may use another method with which you are familiar.

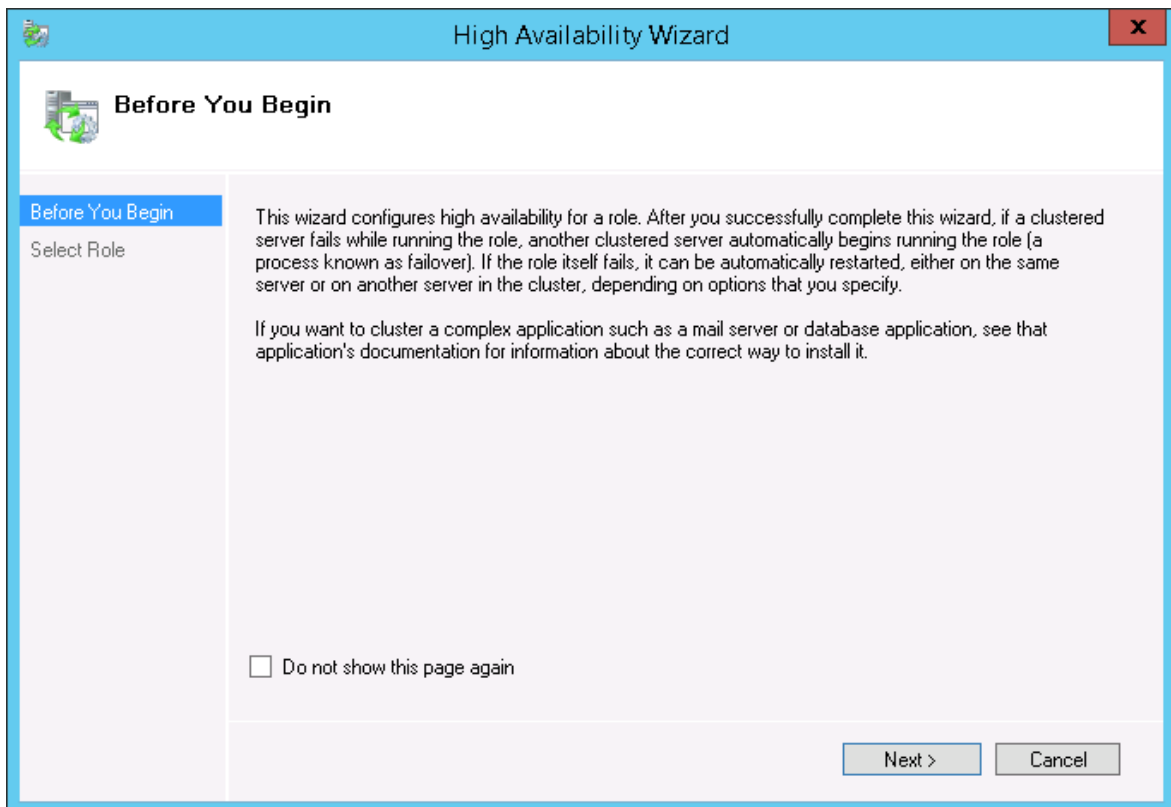
If folders shared over SMB for Windows clients reside on the same physical disk as your Files Connect volumes, you can add the Files Connect service to an existing group. In addition, when using an active/active configuration with Windows SMB shares, you may want to install and configure Windows DFS (Distributed File System). DFS makes it easier for connected users to find shared folders on the network without having to learn multiple IPs or DNS names. For more information, see Microsoft's DFS documentation. Although the Mac client does not support DFS, Files Connect has the ability to make DFS volumes available to Mac clients.

## Creating a Windows 2012 Role

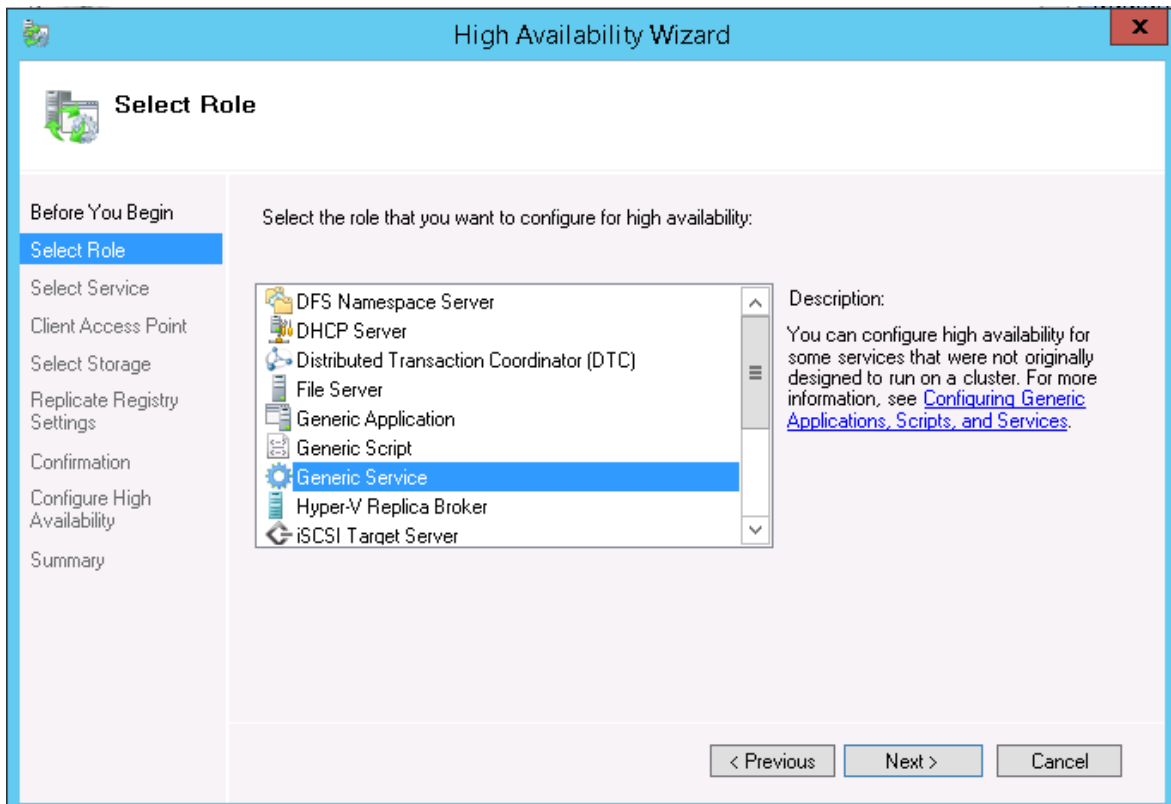
This is the recommended method for creating a new cluster group that includes a Files Connect service. If you already have a role configured and would like to add Files Connect to that role, right click on the role and select **Add Resource** -> **Generic Service**. Then follow the steps below to select the desired Files Connect service. This will bypass the role network and storage configuration steps.

### **To create a role, do the following:**

1. Open **Failover Cluster Management** in **Administrative Tools** and select your cluster on the left pane.
2. Right click on **Roles** and select **Configure a Role**. This will launch the High Availability Wizard. Click **Next**.

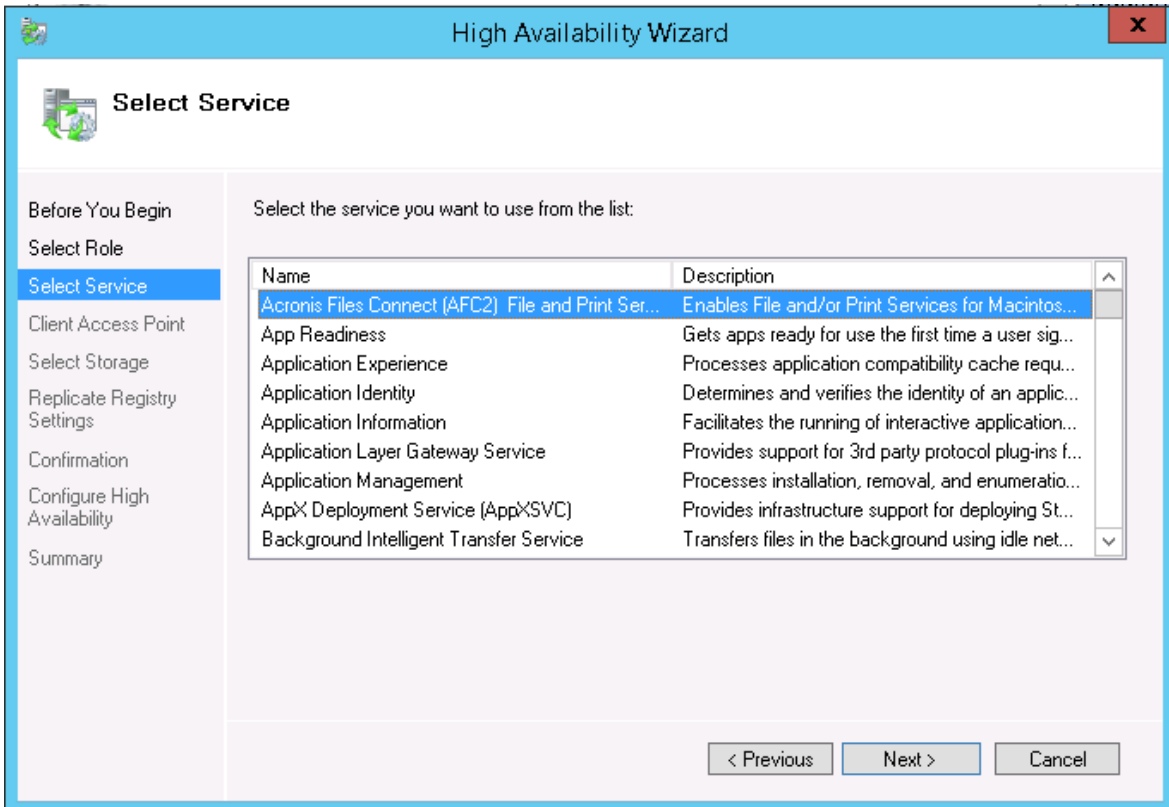


3. Select **Generic Service** and click **Next**.



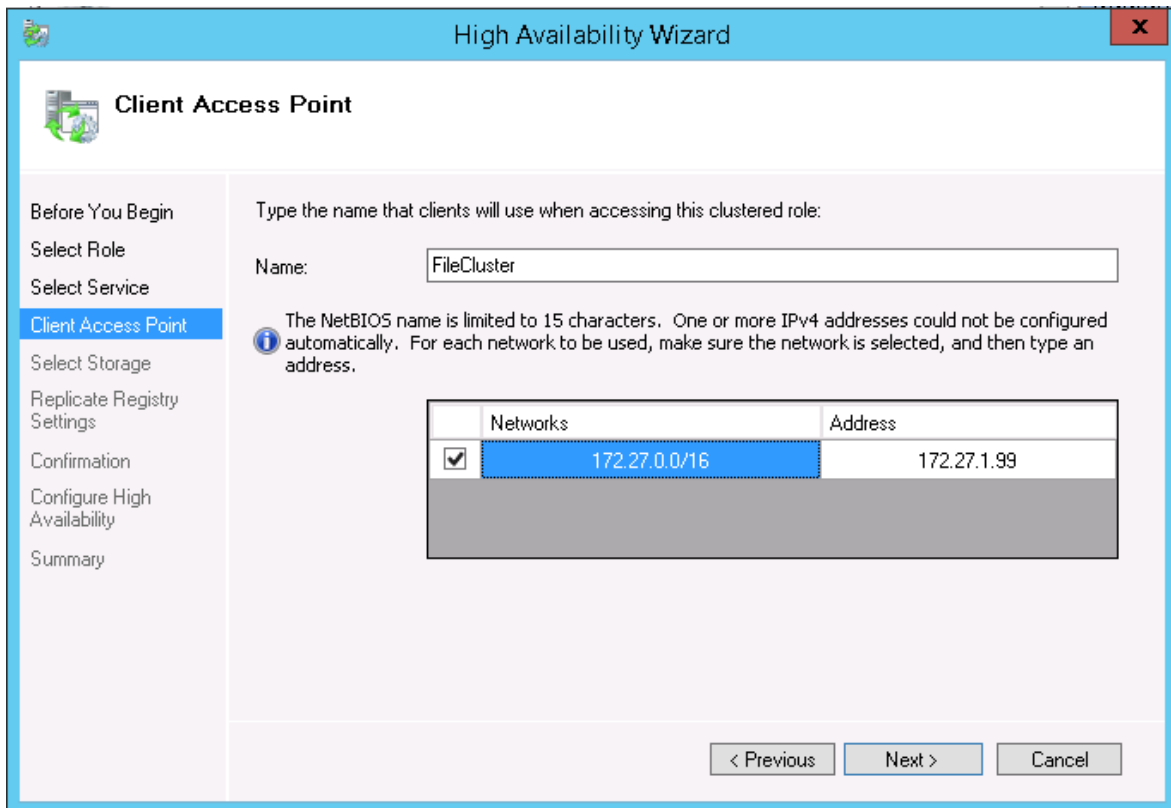
4. You must now select the service to add. You may see multiple entries for Files Connect in the list. Each entry will display the Files Connect service name as defined when the service was created.

See the clustering section for more information. Select the entry that includes the specific Files Connect service name you would like to configure and click Next.

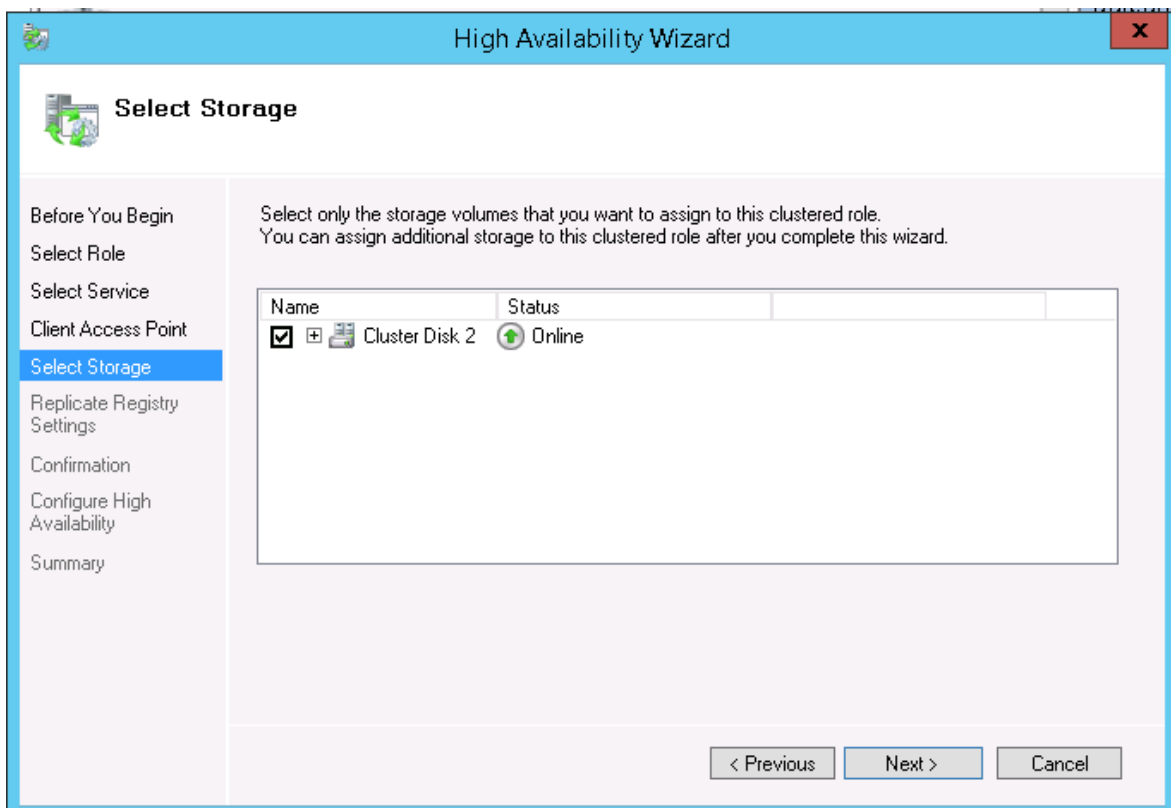


5. Enter the network service name for your cluster group. This will define the DNS name that clients will use to connect to this cluster group. Select the Networks that this cluster group will use and define an IP address for the cluster group on each selected network.





6. Select the volume(s) you would like to make available to this cluster group and click Next. These should be the volumes that contain the directories to be shared with Files Connect.



7. Click **Next** on the **Replicate Registry Settings** step. No changes are necessary.

8. Click **Next** on the **Confirmation** step.

## Setting Cluster Resource Dependencies

To ensure that cluster services start-up in correct order, you must set resource dependencies for the **IP Address**, **Network Name**, and the **Physical Disk**.

**To set resource dependencies for the IP Address, Network Name, and the Cluster Disk, do the following:**

1. From **Failover Cluster Management**, under the **Resources** tab for the role, right click on the **Files Connect File and Print Server** resource.
2. Click **Properties**.
3. Select the **Dependencies** tab.
4. Add the **IP Address**, **Network Name**, and the **Cluster Disk** as dependencies.
5. Click **OK**.

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### Note

Since the Files Connect resource is created under the High Availability Wizard, all the nodes in the cluster are owners for the resource. If you do not want this configuration, you can change it before you bring the service online. To change the owners for the resource, click the **Advanced Policies** tab and modify the **Possible Owners** accordingly.

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## Bringing the New Service Online

At completion of this configuration, the Files Connect resource may be offline. You can now bring the new resource online.

**To bring the Files Connect resource online, do the following:**

1. Right click the **Files Connect File and Print Server** resource.
2. Select **Bring online**.

## Using Kerberos

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology created Kerberos to address security issues as username/password exchange, network security, client computer security, and login persistence. Kerberos is a protocol that provides secure network authentication and support for “single sign-on” to network resources. With single sign-on support, a user logs in one time to a network domain (also called a realm) and, after he or she is authenticated, gains access to resources on other computers without resubmitting user name and password. Kerberos works on the premise that only the client and the authenticating server share a piece of secret information and it provides a way to confirm that the shared information is accurate throughout the user’s session. When a user on a client computer enters username and password and submits that information to a server to log in, Kerberos first authenticates the user and then issues a ticket that uniquely identifies the client for that session. This ticket is used for future access to other applications and shared volumes during the user’s session. Kerberos provides encrypted key exchange to ensure security on both internal

networks (behind firewalls) and insecure networks such as the internet. Once a user is authenticated, all further communication is encrypted for privacy and security.

Files Connect supports the Kerberos extensions in the AFP protocol and works directly with Active Directory. It is registered as a Kerberos service provider and can authenticate Mac tickets. Since the tickets themselves are a standard format within Kerberos, Files Connect takes tickets from a Mac and passes them to Microsoft Windows Active Directory for authentication and then grants access to Windows server resources if Active Directory confirms that the client has a valid ticket.

## Troubleshooting Kerberos

If you are having trouble getting Kerberos to work with Files Connect, use the following troubleshooting steps:

- To verify that a client computer has communicated successfully with the Kerberos ticket authority and has received a ticket for Files Connect, run the Kerberos application located in `/System/Library/CoreServices`. The active Kerberos tickets are listed in `Kerberos.app`. In addition, the Kerberos application can be used to destroy existing tickets before their normal expiration time.
- To verify that a client computer is bound to the Active Directory Domain correctly and is running the right version of Kerberos modules, try connecting to the server from the Mac over **SMB** instead of **AFP** by typing `smb://SERVER_NAME` into the Server Address field in the **Connect To Server** dialog. If you are required to log in then you will know that there is a general problem with Kerberos.

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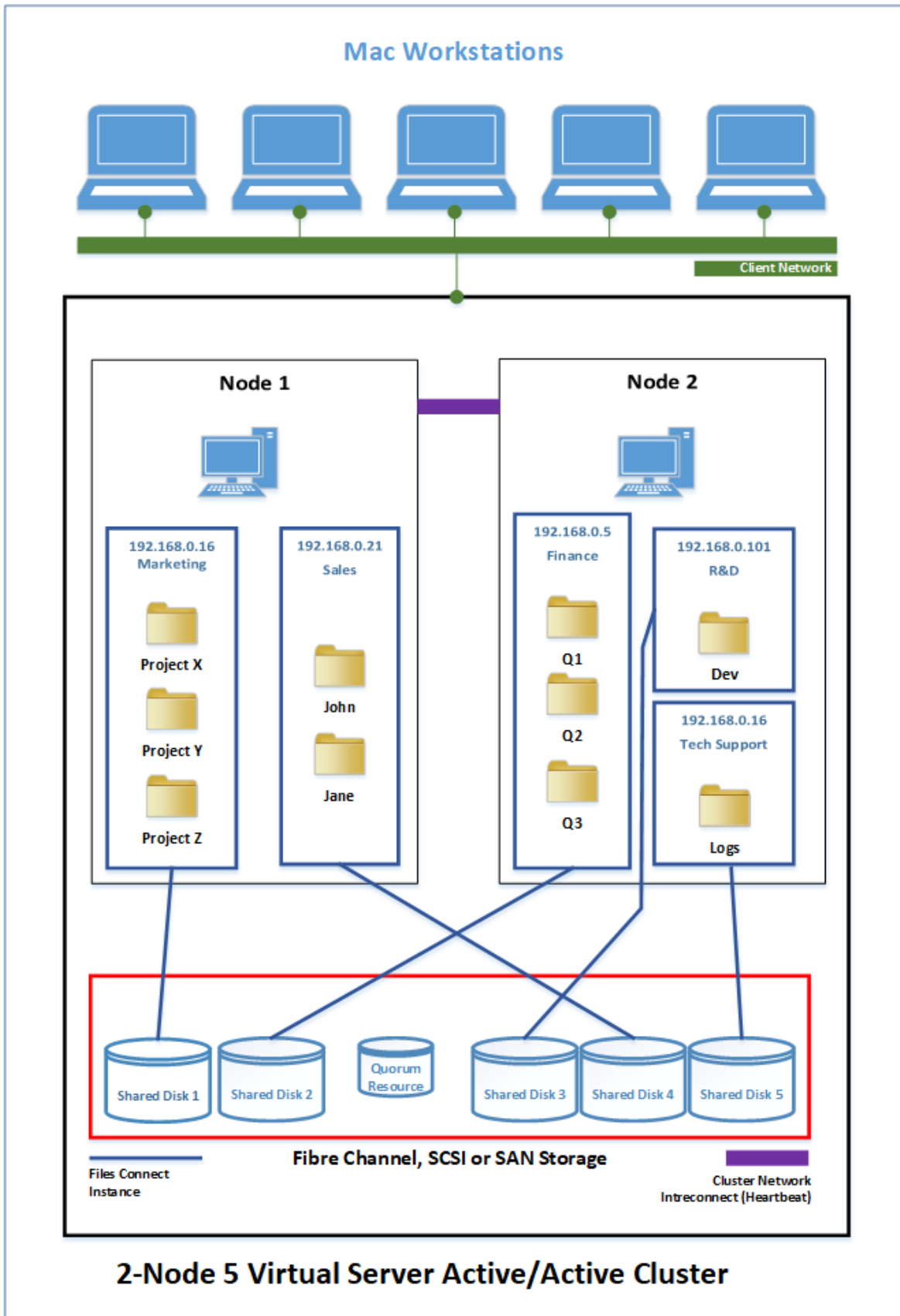
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- **Quorum Resource** – A disk resource containing the failover information that is shared between nodes in a cluster.
- **Heartbeat** – The communication between Cluster nodes tells the other nodes that the service is still running.
- **Virtual Server** – A virtual server is a combination of configuration information and cluster resources, such as an IP address, network name and an application resource. A Files Connect Virtual Server (EVS) is defined by its unique IP address.
- **Active/Active** – This term describes a configuration in which multiple nodes are Files Connect file servers running in production.
- **Active/Passive** – This term describes a configuration in which one node is active in production and another node sits idle until a failover occurs.
- **Shared Storage** – This term refers to the external SCSI or fibre channel storage system. Shared storage is a requirement for multi-node clusters. Although this storage is shared, only one node

can access an external storage resource at any given time.



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**Note**

Each server has its own IP address. You can configure multiple shares for each virtual server.

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## Cluster Worksheet

For each Files Connect service running on your cluster you will need the following:

1. A name for the unique Files Connect service (the first instance is created by default and is named ExtremeZ-IP)
2. A unique IP address and optionally a network name
3. Shared physical storage
4. A cluster group in which to put the new Files Connect service

To simplify this process we have provided a worksheet to prepare for your installation. Duplicate the worksheet for each additional Files Connect virtual server you would like to create. Information needed to install the software Files Connect Serial Number:

For each virtual server you want to set up, you will need to have unique values for all the sections below.

Information needed to create a new service:

- **Unique service name**
- **Information needed to set up a new cluster group**
- **Cluster Group name**
- **Network name (DNS/Netbios name)**
- **Unique service name (created above)**
- **Volumes to be shared**
- **Drive**
- **Letter Volume Name**
- **Is the volume shared with Windows?**

INFORMATION NEEDED TO INSTALL THE SOFTWARE	
Files Connect Serial Number	

For each virtual server that you want to set up, you will need to have unique values for all sections below

INFORMATION NEEDED TO CREATE A NEW SERVICE	
Unique service name	

INFORMATION NEEDED TO SET UP A NEW CLUSTER GROUP	
Cluster Group name	

IP address			
Network name (DNS/Netbios name)			
Unique service name (created above)			
Volumes to be shared	Drive letter	Volume name	Is the volume shared with Windows

## Installing Files Connect on a Cluster

Before installing Files Connect on a new cluster, you must have installed and configured the clustering service on your servers. In addition, you need the following:

- The Failover Clustering role installed and configured
- A Files Connect cluster-enabled serial number that is encoded with the number of nodes and virtual servers for which it is licensed. Use a single serial number for all the nodes of the cluster.
- A shared disk or disks where the Files Connect shared volumes will reside
- An IP address and network name for each Files Connect virtual server you want to create; create a DNS entry for each IP address.

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**Note**

If folders shared over SMB (for Windows clients) reside on the same physical disk as Files Connect shares, we recommend configuring DFS (Distributed File System) so that your Windows users can use one IP address or host name to access your shared volumes.

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## Reviewing the Installation Procedure

Installation consists of the following four parts, each with a number of steps that are described in the following sections:

1. Use the installer and serial number provided by Acronis to install the Files Connect on each node of the cluster.
2. Use the Files Connect Administrator application to configure the necessary Files Connect service (s) on each node of the cluster.
3. Use the Failover Cluster Management application to configure the Microsoft clustering service.
4. Use the Files Connect Administrator application to configure shared folders and other features of the Files Connect service.

## Configuring Files Connect Services

To operate, Files Connect requires the following four components:

- **IP Address**
- **Network Name**
- **Physical Disk**
- **Files Connect Service**

Place each set of components in its own cluster group or Files Connect Virtual Server (EVS). The number of EVSs created is based on the number of physical disks that need to be shared out with Files Connect. For example, if the volumes are on three physical disks, create three EVSs. This configuration has the most flexibility; however, in some cases you may not want to use up multiple IP addresses. Then you can have multiple physical disks shared out by one EVS. The [Cluster Worksheet](#) can help you set up a plan for your cluster.

## Creating a Files Connect Service

Each Files Connect virtual server you want to use requires a Files Connect service instance. Each of these Files Connect services requires a unique Service Name. When Files Connect is installed on a cluster enabled server, no services are created by default. In this step, you will create a new Files Connect service for each virtual server, on each node you want the service to run on.

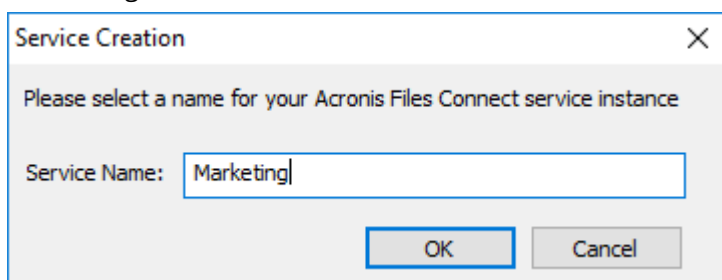


## Create a Files Connect Service

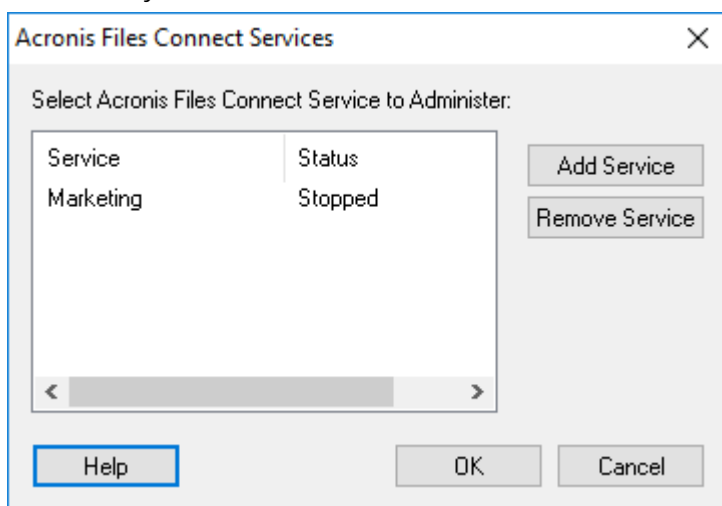
### Note

Prior to adding a Files Connect Service, you need to first check in the registry if such services already exist at **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE > SYSTEM > CurrentControlSet > Services**. If those services are there, remove them before adding the new one.

1. After completing the Files Connect installation process, or on a cluster server with an existing Files Connect installation, run the **Files Connect Administrator** application.
2. If Files Connect is being installed for the first time and no services exist, you will be prompted to create a service. Enter a name for the service and press OK. In this example, our service name is "Marketing".



3. Write down the exact service name you enter as you will need it when configuring Microsoft clustering in the next section. The service name will also be displayed in the title bar when you start the Files Connect Administrator.
4. After the service is created, it will appear in the Files Connect Services window. Files Connect Services will be shown each time the Files Connect Administrator is launched. It is used to select the service you would like to administer, as well as to add or remove additional services.



5. You will need to perform these steps on each cluster node that these Files Connect services will run on.

## Adding a Files Connect Service to a Cluster

You can configure the cluster for Files Connect in a number of ways:

- If you already have set up a Cluster Group, simply add Files Connect as a generic service to your Cluster Group.
- If you do not have any existing cluster group, follow the steps in the sections below, which take you through the process of using the Cluster Application Wizard® to configure the cluster group.
- Or, you may use another method with which you are familiar.

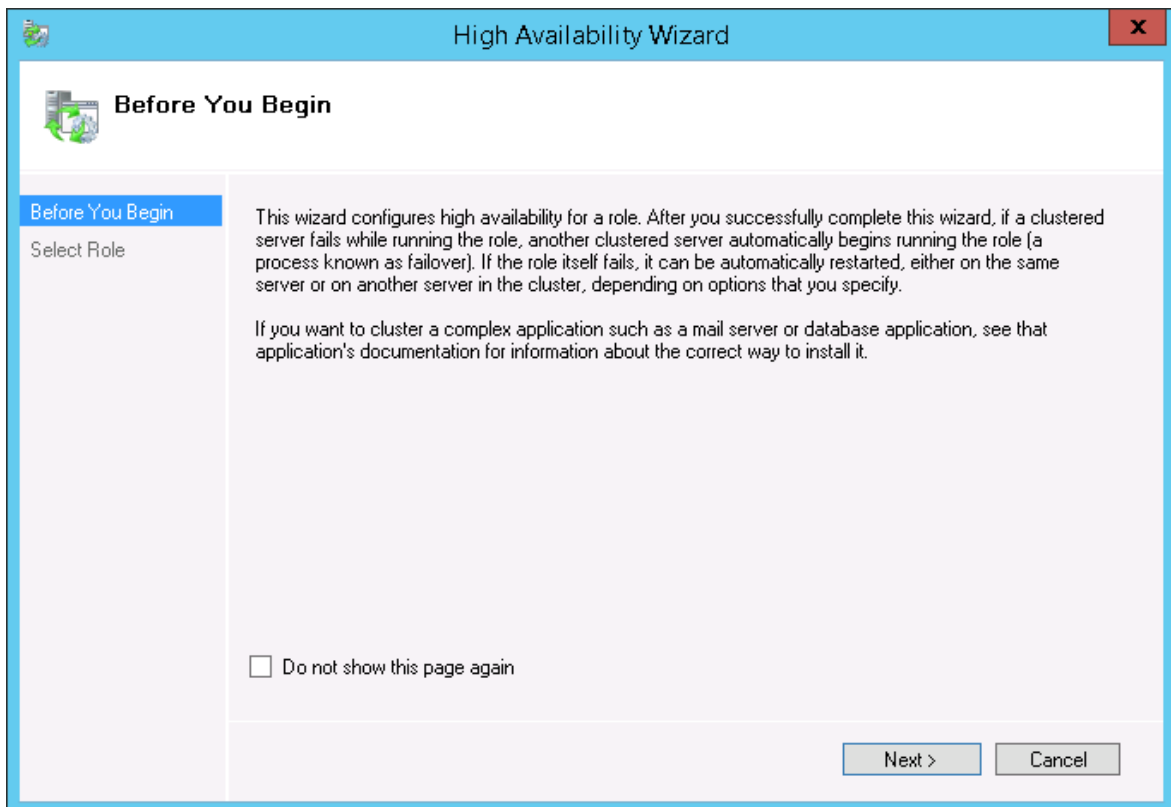
If folders shared over SMB for Windows clients reside on the same physical disk as your Files Connect volumes, you can add the Files Connect service to an existing group. In addition, when using an active/active configuration with Windows SMB shares, you may want to install and configure Windows DFS (Distributed File System). DFS makes it easier for connected users to find shared folders on the network without having to learn multiple IPs or DNS names. For more information, see Microsoft's DFS documentation. Although the Mac client does not support DFS, Files Connect has the ability to make DFS volumes available to Mac clients.

## Creating a Windows 2012 Role

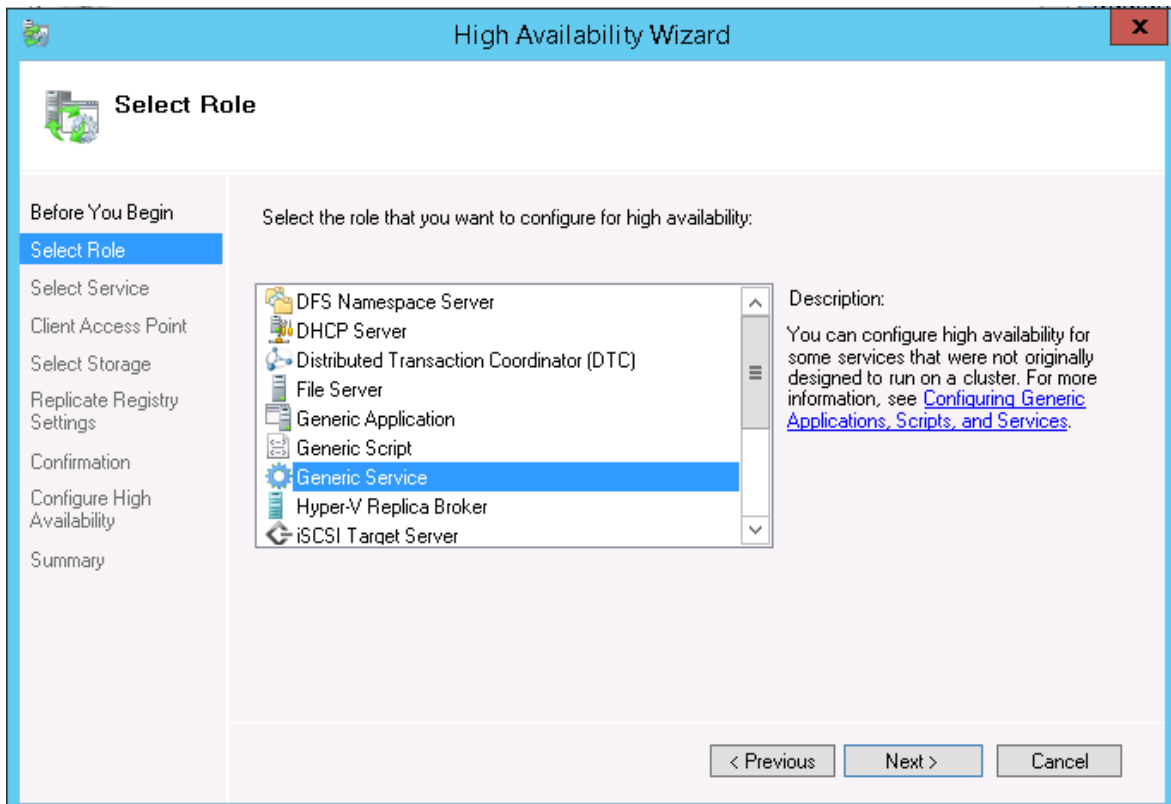
This is the recommended method for creating a new cluster group that includes a Files Connect service. If you already have a role configured and would like to add Files Connect to that role, right click on the role and select **Add Resource -> Generic Service**. Then follow the steps below to select the desired Files Connect service. This will bypass the role network and storage configuration steps.

### To create a role, do the following:

1. Open **Failover Cluster Management** in **Administrative Tools** and select your cluster on the left pane.
2. Right click on **Roles** and select **Configure a Role**. This will launch the High Availability Wizard. Click **Next**.

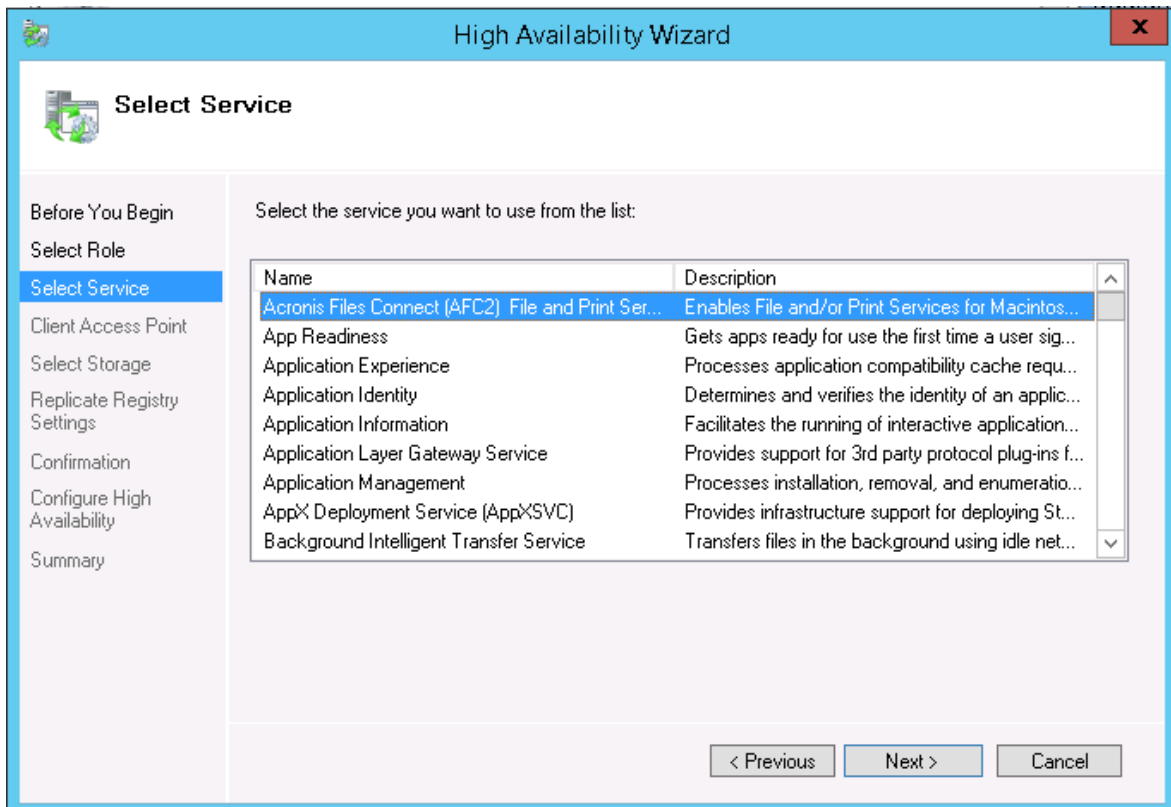


3. Select **Generic Service** and click **Next**.

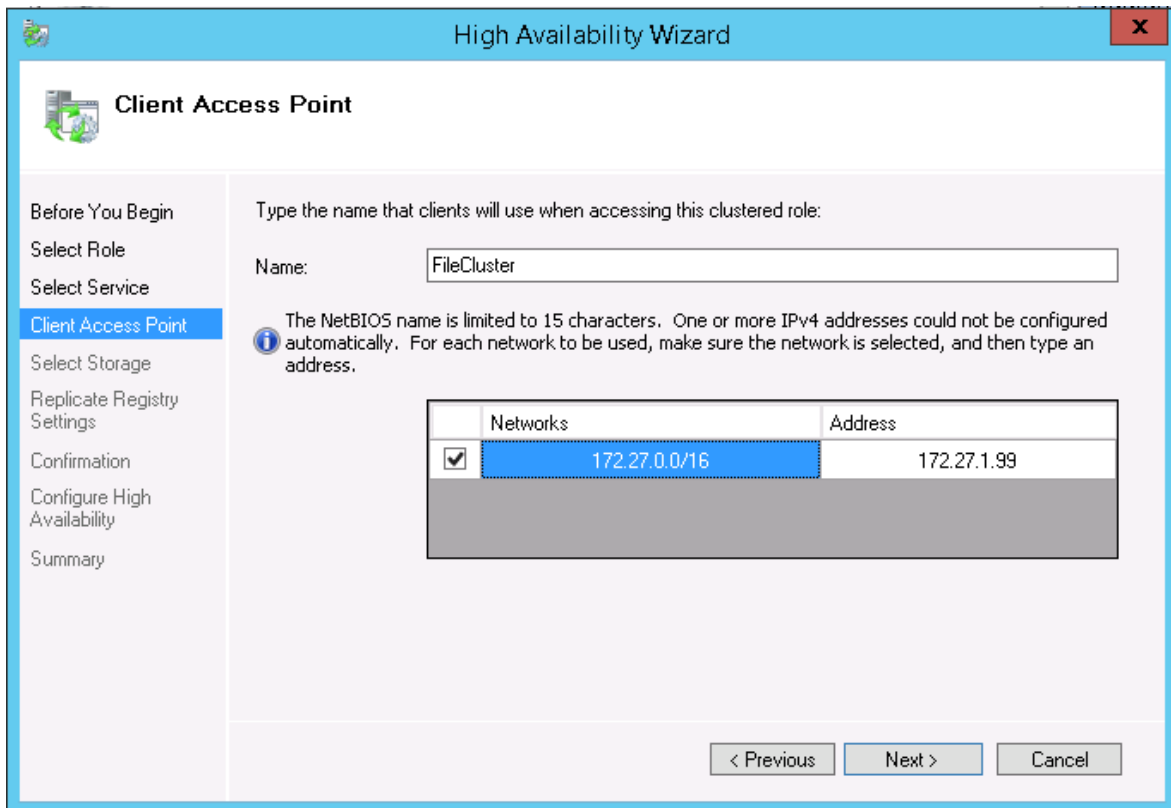


4. You must now select the service to add. You may see multiple entries for Files Connect in the list. Each entry will display the Files Connect service name as defined when the service was created.

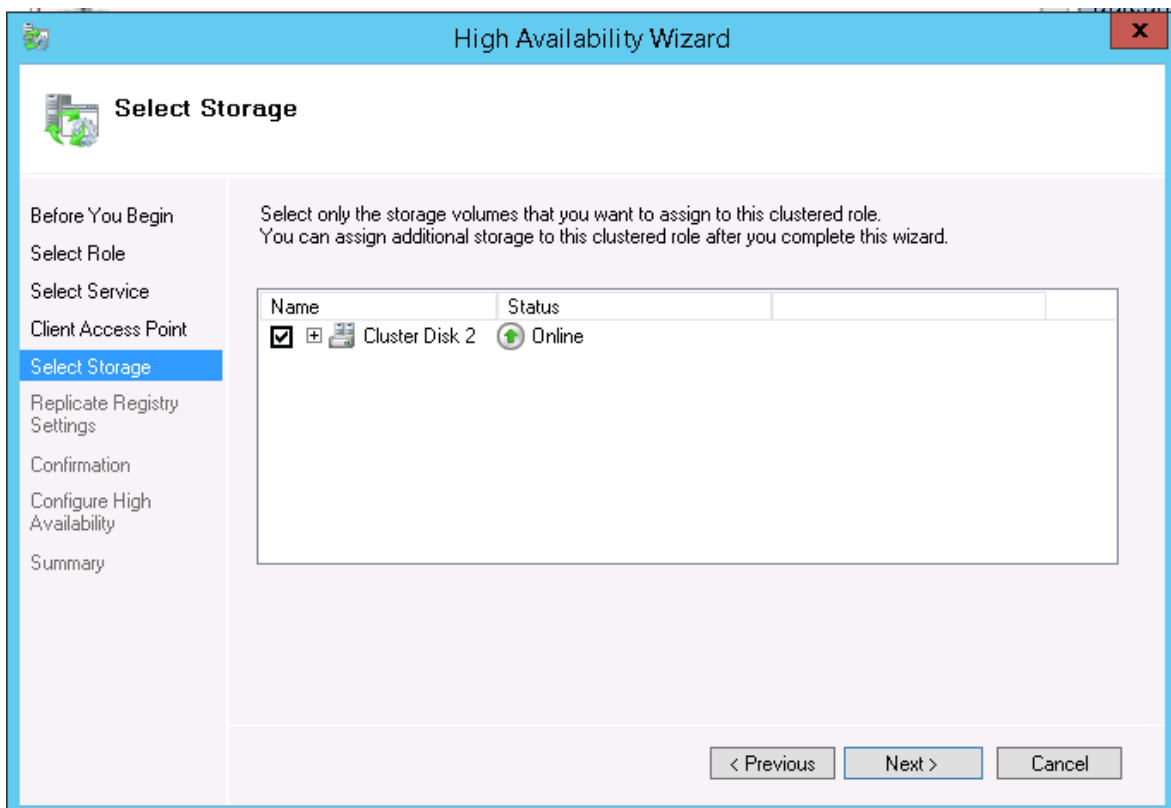
See the clustering section for more information. Select the entry that includes the specific Files Connect service name you would like to configure and click Next.



5. Enter the network service name for your cluster group. This will define the DNS name that clients will use to connect to this cluster group. Select the Networks that this cluster group will use and define an IP address for the cluster group on each selected network.



6. Select the volume(s) you would like to make available to this cluster group and click Next. These should be the volumes that contain the directories to be shared with Files Connect.



7. Click **Next** on the **Replicate Registry Settings** step. No changes are necessary.

8. Click **Next** on the **Confirmation** step.

## Setting Cluster Resource Dependencies

To ensure that cluster services start-up in correct order, you must set resource dependencies for the **IP Address**, **Network Name**, and the **Physical Disk**.

**To set resource dependencies for the IP Address, Network Name, and the Cluster Disk, do the following:**

1. From **Failover Cluster Management**, under the **Resources** tab for the role, right click on the **Files Connect File and Print Server** resource.
2. Click **Properties**.
3. Select the **Dependencies** tab.
4. Add the **IP Address**, **Network Name**, and the **Cluster Disk** as dependencies.
5. Click **OK**.

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### Note

Since the Files Connect resource is created under the High Availability Wizard, all the nodes in the cluster are owners for the resource. If you do not want this configuration, you can change it before you bring the service online. To change the owners for the resource, click the **Advanced Policies** tab and modify the **Possible Owners** accordingly.

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## Bringing the New Service Online

At completion of this configuration, the Files Connect resource may be offline. You can now bring the new resource online.

**To bring the Files Connect resource online, do the following:**

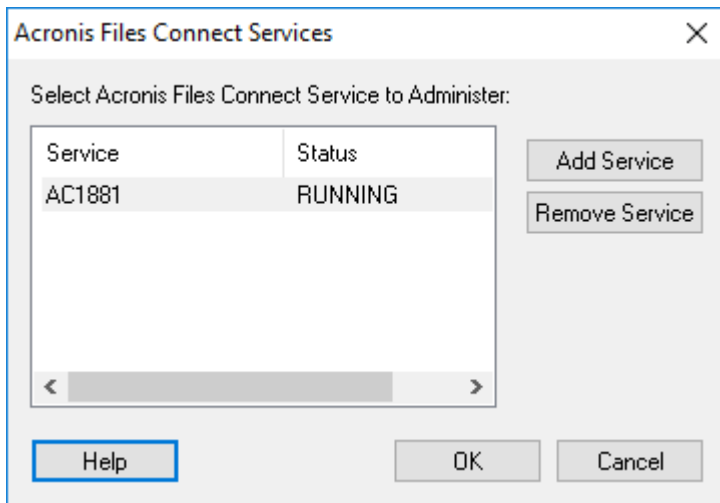
1. Right click the **Files Connect File and Print Server** resource.
2. Select **Bring online**.

## Administering Files Connect on a Cluster

In a clustered environment, the Files Connect administrator behaves differently than it does in a non-clustered environment. You should always execute administration tasks on the node currently running the Files Connect Virtual Server you want to administer. Starting the service from the Files Connect Administrator or the Services control panel is disabled for clustered configurations. Clustered services should be started **ONLY** from the Microsoft Cluster Administrator. If the service is started by some other means (an application or the Services control panel) the Cluster Administrator will not know the service is running and, if required, cannot manage a failover.

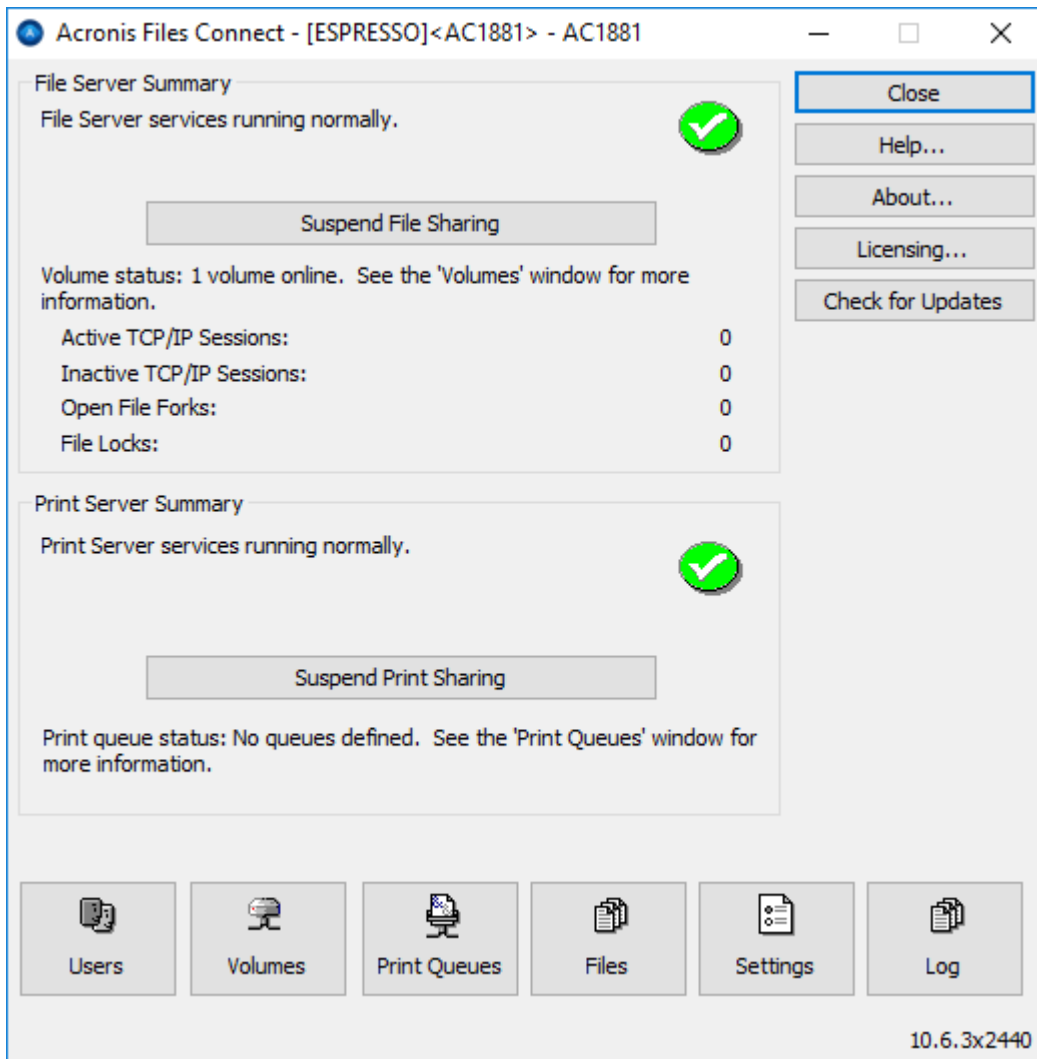
**Administer services only from the node they are running on.** Then, you can create volumes that point to a specific folder. On a cluster, a node can only access the disks in its cluster group. In order to select a folder with the **Browse for folder** dialog you must run the Files Connect administrator on the node where the Physical Disks are located. Using the Files Connect

Administrator, you can create a volume on another node; however, you will need to enter the path manually.



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2. When the Files Connect Administrator is started, you will be prompted to select the Files Connect service that you want to administer.
3. Select a Files Connect Service and click OK.
4. Once you have chosen a service, the Administrator launches and connects to that service. The Administrator title bar tells you which server it is connected to in the format "(Network Name –

Service Name)”.



If the connection to the server is broken (that Cluster Group is failed over) the administrator cannot reconnect to that service since it is on another node. However, you can now administer it on the node to which it has been moved. If it fails back to the original node, you can reconnect to it.

## Configuring the Files Connect server for Mac client and Zidget access

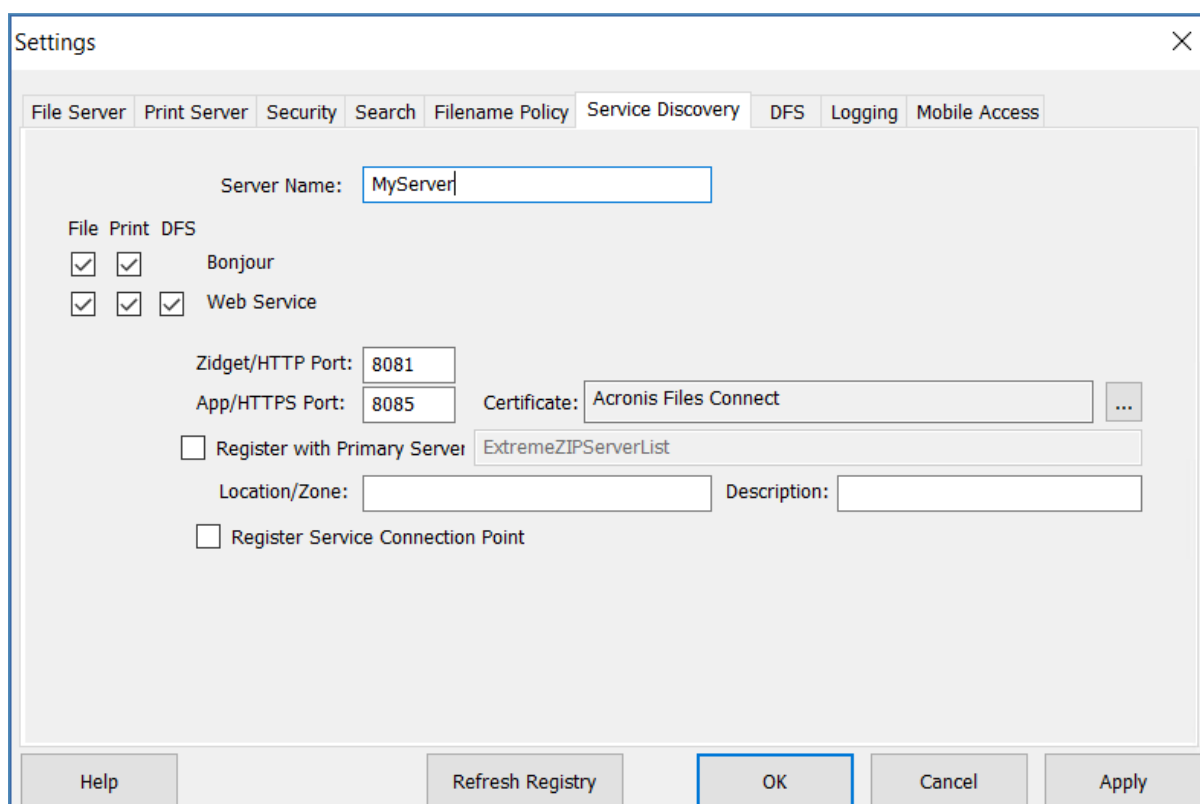
Files Connect supports both the Mac client and Zidget with no additional configuration.

In the Service Discovery tab of the Administrator you can change the settings related to the Web Service which controls how users get and connect to the Files Connect server. Files Connect servers are configured to be their own primary server unless specifically set to be Secondary by enabling **Register with Primary Server**. On the Primary server this checkbox should be **Disabled**.

- The Mac client can be deployed by entering the Files Connect Primary server's address and a valid username and password.



- The Zidget can be deployed in most environments without needing any additional configuration beyond creating a DNS CNAME record of ExtremeZIPServerList.yourdomain.com for your Files Connect server.



If you would like, you can also assign a server to a specific location. A location is composed of locations separated by colons that contains the hierarchy of zones/locations that the Zidget should use to display them.

An example for single level zone is "GLIHQ" and a multi-level location might be "Virginia:Arlington:1st Floor". In addition to the location property of a print queue or file server, an administrator can also assign them descriptions. When a queue is selected, the status area of Zidget displays any description that the administrator has set for the queue. However, locations and descriptions are optional.

- If no servers or print queues have locations assigned to them, then they are all displayed in Zidget as a list without any additional hierarchy.
- If only some of the servers do not have a location, they will be displayed at the end of the list below the locations.

## Adding additional servers to the Primary Server

If you have multiple Files Connect servers, designate one server to be the Primary server that the Mac client and Zidget will contact to discover the other Files Connect servers on the network.

All Secondary servers will be automatically registered with the Primary server by enabling the **Register with Primary Server** setting on the Secondaries and entering the address of the Primary server.

# Upgrading Files Connect

Upgrading to a new version of Files Connect is an easy and straightforward process. The Files Connect installer automatically detects the existing version and upgrades it to the newer one – you do not have to uninstall the previous version in order to install the new one.

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## Note

You may receive an inadvertent error message indicating that the service could not be stopped or that a file could not be removed. If you receive these errors, the best strategy is to manually stop the Files Connect service first, then re-run the installer.

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**Review the [Backup and Recovery guidelines](#) and perform a backup of your deployment before proceeding.**

## Upgrading to a new version of Files Connect

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### Note

Upgrades from ExtremeZ-IP to Files Connect require no special configurations. Start the Files Connect installer and proceed with the steps below.

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1. Start the Files Connect installer.
  2. Press **Next**.
  3. Accept the license agreement and press **Next**.
  4. Press **Install**.
  5. When the installation procedure completes, press **Finish**.

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### Note

In order to take full advantage of some of the new releases, you might need to rebuild the Acronis Content Indexing search indexes. Please check if this step is recommended for a specific release in the [Files Connect's Release History](#).

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## Upgrading to a new version of Files Connect on a Microsoft Failover Cluster

Upgrading Files Connect on a cluster requires that you upgrade your inactive nodes one by one, and finally failing-over the rest, so they can be upgraded as well.

1. Verify your clustered configuration has no issues. This is done by right-click on your cluster in Microsoft Failover Cluster Manager and selecting **Validate Cluster**. Follow the wizard until everything is verified and there are no errors. If errors are found, they must be fixed before proceeding with the upgrade.
2. Select one of your inactive clustered instances.
3. Start the Files Connect installer.

4. Press **Next**.
5. Accept the license agreement and press **Next**.
6. Press **Install**.
7. When the installation procedure completes, press **Finish**.
8. Repeat the above procedures until all **inactive** instances are upgraded.
9. Fail-over the **active** instance(s) to any of the upgraded instances. Once the active instance has become inactive, upgrade it as described above.
10. Confirm that Files Connect works correctly.

# Configuring Files Connect

## Files Connect File Server

### Starting and stopping the Files Connect File Server

To start the Files Connect File Server, log into Windows with Administrator privileges and launch the Files Connect Administrator. If you have not already started the Files Connect service, the Files Connect Administrator asks if you want to start the service. In addition, you can start and stop the service from the Service Control Panel on a standalone server or the Cluster Administrator on a cluster server.

### Configuring the Files Connect Server

This section gives an overview of configuring the Files Connect service. Use the Files Connect Administrator to view, disconnect, and send messages to connected users, create shared volumes, and adjust specific machine settings. You can configure the local computer or remote computers on which Files Connect is installed as long as you have Administrative privileges.

To configure Files Connect on the computer you are using, from the Windows **Start menu**, go to **Programs/Files Connect** and select **Files Connect Administrator**.

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#### Note

You can also configure Files Connect at the command line using the EZIPUTIL.EXE. For more information, refer to [EZIPUTIL command line tool](#).

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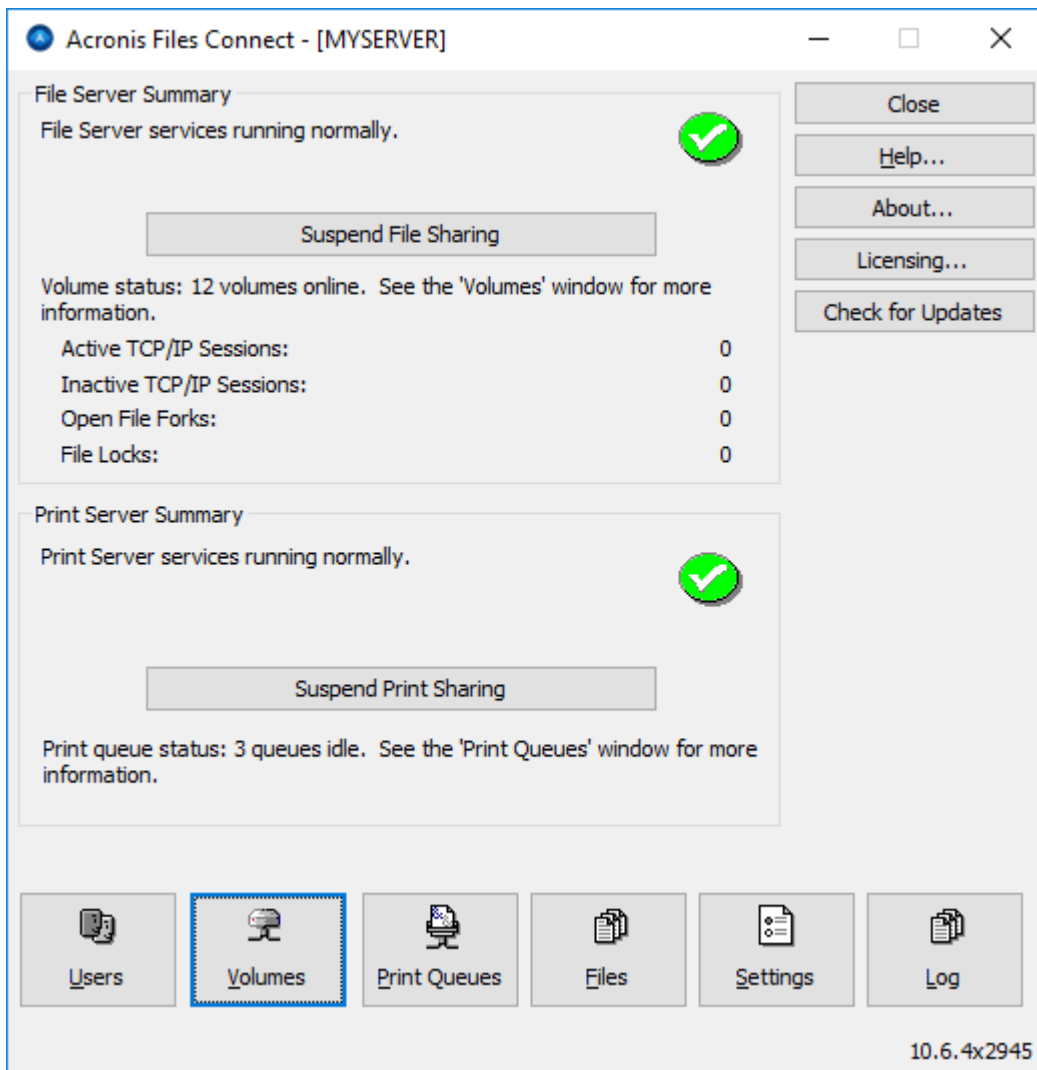
### Setting up Files Connect

Before using Files Connect, review the default settings; you can make changes at this time or later.

The **Settings** dialog box has the following tabs: **File Server**, **Print Server**, **Security**, **Search**, **Filename Policy**, **Service Discovery**, **DFS**, **Logging**, and **Mobile Access**.

**To change settings, do the following:**

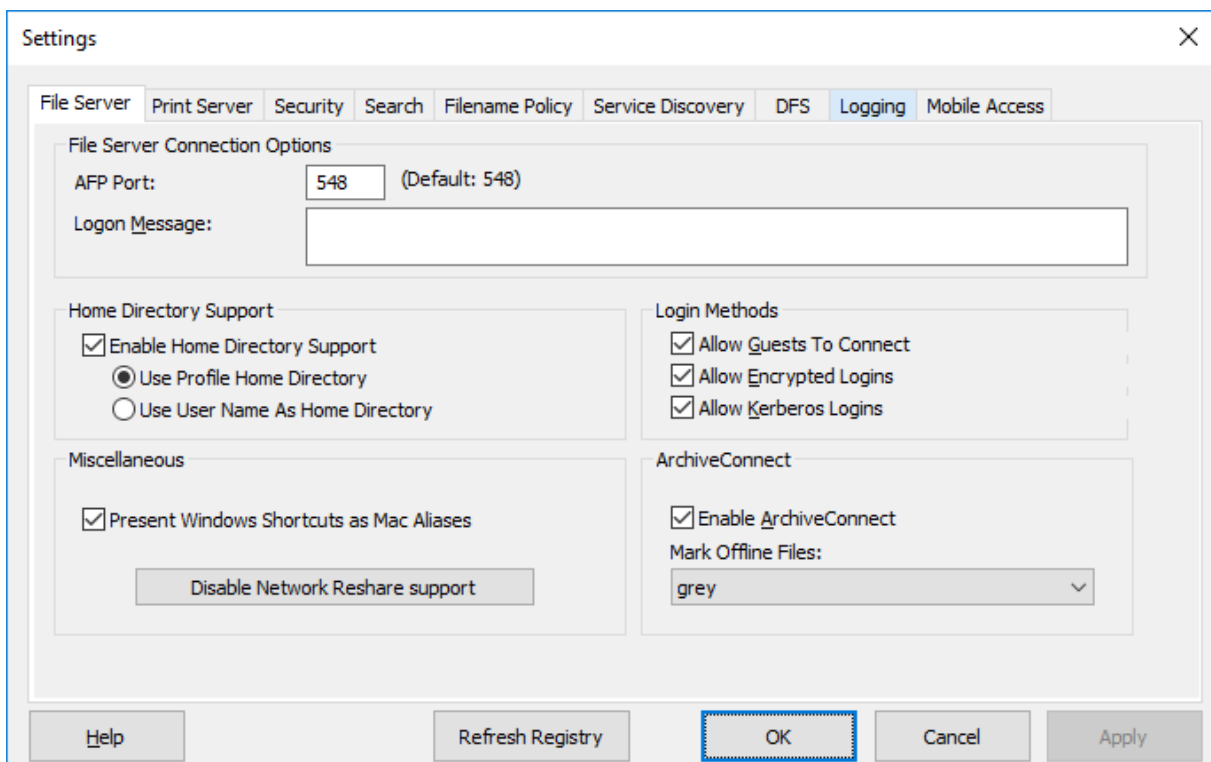
1. Access the **Files Connect Administrator** window.
2. Click **Settings**.
3. Choose the settings appropriate for your use, then click **OK** to return to the **Files Connect Administrator** window.



- **Suspend File Sharing** – Start/Suspend File Sharing Services.
- **Log** – View a log of Files Connect's activity.
- **Users** – View the users who are connected; disconnect users; send messages.
- **Volumes** – Set up volumes you want to share.
- **Files** – View files opened by users Mac clients. Displays the active TCP/IP sessions, open file forks and file locks.
- **Licensing** – Add serial numbers.
- **Check for Updates** – Check our web site for updates.

## Setting File Server Options

Use the **File Server Settings** tab to change the way Files Connect interacts with Mac clients when it offers file sharing services.



## AFP Port

If required for your connection, make changes to the **AFP port**. Although rarely necessary, you can type a new port number for the TCP/IP port the file server uses; the default is 548.

### Note

If Mac clients cannot connect to your server, Files Connect may be running on a port other than the default. In this case, Files Connect displays a message on the Files Connect Administrator window warning you that you have picked a non-default port.

## Logon Messages

The logon message is shown on the Mac users' computers after they successfully log in. Leave the message blank if you do not want clients to receive a message when they log in. To increase the maximum number of characters in this message, use the registry key **LoginMsgW**. For more information on this key, refer to [General Parameter Registry Keys – Refreshable](#). You can use as many as 500 characters.

### Note

OS X 10.9 or later does not support sending messages.

## Enabling Home Directory Support

If you are using some Files Connect volumes exclusively for home directories, check **Enable Home Directory Support**. In addition, you must enable home directory support for individual volumes

when you set up the volumes; see the [Volume Properties](#) dialog box. This setting filters out all directories except the user's home directory when the user asks for the contents of the volume.

Users do not see home directory volumes that do not contain their home directories.

- If your users' home directory locations are specified in their Microsoft Active Directory profile, choose **Use Profile Home Directory**.
- If your users' home directories are named to match their user names, choose **Use User Name As Home Directory**.

See this Knowledgebase article: <https://kb.acronis.com/content/39536>

## Present Windows Shortcuts as Mac Aliases

This allows Files Connect to represent Windows shortcuts (.lnk files stored on AFP shares) as symbolic links (similar to Mac aliases), so that Mac clients could use them.

### Prerequisites for this feature:

- The Mac clients must have access to the Files Connect's AFP share containing the target.
- The shortcut file's extension must be .lnk
- Both the link and the target must be within the same Files Connect AFP volume.

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### Note

Shortcuts whose targets are not within a volume shared by Files Connect will not resolve. A WARNING entry will be written to the log.

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### Note

Large amount of unresolvable shortcuts within a volume can lead to performance issues.

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## Enable Network Reshare support

Network Reshare allows Files Connect AFP file volumes to give access to folders located on other servers and NAS devices on your network. Mac clients continue to connect to Files Connect using the standard AFP file sharing protocol, while Files Connect utilizes the SMB/CIFS file sharing protocol to access files that are requested by Mac users from remote servers and NAS systems. By doing so, Mac users retain all the benefits of AFP file sharing while gaining access to resources that have traditionally only been available through SMB/Windows file sharing. For more information on Network Reshares, see this section: [Configuring Network Reshare support](#).

## Allow Guests to Connect

If you choose to allow guests to connect, a Mac user can log into the file server without supplying a name and password. Permission to connect does not give Macintosh clients access to your entire computer. You designate which volumes on your computer you want to share with Mac clients. See [Creating a Volume](#). The user's privileges during that session are limited to the permissions normally given to the **Everyone** group under Windows.



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**Note**

You must configure Windows XP and later Windows systems so that guests can access the server. See [Configuring Guest Access for Windows XP and above in Appendix D](#) here.

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## Allow Encrypted Logins

If you select this option, Mac users can encrypt their passwords before sending them across the network. With encryption, users have greater security and can use longer passwords.

## Allow Kerberos Logins

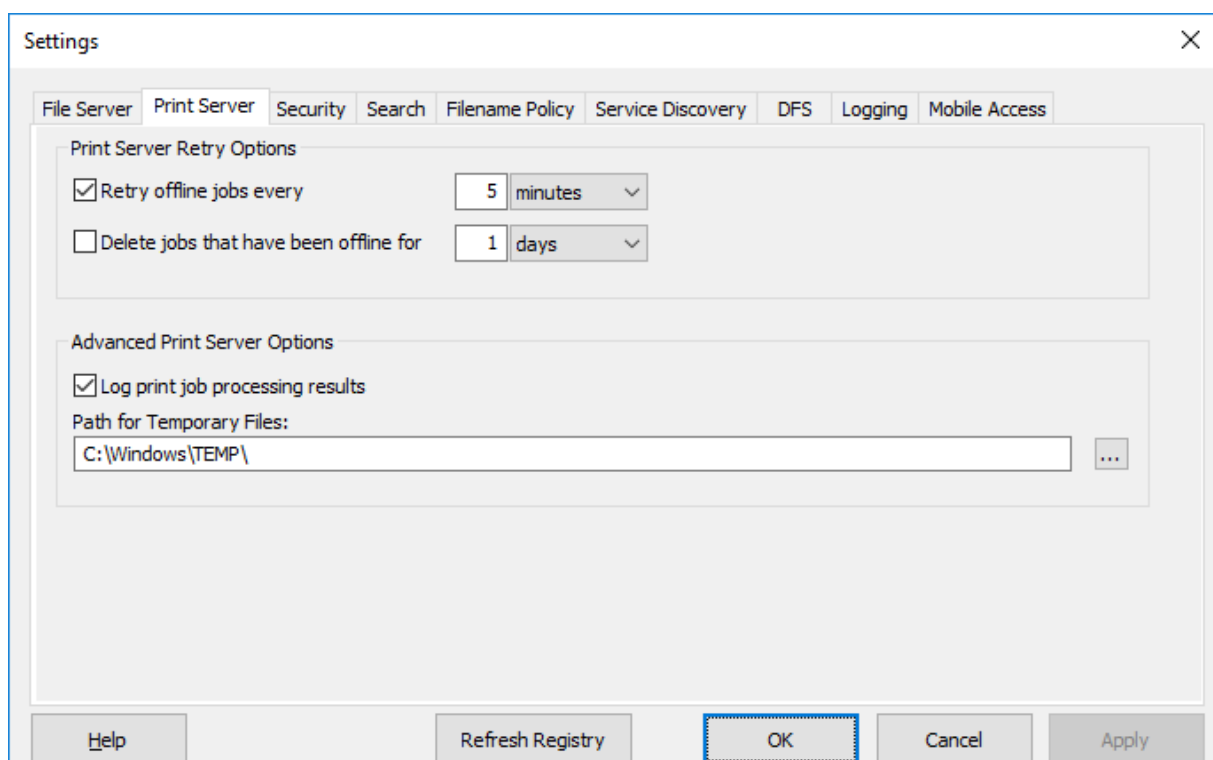
This option provides support for “single sign-on” to network resources. For more information, refer to [Using Kerberos](#).

## Mark Offline Files

Select a custom label color that will be used to highlight offline files within the macOS Finder.

## Setting Print Server Options

To make changes to Print Server Settings, click **Settings** on the Files Connect **Administrator** window, then click the **Print Server** tab. Changes you make to print server settings take effect immediately after you click the **Apply** or **OK** button.



- **Retry offline jobs every** – Change wait time for retrying jobs.
- **Delete jobs that have been offline for** – Delete offline jobs.

- **Log print job processing results** – Control whether or not the server logs print job processing results.

## Automatic Retry of Print Jobs

When a job fails for any reason —LPR error code, TCP connection terminated, error from Windows print queue—the job status is set to Offline and it is sent to the end of the queue. Use the **Print Server** tab to configure the interval that will elapse before the server retries printing the job.

By default, Files Connect automatically retries offline jobs every five minutes until the job prints successfully. To disable this feature, uncheck the **Retry offline jobs every . . .** box. You can enter only one auto-retry interval, which applies to all offline jobs.

## Deleting Offline Jobs

Files Connect can also automatically delete jobs that have been offline for a specified period of time. This functionality is disabled by default, and, when enabled, the default setting is one day. To enable this feature, check the **Delete jobs that have been offline for . . .** box.

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### Note

In order to make sure that jobs aren't automatically deleted because of a queue-wide problem, such as a network problem, or printer turned off, Files Connect will not automatically delete a job after the configured period of time unless at least two other jobs have been successfully printed since the job went offline.

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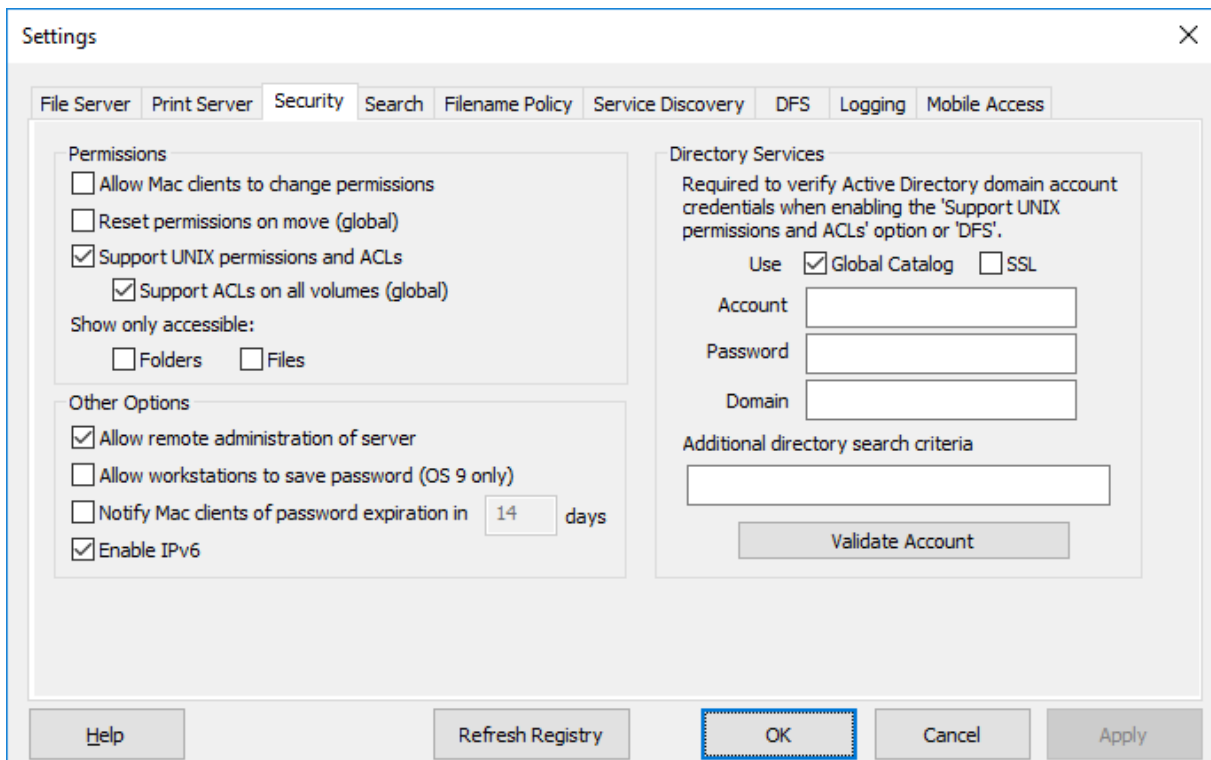
For the purposes of our performance counters, any queue that has more than one offline job and has not successfully processed a job since the last job went offline is considered an offline queue. So a single offline job does not make a queue offline—it could just be a bad job, but having multiple offline jobs without any recent successful jobs would suggest that a queue-wide problem exists. A queue that is offline does not differ from an online queue in terms of its processing; how it is reported in performance counters is the only difference.

## Advanced Print Server Options

If you want each print job to be logged in the Windows Event Log, check the Log print job processing results box. You can enter a location for storing temporary files; as a default, Files Connect uses the default temporary directory.

## Setting Security Options

On the **Security Settings** tab, select the appropriate check box to change permissions and other options. Enter information for **Directory Services** in the appropriate text boxes.



## Allow Mac Clients to Change Permissions

If you select this option, Mac clients can change file and folder permissions. With this option disabled, Mac clients are prevented from changing permissions the Windows Administrator has set on the server. Many Mac applications set unexpected permissions without user intervention. For increased reliability, it is recommend that Mac clients not be allowed to modify permissions unless this capability is required for a particular workflow.

## Reset permissions on move

If you would like files and folders to always inherit permissions from their parent folder after they have been moved, select this check box.

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### Note

If the directory that is moved contains a large number of sub-folders, resetting the permissions can take awhile.

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## Support UNIX permissions and ACLs

UNIX permissions and Access Control Lists (ACLs) require that the Files Connect service have access the list of users in Active Directory in order to resolve SID, UUID, UID, and name mappings. For UNIX permissions, the Mac client requests a name mapping for UID. However, for the 'ls' command the Mac uses AD and does the name mapping internally. Therefore, the Mac does not make a name request to Files Connect. If the UID Files Connect provides does not match the user's UID obtained from Active Directory, then the Mac will not allow the user to change UNIX permissions at

all. In addition, the client will not be able to determine the user's group membership or if the user is the owner.

To verify your account, enter the requested information in the **Directory Services** text fields. This account will be used to search Active Directory to resolve account IDs. By default, Files Connect will search within your entire Active Directory forest to validate security credentials. If you would like Files Connect to only search the **Domain** specified, uncheck the **Use Global Catalog** option. Add additional search criteria, if necessary, and click **Validate Account**. If the credentials are invalid, the service will not be able to access Active Directory and UNIX permissions will be disabled. Files Connect DFS support requires that this option is enabled and that valid Directory Service credentials are entered.

### Support ACLs on all volumes (global)

To support ACLs on all volumes, check this box.

### Show Only Accessible: Folders, Files

If you check the Folders option, users will see only folders that they can access. If you check the **Files** option, users will only see files that they can access.

### Allow Remote Administration of Server

This option lets Windows users, who have Administrative privileges, use the Remote Administration features of Files Connect to configure the server remotely; see [Administering Files Connect Remotely](#).

### Notify Mac Clients of Password Expiration

You can require that Active Directory users change their sign-on password after a specified time. With this textbox, you can notify Mac users that their old passwords are about to expire and ask them to create new passwords.

### Enable IPv6

If you would like to use IPv6, select the **Enable IPv6** check box. On some versions of Windows you will need to install IPv6 manually before services such as Files Connect will be able to use it.

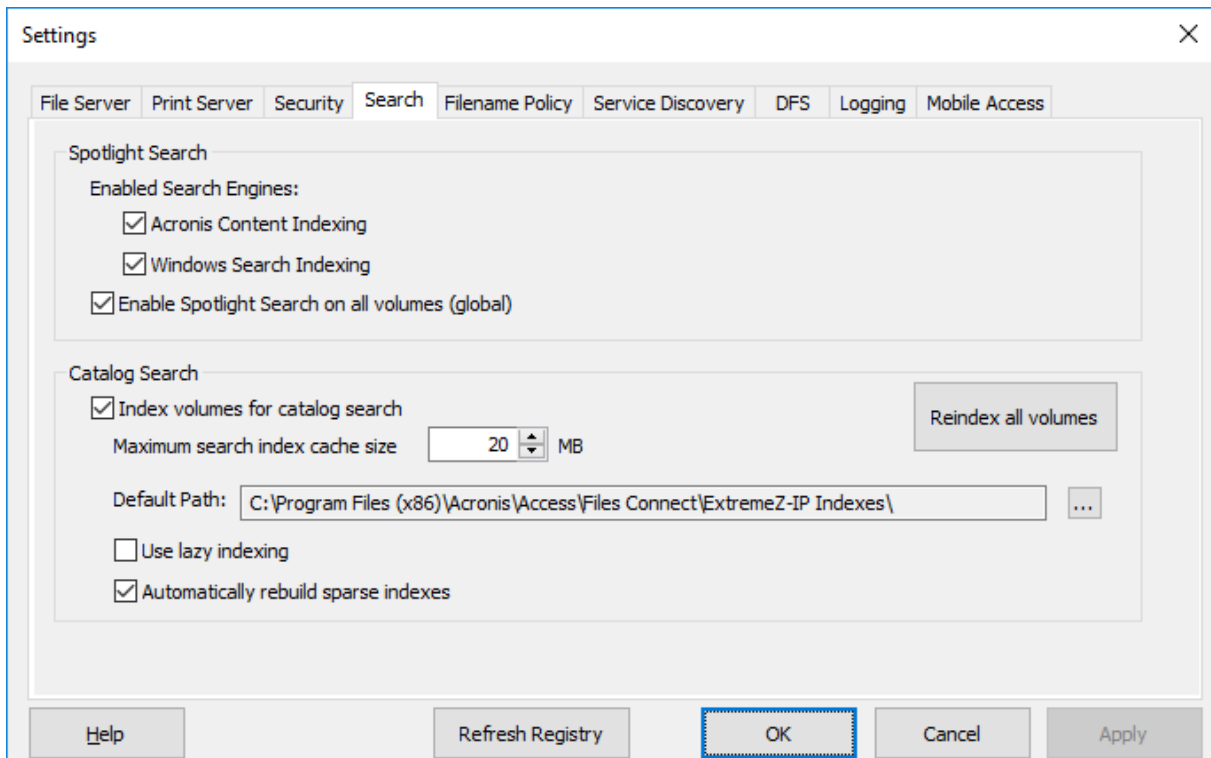
### Verify Directory Services

UNIX permissions and ACLs require access to Active Directory in order to resolve SID, UUID, UID, and name mappings. For UNIX permissions, Finder requests a name mapping for UID. However, for ones, the Mac uses AD and does the name mapping internally. Therefore, the Mac does not make a name request to Files Connect. If the UID Files Connect provides does not match the user's UID obtained from Active Directory, then the software will not allow the user to change UNIX permissions at all. In addition, the client will not be able to determine the user's group membership or if the user is the owner.

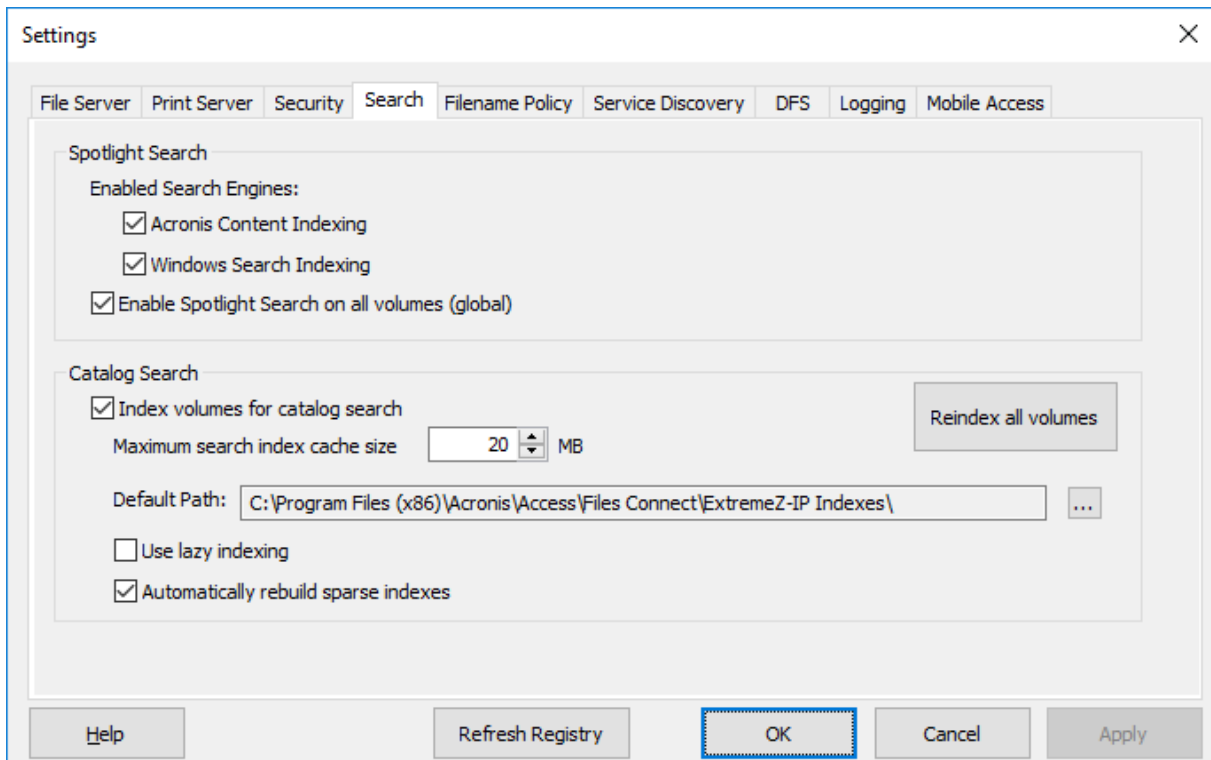
To verify your account, enter the requested information in the **Directory Services** text fields. Add additional search criteria, if necessary, and click **Validate Account**. The **SSL** option can be selected to enable secure SSL communication with Active Directory. If the account is not valid, you may not be able to access Active Directory and UNIX permissions support will not be enabled. In addition, DFS support will not function.

## Setting Search Options

To set search options, check the appropriate boxes and enter the relevant information.



## Spotlight Search



### Acronis Content Indexing

Acronis Content Indexing is the default and provides Network Spotlight support for reshare volumes on non-Windows machines (for example, Network-attached storages (NAS) and for StorNext volumes). It also indexes more files than Windows Search and indexes more of the file, making it easier to search.

Selecting this check box will allow indexing using Acronis Content Indexing.

Acronis Content Indexing will skip the indexing of archive stub files, so you can now use this indexing on volumes that are being archived with an Hierarchical storage management (HSM) system.

As of Files Connect 10.5 the local shares and network reshares are continuously monitored for changes and the index is updated immediately.

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### Note

You can enable or disable Spotlight searching on a per volume basis in the individual volume's **Volume Properties** dialog. For more information, please see [Volume Properties](#) article. You can enable this setting when you create a new volume, or later. Enabling it takes effect for all new sessions using the volume.

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## Windows Search Indexing

Windows Search comes built into every modern Windows operating systems (see below for exceptions). Using Windows Search ensures that the index is automatically kept up to date by updating the index for every change. The main disadvantages of Windows Search are that it does not support resharing volumes on non-Windows machines and that it has issues when working with more than a couple of million indexed files.

Selecting this check box will allow indexing using the built-in Windows Search. In addition to enabling this setting, Spotlight Search requires that the Microsoft Windows Search application is installed on the Files Connect server and is configured to index any volume where Spotlight Search is enabled.

***As of Files Connect 10.5, Windows Search supports searching by Windows or Mac file tags, but requires an add-on to be installed. To install it, do the following:***

1. Open Command Prompt as administrator, and navigate to the AppleTagAddOn folder, which you can find in the Files Connect installation folder.

For example, `cd C:\Program Files (x86)\Acronis\Access\Files Connect\AppleTagAddOn`

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### Note

By default, AppleTagAddOn is located in C:\Program Files (x86)\Acronis\Access\Files Connect. Your path may be different if you upgraded from an older version or performed a custom install. To identify the path to the program executable folder, you can check the Files Connect entry in Windows Services.

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2. At the Command Prompt, run the regHandler.bat file that is stored in the AppleTagAddOn folder.
3. Confirm that a dialog message says: "DllRegisterServer in AppleTagAddOn.dll succeeded."
4. It is recommended to restart the machine running Windows Search.
5. Rebuild the index for the desired volumes. To do so:
  - In the Files Connect Administrator, select **Volumes**
  - Right-click the desired volume and press the **Indexing option** button
  - In the dialog box that opens, press **Reindex**

Alternatively, you can use the built-in Windows feature **Indexing Options**.

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### Note

You can enable or disable Spotlight searching on a per volume basis in the individual volume's **Volume Properties** dialog. For more information, please see [Volume Properties](#) article. You can enable this setting when you create a new volume, or later. Enabling it takes effect for all new sessions using the volume.

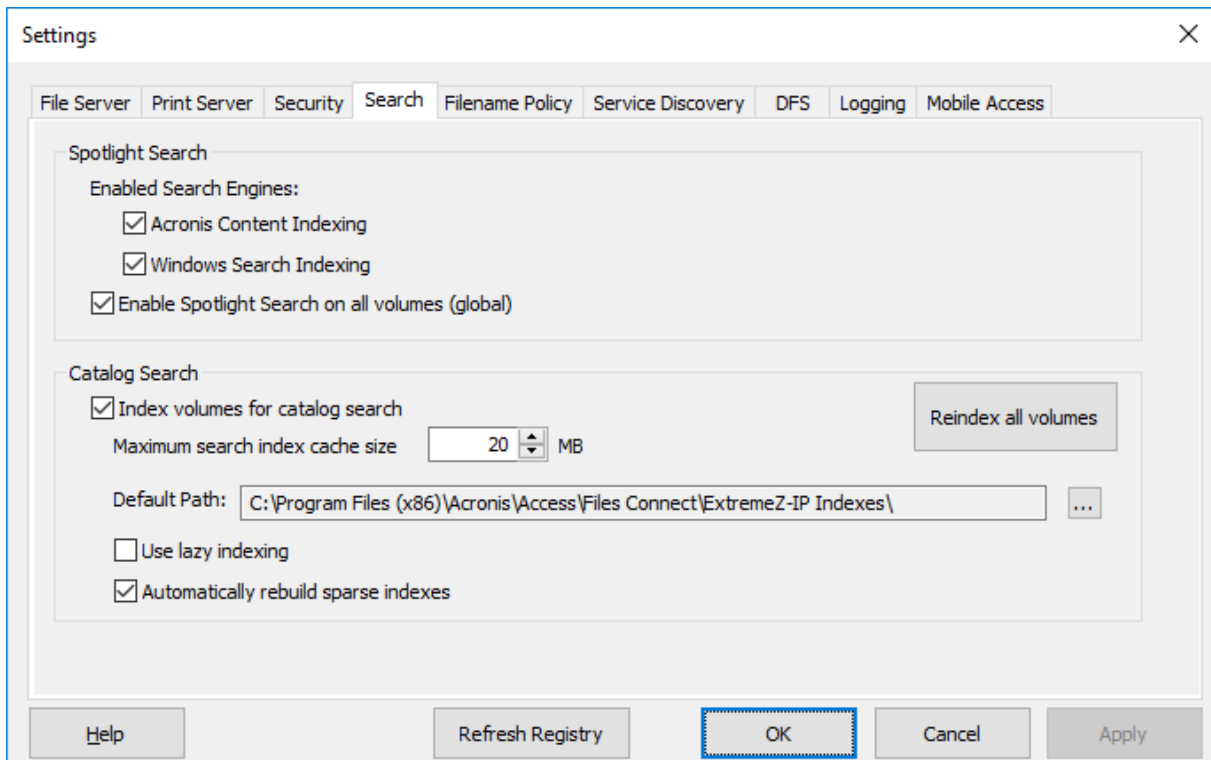
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## Enable Spotlight Search on all volumes (global)

To support [Spotlight Search](#) on all volumes, select this box. After it has been enabled, the Acronis Content Indexing process will begin immediately for all volumes except volumes already configured

to use Windows Search.

## Catalog Search



### Index volumes for catalog search

By default, indexed searching is enabled on all existing and newly created volumes. You can disable or enable indexed searching on a per volume basis in the individual volume's **Volume Properties** dialog in **Files Connect Administrator** see [View the Volumes Window](#). You can set this property at initial volume creation time or after the volume has been created. In order for changes to this setting to take effect, you must stop and restart the Files Connect File Services for Macintosh service.

### Maximum search index cache size

This cache is set to a maximum size of 20 MB by default. We do not recommend changing this cache size. An index file containing 250,000 files is only about 8 MB in size. Leaving the cache limit at the default setting gives sufficient performance in almost all cases. If the index files on disk are larger than search index cache size, the file will be read from disk when the client does a search; however in many cases the file will be in the Windows file system cache so performance impact is minimal. When the server is running with limited physical memory, the cache size can be reduced to as little as 8 MB.

### Default Path

By default on a standalone server, Files Connect stores index files in the Files Connect Indexes directory in the Files Connect application folder. If you would like to locate the index files in a



different location, click **Browse** to select a new folder.

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**Note**

If you modify the default path while Files Connect is running, all index files for volumes without individual custom paths are created in the new location.

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Administrators can also specify custom index file paths for individual volumes; this setting overrides the global default path setting.

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**Note**

In a clustered environment we recommend that you set the Default Path to be a location on the shared disk.

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### Use lazy indexing

By default, indexed searching uses any available system resource to keep its indexes current and cooperates with other system processes. It should not affect overall system performance adversely. However, when a server is under high load or is running many different services simultaneously, you can limit the system resources that search indexing consumes by selecting the **Use lazy indexing** check box. This setting takes effect immediately.

### Automatically rebuild sparse index

In order to optimize runtime performance, the Files Connect index file entries for files that have been deleted or moved from a volume are not physically removed from the index file at the time the actual file is deleted. The indexed search service ignores these deleted entries to keep search results accurate. However, the index file grows over time and, as the file gets larger, slows search performance to a small extent. The rate at which the index file grows is dependent on the number of files being added, moved, and deleted on the file server. In order to keep Files Connect search performing at optimal levels, volumes' indexes are routinely re-indexed and compacted. The interval at which this occurs is determined by the ratio of deleted (stale) records to valid entries in the index. By default, the Files Connect search service re-indexes an individual volume when approximately one-third of that volume's index file records are deleted, stale records.

Maintenance occurs on a per volume basis and only on volumes requiring re-indexing. While re-indexing, the volume's existing search index is kept up to date and used to provide one hundred percent accurate search results. Re-indexing should not have any detrimental effect on other server processes while it is running. While Files Connect is re-indexing an individual volume, a status of "Reindexing" shows in the **Volumes** dialog of the Files Connect Administrator. If you prefer, you can schedule re-indexing on a set schedule during off-hours. You can use an EZIPUTIL command, described on the [Appendices](#) page used in a batch file or script and triggered by a scheduling service of your choice. If you choose this method of scheduled re-indexing, disable automatic re-indexing by clearing the **Automatic rebuild of sparse indexes** check box.

## Setting Filename Policy

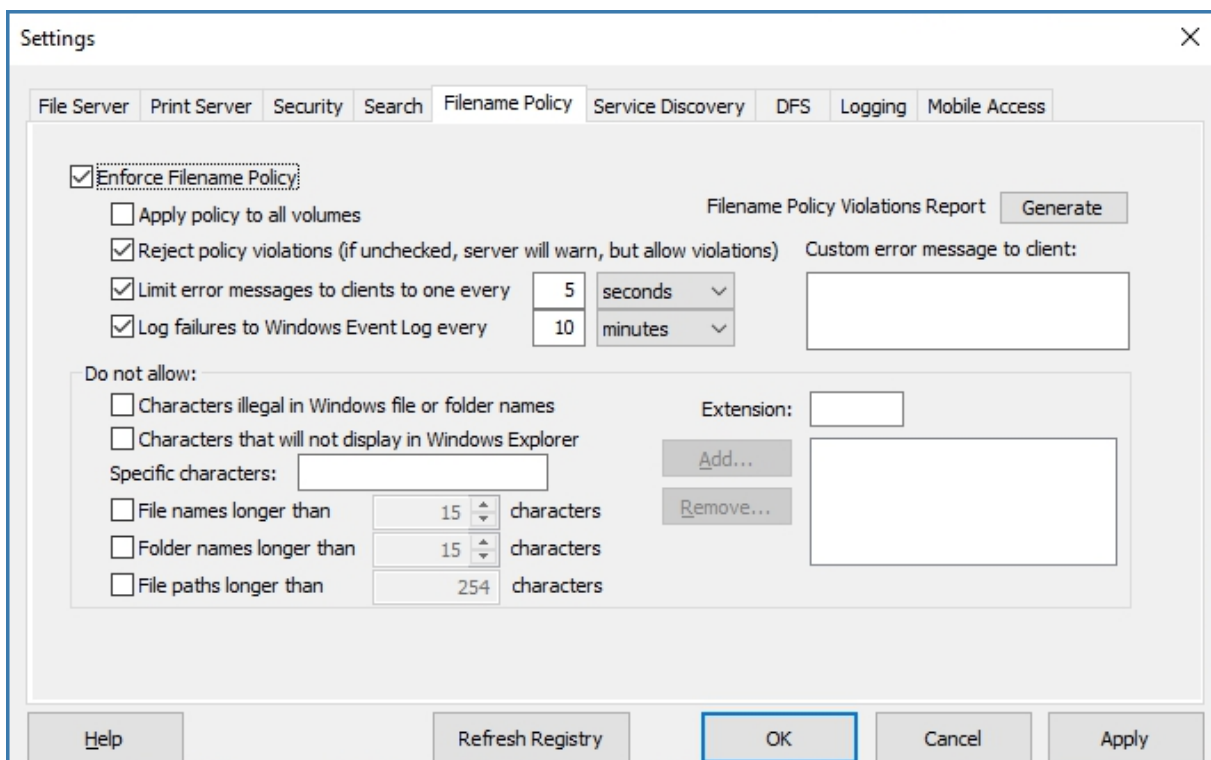
Since Files Connect provides seamless communication between Windows file servers and Mac clients, you can configure policies on valid file names and file types.

Files Connect could detect and reject the Mac clients' attempts to save (create, rename, move) files with characters that are "illegal" in Microsoft File Explorer or other applications that don't support the Unicode file system APIs.

You have to configure what is allowed or deemed "illegal". The list could include:

- Characters that cannot be displayed on Windows
- Trailing spaces
- Unicode characters not available in the default Windows font
- Any given character
- File names longer than "x" characters
- Specific file extensions

Filename Policies do not affect existing files on the server or files that are copied via Windows file sharing



## Enforce Filename Policy

Checking this setting will allow you to enforce filename policies set in Files Connect.

## Filename Policy Violations Report

A report listing all existing files and folders that violate the presently configured filename policy can be created by clicking the **Generate** button. A confirmation dialog box will appear and allow you to access the folder containing the report's output. This folder will contain a Report Summary text file and individual, comma-separated summary files for each Files Connect volume on the server. These CSV files can be viewed in a spreadsheet application or a text editor.

From version 10.6.3 on, the Filename Policy Violations Report feature requires that the [Spotlight search feature](#) is enabled. No violations will be reported for volumes without enabled Spotlight search.

By default, the Filename Policy Violations Report displays up to 20,000 violations per volume. This could be modified by changing the setting in [MaxViolationsReported Windows registry key](#).

## Apply policy to all volumes

You can enforce filename policies for all Files Connect AFP volumes or for individual ones. Selecting **Apply policy to all volumes** checkbox enables this feature across all Files Connect AFP volumes and overrides individual volume policy settings.

## Limit error messages to clients to one every

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### Note

OS X 10.9 and later does not support displaying messages sent from the server.

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Checking this setting limits the number of error messages to one for each client at the specified time interval. You can set the time interval.

## Log failures to Windows Event Log every

If you check this setting, the server will log errors to the Windows Application Event Log at the specified time interval.

## Custom error message to client

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### Note

OS X 10.9 and later does not support displaying messages sent from the server.

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You can specify a custom message that will be appended to the standard filename policy error messages. For example: "This action violates company policy regarding filenames." would lead to the following message being sent to the user: "File 'foo.mp3' cannot be created because the 'mp3' extension is not allowed. This action violates company policy regarding filenames."

## Do Not Allow

In this section, set characters, filenames, and extensions that your Mac users will not be able to save to your file server.

- **Characters illegal in Windows file or folder names** – If you check this setting, users cannot save files with names that include characters illegal in Windows. The characters are / ? < > \ : \* | and trailing spaces and trailing periods.
- **Characters Not Displayable in Windows Explorer** – If you check this setting, users cannot save files with names that include characters that cannot be displayed in the font used by Windows Explorer (the default is Tahoma).
- **Custom error message** – Custom message that will be added to the built-in description for each error.
- **Specific Characters** – You can specify additional characters that you do not want users to include in filenames. Type the characters in this field without separators.
- **File names over** – You can limit file names to a specified number of characters.
- **Folder names over** – You can limit folder names to a specified number of characters.
- **File Paths longer than** – You can limit the path length to a specified number of characters.

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### Note

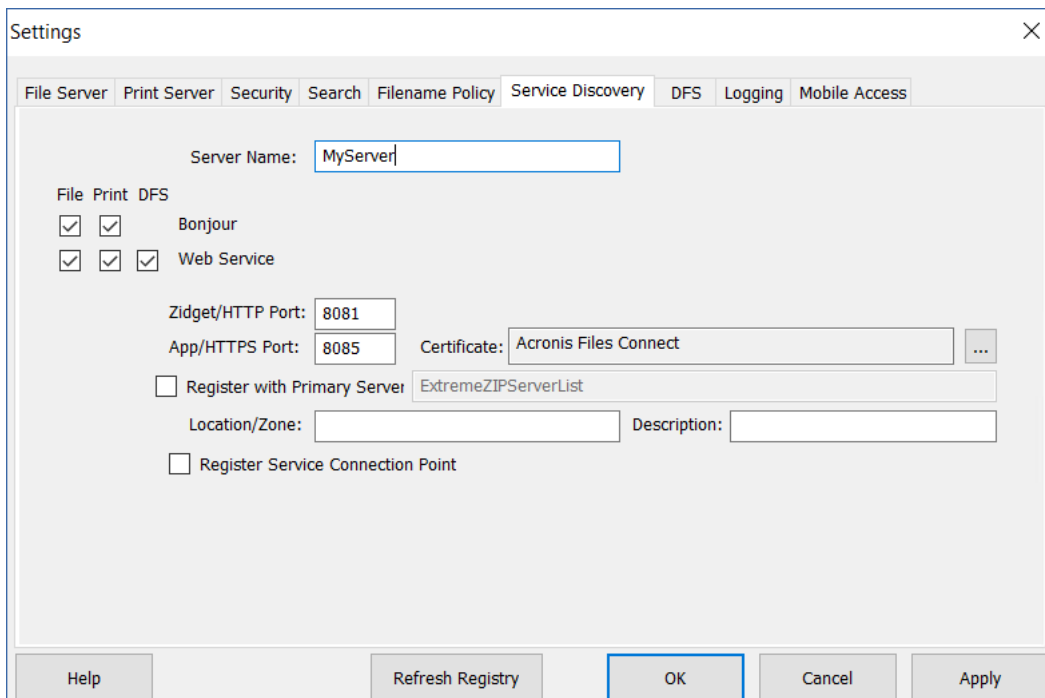
The limit will be the entire Windows file path as it resides on the server. The file paths may appear shorter to the Mac clients.

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- **Extension** – You can restrict users from saving specific file extensions, such as mp3, mov and wav, by typing in the extension without the (.) dot precursor and clicking **Add**. To remove extensions from the list, highlight the extension and click **Remove**.

## Service Discovery

Mac clients can use a number of different protocols to discover a Files Connect server, depending on what operating system is being used and how the administrator configures the server. Select the network protocols you want the server to use to register with— Bonjour, Zidget/HTTP — by selecting the appropriate check boxes. The protocols available for discovering file, print, and DFS resources can be configured independently.



## Server Name

The Server name appears in the login window whenever a Mac user connects to the server. This name also appears in the macOS **Connect to Server** dialog and on earlier Mac OS systems in the **Chooser** and the **Network Browser** when Mac users browse the network. You may change the name; use uppercase and lowercase text.

## AppleTalk

The AppleTalk protocol is primarily used by the Mac OS 9 **Chooser**. When AppleTalk is selected, Mac OS 9 users can see volumes and print queues in the **Chooser** without specifying the IP address, and Mac OS X users can see them in **Connect to Server** and **Add Printer dialogs**. To register the server on AppleTalk, the protocol must be installed on the Windows server. Windows XP, Vista, and Windows 2008 Servers do not include AppleTalk support.

## Bonjour

Bonjour allows Mac OS X users to see volumes in the **Connect to Server** dialog and print queues in the **Print Center**.

## Web Service

The Mac client and the Files Connect Zidget both use the web service's address in order to function.

The Mac client is the new app for Files Connect that makes it easy for users to connect to all the necessary resources and also has a powerful search engine.

The Zidget is a replacement for Bonjour service discovery that works across subnets without your having to configure your router. The Zidget uses XML over HTTP to retrieve a list of Files

Connect servers and their Print Queues from a Primary Files Connect server. If there is a DNS entry in the default domain for ExtremeZIPServerList, the Zidget asks that server for a list of all the Files Connect servers on the network. They then query each server individually for its default zone or location and any print queues that it hosts.

Because the Files Connect Zidget uses standard HTML and XML, the administrators can use this protocol to create their own web interfaces as well. More details about how to do this can be found in the Zidget section of the manual.

## Port

Enter the port used for client server communication between the server and the Mac client or Zidget.

On Files Connect 10.5 and newer, you can also select a certificate to be used for the newly added HTTPS port.

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### Note

Even if you turn off Zidget/HTTP Files Connect still uses this port to support the legacy Files Connect Print Components and Print Accounting. Only the new features are disabled.

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## Register with Primary Server

This setting should be enabled only on **Secondary** servers in order to register them with the Primary server.

By selecting the **Register with Primary server** checkbox, you are turning this server into a **Secondary** to the server whose address you enter. The Primary server will have its table of servers automatically populated for every Secondary server that is registered this way.

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### Note

Your registration will be successful only if both the Primary and Secondary servers are part of the same Active Directory domain.

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The Mac client and the Zidget support connecting to a single Primary server to discover the other Files Connect servers on the network.

## Location

This field specifies the location of the server. The location is also the default location of print queues on the server, but you can assign a different location on a queue by queue basis. Zidget groups the AFP Server and print queue display based on location. If you want to have a hierarchy of locations, such as 1100 N. Glebe RD, Arlington, Virginia, enter the locations separated by colons ("Virginia:Arlington:1100 N. Glebe RD").

## Description

The optional description for the server. Zidget displays this description when the user selects a file server.

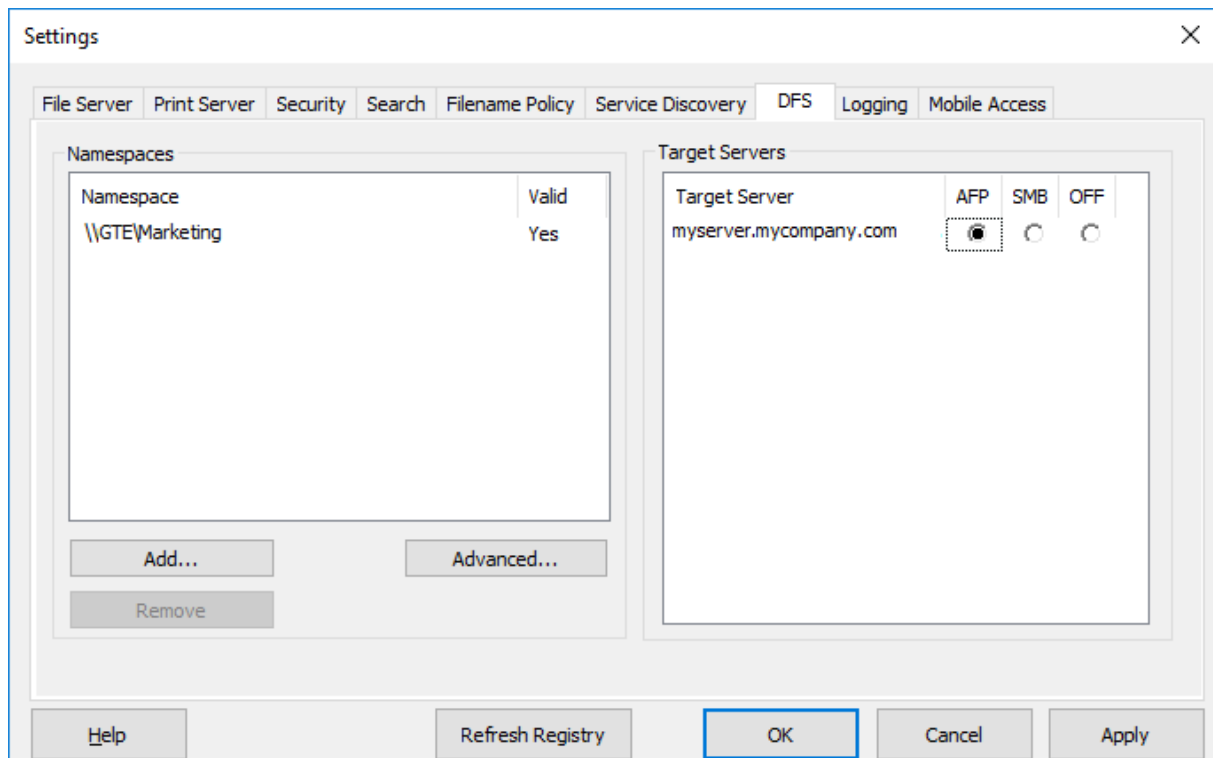
## Register Service Connection Point

This option allows Files Connect to publish its existence using a Microsoft Service Connection Point (SCP). This technology is used to locate and contact other Files Connect servers in your Active Directory.

## DFS

Files Connect can be configured to make a Microsoft Distributed File System (DFS) available to Mac clients. In addition to the server side configuration, you might need to install and configure the Files Connect Mac client or the Zidget dashboard widget (for Mac OS X 10.4 or later). For more information on how to do this, refer to [The Mac Client](#) or [Installing and Configuring the Zidget on a Client](#).

DFS support also requires two settings on the **Security** tab of the **Settings** dialog. Valid **Directory Services** credentials must be entered and **Support UNIX Permissions and ACLs** must be enabled for DFS to function.



## Namespaces

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### Note

You can add a namespace only if this namespace is visible on the server on which Files Connect is installed. This server must have **DFS Namespaces** role enabled.

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To add a namespace, click the **Add** button. You will be prompted to enter the path of your DFS namespace. Files Connect will attempt to verify that the DFS namespace entered is valid. If it is not valid, you will be prompted to correct the DFS namespace path.

Files Connect will automatically create a DFS virtual root volume in the 'Files Connect DFS Volumes' folder, located in the Files Connect program directory. This volume will contain links to target servers in the DFS namespace and will be added as a shared volume with a volume name matching your DFS domain or host server name. The location where DFS virtual root volumes are created can be modified by selecting **Advanced** on the **DFS** settings tab.

You are returned to the **DFS** tab, which is updated with the newly added namespace's information. You will find your namespace listed on the left and the target servers in that namespace listed on the right. The **Valid** column in the **Namespaces** list will indicate if the namespace was successfully validated. DFS namespaces can later be removed by selecting the namespace and clicking the **Remove** button.

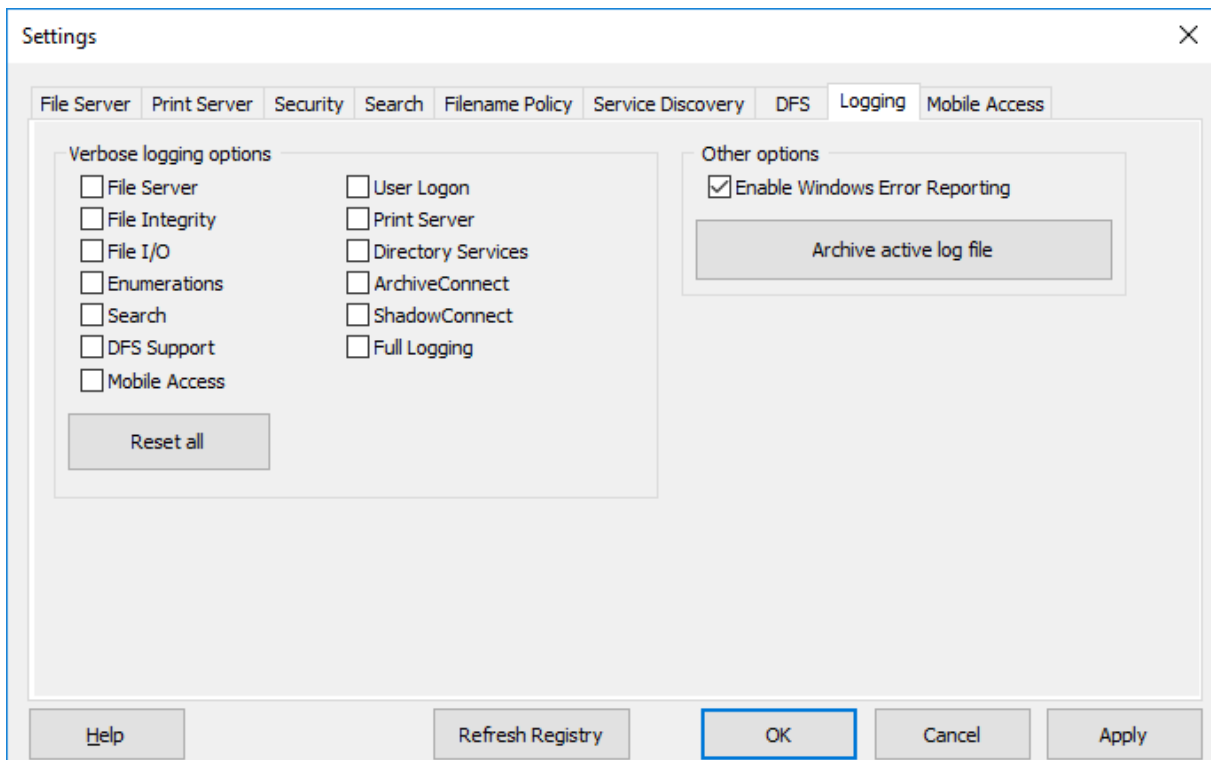
## Target Servers

The protocol used by Mac clients to connect to each target server can be configured on a per target server basis. When a namespace is first added, Files Connect will attempt to detect, for each target server in the namespace, whether it supports the AFP protocol. If AFP is supported, the target server will be set to **AFP** by default. If AFP support cannot be confirmed, the target server will be set to **OFF**. Links to target servers set to **OFF** will not be visible to Mac clients in the DFS volume(s). If you would like Mac clients to connect to a target server using SMB, you can select the **SMB** option for each individual server. If you later install Files Connect on a target server, you can return to the DFS settings tab and select **AFP** for that server.

## Logging

Files Connect allows the customization and configuration of its logging functionality and its ability to generate Windows Error Reports.





## Verbose Logging Options

***Enabling verbose logging could potentially have an impact on performance and should only be done at the direction of Acronis technical support.***

When enabled, these logging options increase the level of detail recorded in the Files Connect log file. Options are available for various aspects of Files Connect operations. The **Reset all** button will return all Files Connect logging to default settings.

## Enable Windows Error Reporting

When enabled, Windows will give you the option of sending error reports in the event of an issue. These error reports can be used by Acronis to identify and address potential problems.

## Archive Active Log File

Click this button to ZIP archive the current Files Connect log file and start a new log file. This can be used to reduce the size of your existing log file for archiving or to package your log file for delivery to Acronis technical support. Log files are located in the \Program Files\Group Logic\Files Connect\Logs\Files Connect\ folder on your system drive by default.

## Setting Mobile Access

The Mobile Access feature allows Acronis Access mobile users to access your Files Connect Volumes, including the ability to view, upload, sync, annotate and edit files from within the Acronis Access mobile app.

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**Note**

This feature is not yet supported on clustered versions of Files Connect.

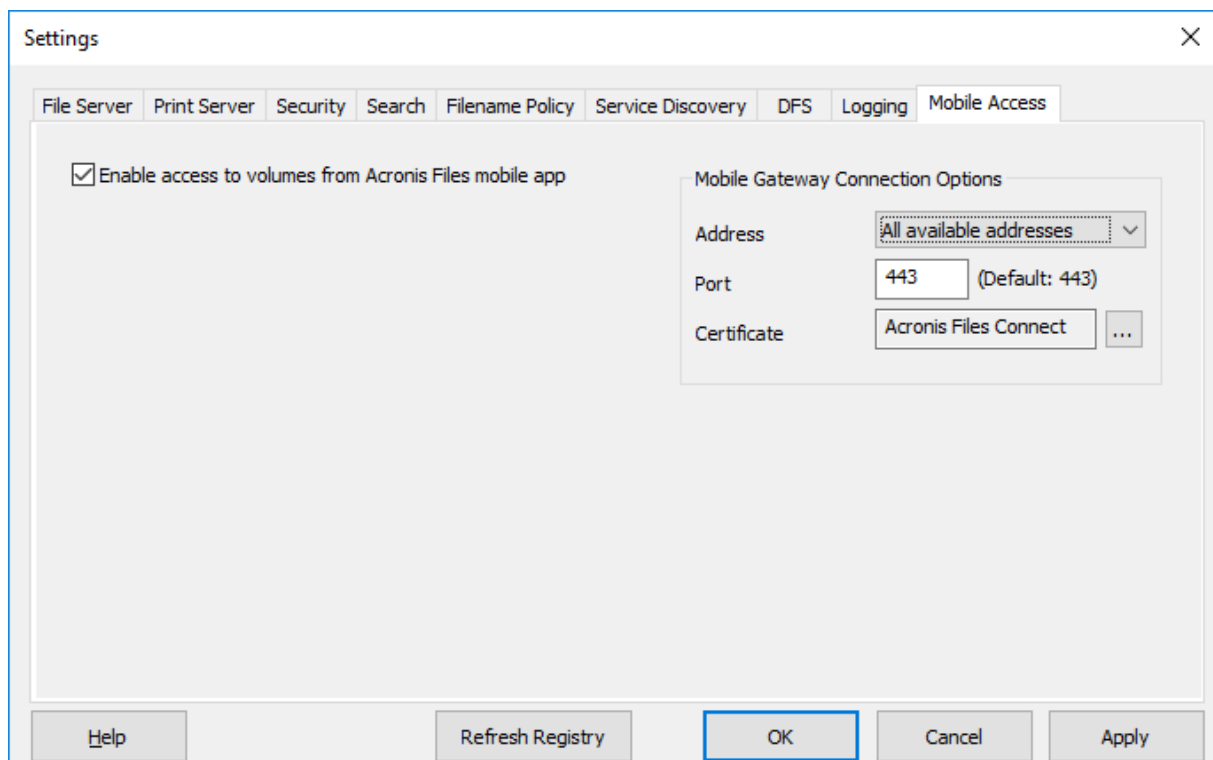
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**Note**

Volumes defined as **Time Machine** volumes and volumes that are configured as **AFP Home Directories** will **NOT** be shared out by the Mobile Access Gateway.

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**Enable access to Volumes from Acronis Access mobile apps** - When enabled, Acronis Access mobile clients will be able to navigate to and access Files Connect Volumes. This setting affects all volumes.

**Mobile Gateway Connection Options**

**Address** – Network IP address for the mobile access gateway service. This is also the address that the mobile clients will connect to.

**Port** - Network port that the mobile access gateway service will run on. The default port is 443. If you change the port, you will need to enter it at the end of the Gateway address when connecting from a mobile device.

**Certificate** – Choose an SSL or self-signed certificate for the mobile access gateway service. You can choose a certificate from the Microsoft Windows Certificate Store.

# Configuring Network Reshare support

## Introduction

Files Connect has traditionally only included the ability to share files and folders located on the Windows server where Files Connect is installed, or on storage that is directly attached to that server. A folder within this local storage can be selected as a Files Connect volume and made available to Mac users as a standard Mac AFP file share.

With the introduction of “**Network Reshare**” in version 8.0, Files Connect now includes the ability to create file share volumes that point to folders located on other servers and NAS devices on your network. Mac clients continue to connect to Files Connect using the standard AFP file sharing protocol, while Files Connect utilizes the SMB/CIFS file sharing protocol to access files that are requested by Mac users from remote servers and NAS systems. By doing so, Mac users retain all the benefits of AFP file sharing while gaining access to resources that have traditionally only been available through SMB/Windows file sharing.

Files Connect Network Reshare allows access to both standard SMB/CIFS file shares, as well as Distributed File System (DFS) file shares. More details on Network Reshare of DFS resources can be found in the Knowledge base article [here](#).

## A common use case: AFP access to NAS storage

A common real world Network Reshare use case involves Mac access to NAS storage, such as NetApp NAS systems. Most NAS systems do not include the ability to host AFP file shares. Mac users are left with no choice but to connect to NAS file shares using the native OS X SMB client. This typically results in suboptimal file browsing, transfer, and search performance, along with frequent Mac application incompatibilities, file name issues, file corruptions, etc.

Using Network Reshare, file shares on NAS systems can be made available to Macs through a Windows server running Files Connect. Macs connect to Files Connect AFP file shares and Files Connect interfaces with the NAS system through the NAS’s existing SMB/CIFS file shares. In this way, incompatibilities and issues on the Mac side are addressed by allowing native AFP access and Files Connect’s uses Windows server-side SMB access to NAS storage, which provides improved performance and throughput compared to Mac SMB client access. As a result, the performance of Mac AFP file share access through Files Connect to NAS storage is most often better than that same Mac accessing the same NAS files directly over SMB.

## Requirements

The Network Reshare feature allows a single Files Connect server to provide AFP file access to many additional file servers or NAS systems.

This feature is enabled only in [Files Connect trial version](#) and on Files Connect [Enterprise License Program](#) (ELP) annual subscription licenses. This licensing option allows you to install Files Connect on unlimited number of servers in your enterprise, as well as to create Network Reshare volumes.

For information on supported operating systems and specific hardware requirements, refer to [System Requirements](#).

## Recommendations

### Files Connect Server Network Interface Card Performance

Network Reshare routes all communication between your Mac clients and your file server or NAS storage through the Windows server where Files Connect is installed. Installing Files Connect on a server with the fastest available NICs, and ideally one or more dedicated NICs for communicating with the servers or NAS being resharded, will result in the highest level of performance.

### Kerberos for Files Connect Network Reshare

In order to support Kerberos logins you will need configure Active Directory to "Trust this computer for delegation". More information can be found in the following article [Network Reshare and Kerberos authentication](#)

## Limitations

- To support real-time indexed filename search, Files Connect requires file system notifications provided by Windows in order to keep its search index up to date when files change. These notifications are not available over the SMB connection Files Connect uses to access file servers and NAS systems being resharded. For this reason, traditional index-based filename search is disabled on Network Reshare volumes. **Files Connect 9.0** introduces a new Acronis Content Indexing option. This indexing is performed based on a defined schedule, rather than tracking real-time changes. With this option enabled, users can take advantage of fast indexed filename searches.
- To support full content Network Spotlight search, Files Connect utilizes either the Windows Search index maintained by the Windows Search service on the server Files Connect is installed on, or the Acronis Content Indexing service. Windows Search can be configured to index remote shares that are hosted on a Windows Server that has Windows search installed and indexing. Acronis Content Indexing can be configured to index any remote shares, even those residing on a non-Windows server or NAS.
- If Network Spotlight search, either using Windows Search or Acronis Content Indexing, is not enabled, Macs searching Files Connect Network Reshare volumes will receive search results based on filename, but searches will take additional time to complete compared to searching indexed local volumes.
- It is required for the Files Connect service account to have unlimited rights in the file system as it is necessary in order to properly work with files and their metadata, including security descriptors. If the necessary rights are not given, you may encounter the "ERROR\_INVALID\_OWNER" error.
- If you have more than one Active Directory server, and Files Connect is installed on your domain controller, you will encounter AD replication issues by following the Network Reshare and Kerberos authentication steps.

- When using the Files Connect reshare feature to publish a DFS namespace, the maximum file size that can be copied to a DFS Namespace target is limited by the amount of free space available on the volume that hosts the DFS Namespace root emulator volume. Files Connect reports its free space to Mac clients, regardless of the available free space on the DFS Namespace target itself.

## Initial Network Reshare Configuration

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### Note

Network Reshare support is only available for Files Connect version 8 and newer.

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Files Connect runs as a standard Windows service on the Windows server it is installed on. By default, the Files Connect service runs in the context of the Windows local SYSTEM account. By acting as this account, Files Connect has access to the files and folders in Files Connect volumes that are located directly on the server's storage.

In order to use Network Reshare volumes, the Files Connect service needs access to the files and folders on the remote file servers and NAS devices that are being reshared. To be allowed access to these files, the Files Connect service has to be reconfigured to run in the context of an Active Directory (AD) user account that has Administrator access to the local Windows server and Full Control access to any necessary file shares that exist on remote servers or NAS systems being reshared.

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### Note

On the machine running the Files Connect service, you must not have a local account with the same name and password as the Active Directory account used by the Files Connect service.

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### Note

It is also possible to configure Files Connect , so that you can access Network Reshare volumes with the Files Connect service running under the Windows local SYSTEM account, and not under a dedicated Active Directory user account. This setup does not meet the highest security standards and it is not recommended for production environments. However, if you need exactly this type of configuration, please refer to [Network Reshare and Kerberos authentication under the local SYSTEM account](#).

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## To configure Network Reshare:

1. Ensure that you have launched the Files Connect Administrator application at least once and you have allowed the Files Connect service to start up.
2. Configure the Active Directory account which will handle authentication for Files Connect:
  - a. **In Active Directory:** Create or identify an AD user account that will handle authentication for Files Connect. Ensure that the used AD account:
    - is dedicated to this Files Connect Server
    - has a fixed password
    - is not subject to group policies for password expiration

- is a subject to any domain group policy necessary to grant the rights to "**Act as part of the operating system**" and "**Log on as a service**".
- b. **On the Files Connect Server machine:** Add the dedicated AD user account to the local Windows server Administrators group. To do so, from **Windows Administrative Tools** in the **Windows Start menu**, navigate to **Computer management > Local users and groups > Groups > Administrators > Properties > Add**. This user account needs Full Control permissions to the C:\Program Files (x86)\Acronis\Access\Files Connect folder and to any locally shared volumes.

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**Note**

In older versions of Files Connect, this path might be C:\Program Files (x86)\Group Logic\Files Connect

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- a. **On the remote SMB shares server:** The dedicated Files Connect account needs Full Control access to the remote shared volumes as defined in NTFS or NAS device permissions.

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**Note**

On EMC Isilon, true Full Control requires that the dedicated account is granted the Isilon right Run as root.

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**Note**

On NetApp, true Full Control requires that the dedicated account is part of the NetApp's Administrators group.

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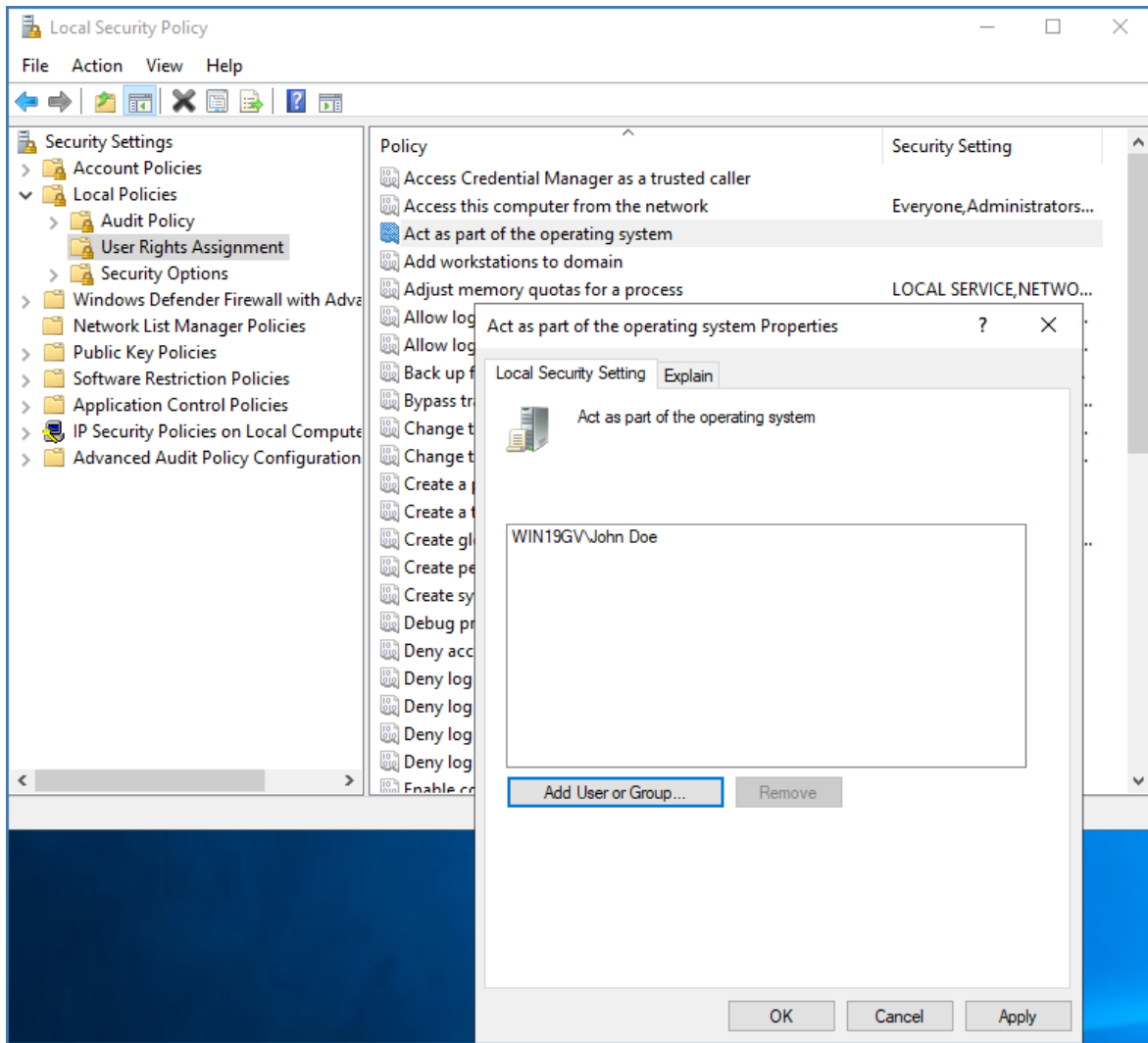
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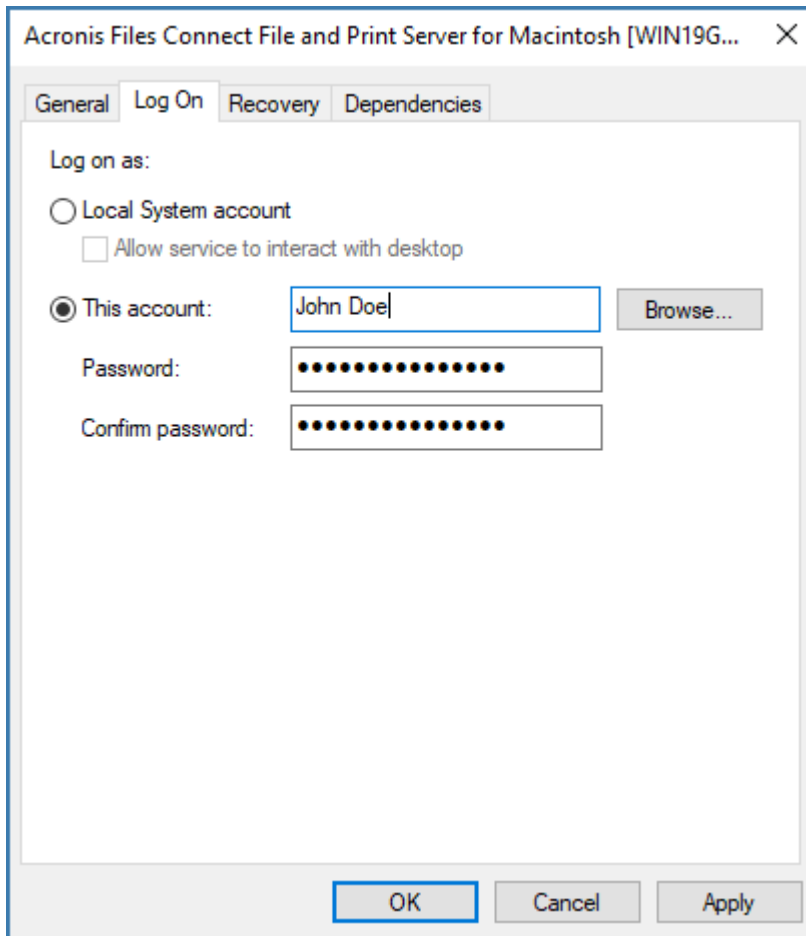
On Windows server, the dedicated account must be added to the Windows local administrators group.

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- 3. **On the Files Connect Server machine**, add the selected user to the Windows server's local security policy:
  - a. From **Windows Administrative Tools** on the **Windows Start menu**, open **Local Security Policy**. This policy is found under **Security Settings > Local Policies > User Rights Assignment** section.
  - b. Double click **Act as part of the operating system** and add the chosen user. You may have to reboot Windows for this setting to take effect.

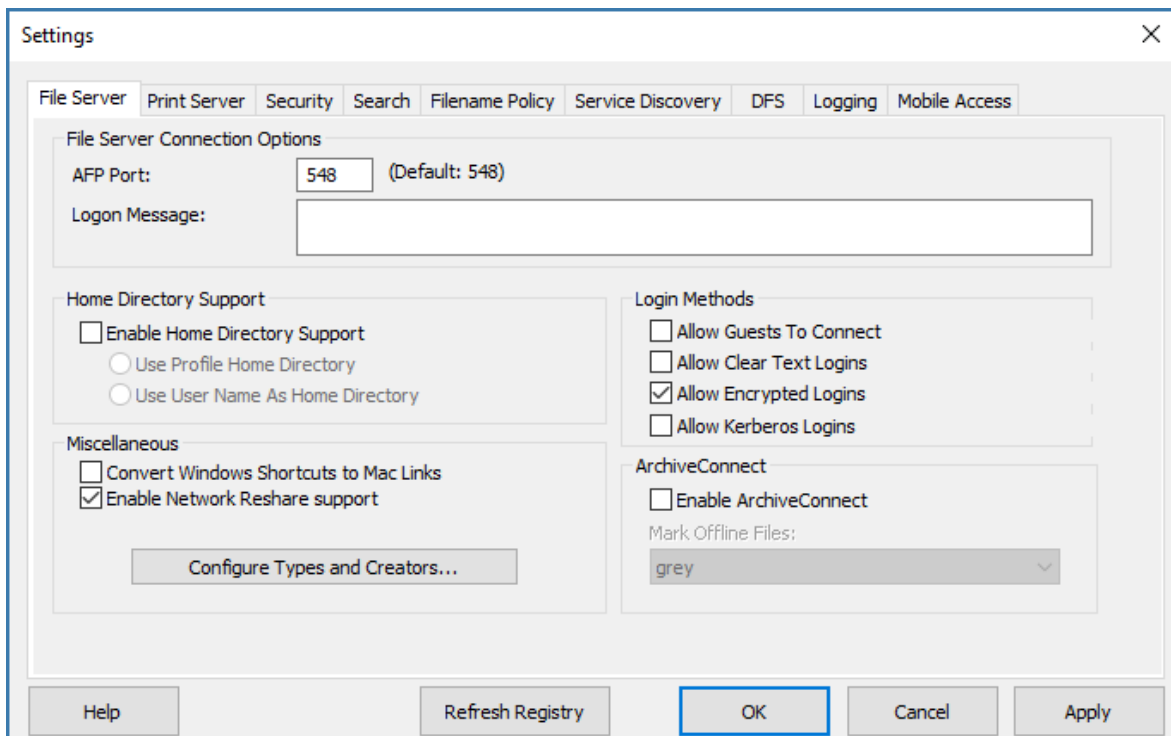


4. On the Files Connect Server machine, open the **Services** control panel.
5. Open the **Acronis Files Connect File and Print Server for Macintosh** service's properties by right clicking on the service name.
  - a. Select the **Log On** tab and choose the **This account** radio button.
  - b. Configure the service to log on as the same AD service account used in step 3. Keep the **Services** control panel open. You will need it again in step 7.



6. Turn on **Network Reshare support**:
  - a. Start the Files Connect Administrator application.
  - b. Click the **Settings** button.
  - c. Open the **File Server** tab.
  - d. Select the **Enable Network Reshare support** button.
  - e. Click **OK**.
  - f. Press the **Close** button to close the Files Connect Administrator.





7. In the **Services** control panel, restart the **Acronis Files Connect File and Print Server for Macintosh** service.

## Network Reshare and Kerberos authentication

Mac users using Kerberos can access SMB/CIFS reshares through Files Connect. To enable Kerberos authentication to Network Reshare volumes, follow these steps:

### Configuring the permissions for the Active Directory account

1. Open **Active Directory Users and Computers** and locate the Files Connect dedicated user account object.
2. Right-click on it and select **Properties**.
3. Open the **Security** tab and press **Advanced**.

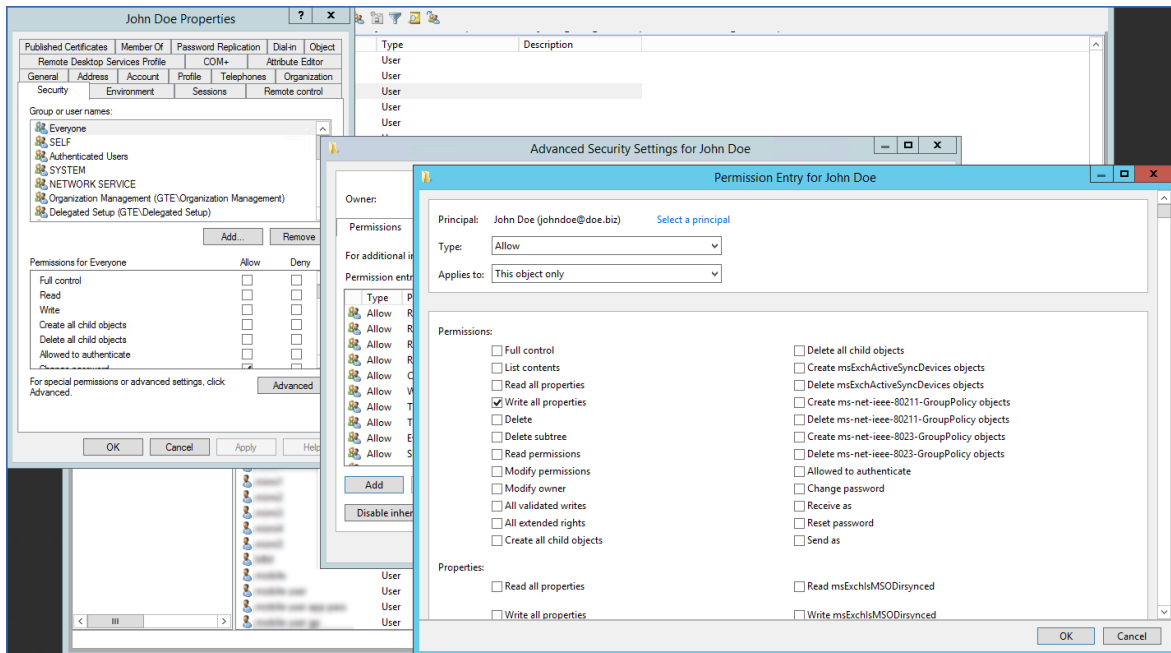
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#### Note

If you don't see the **Security** tab, enable **Advanced Features** from **Active Directory Users & Computers > View** menu, and then reopen the **Active Directory Users and Computers**.

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4. In the **Advanced security settings** dialog box that opens, press **Add**.
5. Fill in the **Permission Entry** dialog box that opens, as follows:
  - Click **Select a principal** and enter the name of the same user object
  - For **Type**, select **Allow**
  - For **Applies To**;, select **This object only**



6. Scroll to the bottom of this dialog box and select **Clear all** permissions; then select only **Write all properties** check box.
7. Close all open dialog boxes by pressing **OK**.
8. Restart the **Files Connect File and Print Server** service.

## Enabling Kerberos authentication

1. Open the Files Connect Administrator and from **Settings**, select **File Server**.
2. Select the **Allow Kerberos Logins** check box and press **OK**.

Enabling this setting creates SPN attributes (afpserver/NetBIOSname and afpserver/FDQName) for the Active Directory user account, dedicated to the Files Connect service.

## Configuring the delegation

1. Open **Active Directory Users and Computers** and locate the Windows server on which Files Connect is installed. It is commonly found in the **Computers** container.

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### Note

If you can not find the computer object for the server that runs Files Connect, in the default **Computers** container in Active Directory, you have to edit the [ActiveDirectoryComputers registry key](#), so that the Files Connect service can construct the correct distinguished name for the Files Connect server's computer object. Once the key is configured, restart the Files Connect service and proceed with the steps below.

If the Files Connect server's computer object is in the default **Computers** container, there is no need to configure this registry key and you can proceed with the steps below.

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2. Right-click the Files Connect server and select **Properties**.
3. Open the **Delegation** tab.

4. Select **Trust this computer for delegation to specified services only**.
5. Select **Use any authentication protocol**. This is required for negotiation with the SMB server.
6. Add the Windows servers or NAS devices that you want your users to access through reshare. Click **Add...** to search for these Windows computers in the Active Directory and add them. Select only the **cifs** service type.
7. Repeat these steps for all Files Connect servers for which you want to enable Kerberos authentication.

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**Note**

It may take 15 to 20 minutes for these changes to propagate through the Active Directory forest.

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**Note**

If you have more than one Active Directory server, and Files Connect is installed on your domain controller, you will encounter AD replication issues with this setup.

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## Network Reshare volume configuration

**To configure a Network Reshare volume:**

1. Open the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**.
2. Click **Volumes**, and then click **Create**.
3. Click **On another server**.
4. Enter the UNC path of the SMB/CIFS file share that you want to reshare as a Files Connect volume, and then click **OK**.

This UNC path is in the typical \\servername\sharename format. For example, \\nas.mycompany.com\myshare

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**Note**

Ensure that you use an FQDN or NetBIOS name, and not an IP address, otherwise Kerberos logins will fail.

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Distributed File System (DFS) UNC paths can also be entered for Network Reshare volumes. DFS target resolution will all occur in the SMB reshare layer and Macs will be able to browse and access the reshared DFS resource. For more information on DFS with Network Reshare, refer to [Accessing DFS files using Files Connect Network Reshare](#).

5. In the **Volume Properties** dialog box, modify the **Volume Name** if needed, and then click **OK**.

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**Note**

If you receive an error stating: *The specified path is not available*, you may have entered an invalid UNC path, or the user account that you selected during the [Initial Network Reshare configuration](#) may not have Full Control access to this file share at this UNC path. If this is a Windows file share, ensure that this user account has both **Sharing** and **Security** permissions to the file share.

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## Mirroring File Servers and SMB shares

Files Connect can be configured to mirror a file server and all SMB shares on that server will automatically be added as AFP file share volumes in Files Connect. When set up to run automatically, any SMB shares that are added, modified or removed on the mirrored server, will be updated or removed from the Files Connect server in a set time interval. You can also force the mirroring manually, if needed.

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### Note

If you choose to mirror multiple file servers, multiple NAS, or a server with a large number of SMB shares, Files Connect will create volumes for all of these shares. Depending on the number of shares, your server and network performance, and your usage patterns, this could result in a heavy load on your Files Connect server.

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### Note

Add mirrored servers incrementally or in a test environment first, to determine the optimal limits for your specific environment.

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By default, mirroring is disabled.

### To enable mirroring:

1. In the Files Connect Administrator, go to **Settings >File Server** and enable **Network Reshare support**. Ensure that it runs properly.
2. Edit the following registry keys:
  - HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\Refreshable\SupportServerMirroring – This is the main on/off switch for the Mirroring feature. To enable it, set this registry key's value data to 1.
  - HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\Refreshable\ServerMirroringInterval – This key sets the interval between updates to the mirrored shares. By default, it is 900 seconds (15 minutes). Setting this interval to 0 will suspend the automatic updates.
3. In the Files Connect Administrator, go to **Settings** and click on **Refresh Registry**.
4. Restart the Files Connect Administrator and check that the **Mirror Servers...** button is enabled.

### To mirror a file server:

1. Open the Files Connect Administrator and go to **Volumes**.
2. Select **Mirror Servers...**
3. Select **Add Server...** and enter the address of the server that you want to mirror.
4. Add a custom name for this server and select the desired search type – **Acronis Content Indexing** or **Windows Search**. This optional name is displayed in the Mac client, helping users to find what they need if there are a lot of shares with the same name.
5. Click **OK**.

6. All SMB shares from the selected server will now be available as regular volumes in the Files Connect Administrator. From there, you can manage their settings individually.

To remove a mirrored file server:

1. Open the Files Connect Administrator and go to **Volumes**.
2. Select **Mirror Servers...**
3. Choose the specific server you want to remove and select **Remove...**

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#### Note

You cannot remove individual SMB shares from a mirrored server. You can only remove all the SMB shares from a specific mirrored server by removing the whole server.

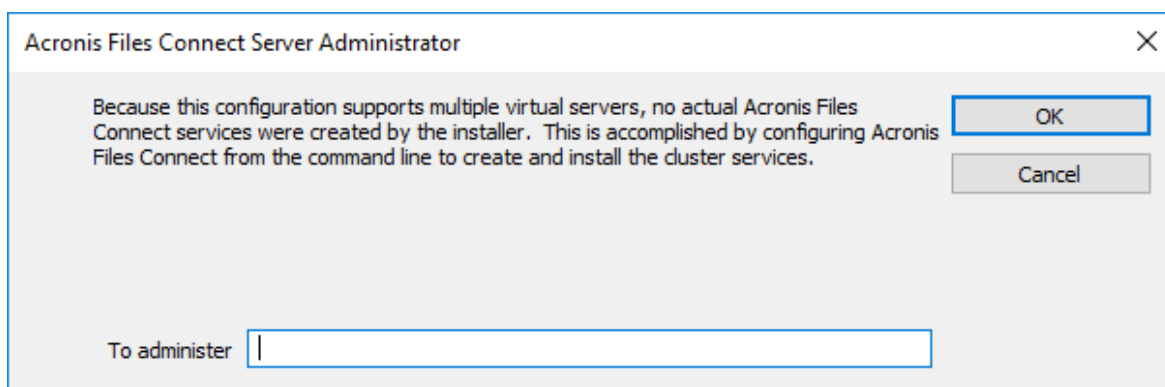
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## Administering Files Connect remotely

You can configure Files Connect on a remote computer if Files Connect is already installed on that computer. You must have Windows Administrative privileges on the remote computer. The experience of administering a remote server is very similar to that of the local server Administrator, except that the title of the Administrator dialog box shows the name or IP Address of the remote computer whose Files Connect service you are configuring and you cannot browse for folders to share. Otherwise, you can configure the remote server just as you would a local server.

**To administer a remote Files Connect server, do the following:**

1. Hold down the **Control** key while you launch the Files Connect Administrator. Alternatively, if there is no local installation of Files Connect, Files Connect Administrator will start immediately in remote mode.



2. Type the name or IP Address of the remote computer and click **OK**.
3. The Administrator will attempt to use your Windows credentials to log onto the server. If necessary, you will be prompted for an alternate username and password.

## Configuring Client Computers to Print to Files Connect

To make use of Files Connect printing, clients follow specific steps depending on their operating system. Once you add print queues through the **Files Connect Administrator Print Queues** dialog

box, they are immediately available for clients to print to them. Printer Browser installers for Mac clients are copied onto your server's drive when you install Files Connect. Mac clients can copy to their computer, and install, an operating system specific Printer Browser installer from the Files Connect server. It is also possible to use Apple Remote Desktop to deploy the installer packages to multiple Macintosh computers.

A Macintosh user can select a Files Connect queue to print to in a number of ways, depending on the operating system they are using and the functionality they need. When using macOS, the following are the primary ways to set up a printer:

- Files Connect Zidget supports discovering printers across subnets, automatic PPD download, and adding queues that have been set up to require Print Accounting codes if the Mac also has the optional Files Connect print components on it. It is also available from inside any application, therefore; you can set up a printer when you need to print without leaving your current application. The slight downside is that you must install it on each Mac. Although simple to install, it does require additional work.
- Bonjour discovery from within the print window of an application has the advantage of being built-in to macOS. The native macOS Bonjour discovery is also very simple to use. The disadvantage of Bonjour is that it does not support automatic PPD download or Print Accounting queues.
- Files Connect Printer Browser works from within the Apple Printer Setup Utility. It supports automatic PPD download from the server and can be used to add queues that have been set up to require Print Accounting codes. The disadvantage to the custom Files Connect print components is that they have to be installed by someone with administrator rights on the client computer either manually or with Apple Remote Desktop. It also requires more training than the Zidget does.

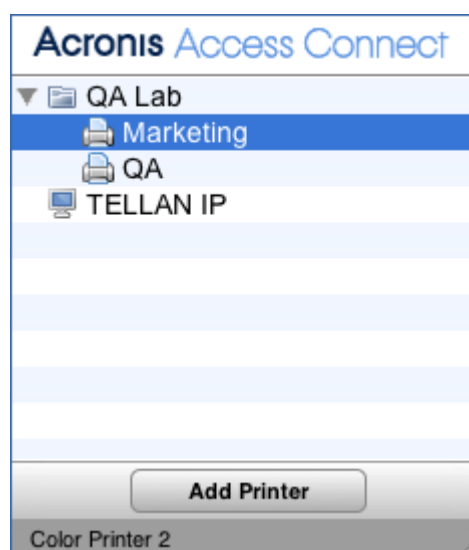
For Mac OS 9, printers should be set up using Files Connect Choose IP Printer, which supports faster printing and uses the TCP/IP protocol.

## Files Connect Zidget

The Files Connect Zidget is a new way of connecting to Files Connect file and print servers. Zidget is a Dashboard Widget that the Mac user can use to discover and connect to a file server whether or not the server is in the user's local subnet. Zidget also allows the Mac user to browse DFS namespaces that are shared through the Files Connect server. Using Zidget, the Mac user can also browse for and add Files Connect printers. Zidget will automatically download the PPD for the printer, and set up the print queue without the user having to use the Print Center.

The Zidget can also be used to add queues on the print server that receive jobs directly, or direct print printers that are advertised by the Files Connect server but do not route jobs through the print server. Zidget contacts a server called the Files Connect master server to retrieve a list of all the Files Connect servers in your organization. It then contacts each of those servers to find out whether they are just file servers or if they also are print servers. If the server is a print server it then retrieves a list of all the print queues on that server. The servers as well as individual print queues can be

assigned to locations or zones. Once the Zidget has retrieved information from all the servers it merges them into a list of locations for the user to choose from.



Many customers may choose to use a more complex location-based method for organizing their print queues. For that matter, they can use any alternative hierarchical arrangement they would like, such as Color and Black and White. The location-based method can be hierarchical such as building, floor, and room.

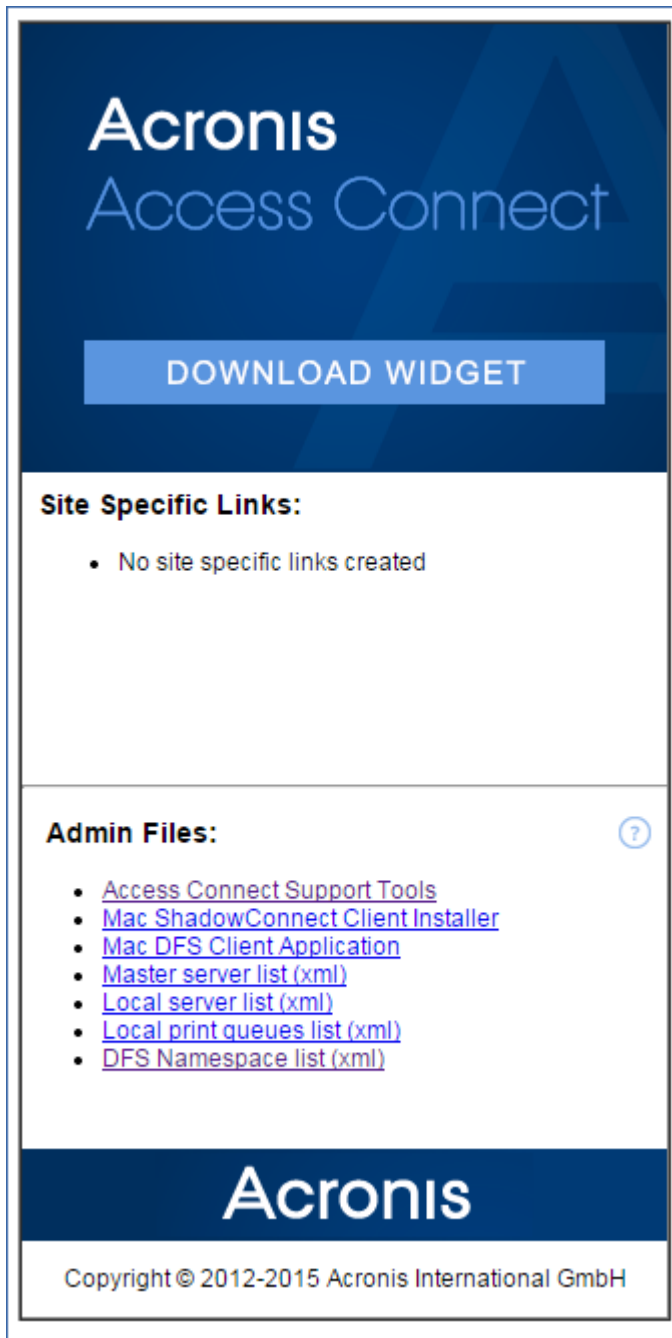
## Installing and Configuring the Zidget on the Client

In order to make deployment of the Zidget as easy as possible, it can be downloaded directly from the HTTP server that is built into Files Connect. You can link to the URL for the Zidget from any web page, send it in an email, have users manually type it into a web browser, or distribute it any other way that you see fit. The Zidget could also be made part of the standard corporate deployment or installed in /Library/Widgets on multiple Macintoshes using technologies such as Apple Remote Desktop. If you have not already installed Zidget, the Files Connect server lets you download Zidget directly from the URL <http://yourserver:8081>.

Because the Zidget is HTTP based, it is trivial to add a Download Zidget link to your company's intranet or support website. If the Zidget is downloaded by Safari, the download will automatically present the user with a dialog asking them if they want to install it. By default, Zidget will resolve ExtremeZIPServerList.yourdomain.com in DNS in order to find the Primary Server from which it will retrieve a list of the available printers and file servers. If you are using the default setup and have created this DNS CNAME record to point to your Files Connect server, no further steps are required on the Macintosh to configure the Zidget after it has been installed.

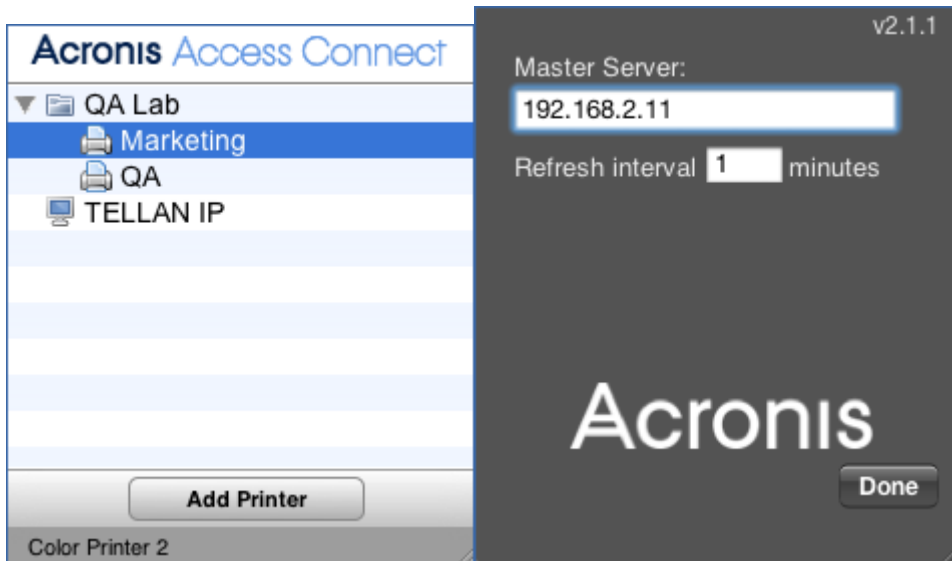
### **To install Zidget on a Macintosh client, do the following:**

1. In a web browser such as Safari, navigate to the Files Connect server (e.g. <http://your-server:8081>).



2. Click on the Download Zidget link. The file Zidget.wdgt.zip will be downloaded.
3. Click Install to confirm the dialog asking if you want the Zidget installed (if you have not disabled auto installation of widgets in Safari).
4. If your Primary Server is something other than the default ExtremeZIPServerList, click the “i” icon to modify this setting. The Refresh Interval determines how often the available file servers, printers, and DFS namespaces in the Zidget are refreshed.

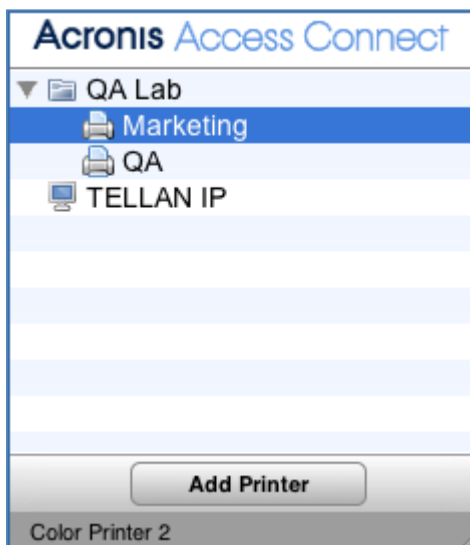




## Adding a printer with the Zidget

**To add a printer with Zidget, do the following:**

1. Press the **F12** key to invoke **Dashboard**.
2. Select the **Files Connect Zidget**.

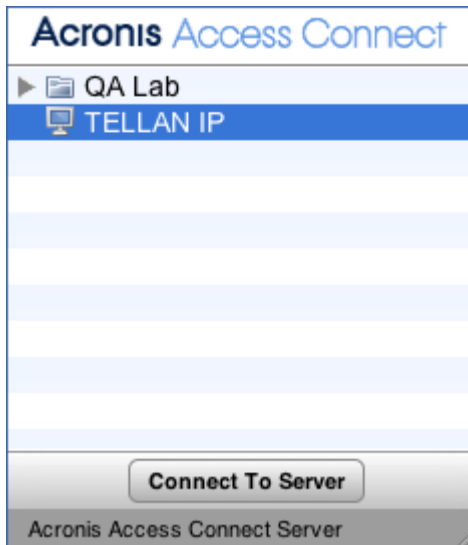


3. Double-click a location/zone if necessary.
4. Select a printer from that location/zone.
5. Click the **Add Printer** button and the printer will be created on the Macintosh with the proper PPD if one is available from the server.
6. The status section of the Zidget updates to say the printer was successfully created.

## Mounting Files Connect shared volumes with the Zidget

**To mount a shared volume with the Zidget:**

1. Press the **F12** key to invoke **Dashboard**.
2. Select the **Files Connect Zidget**.

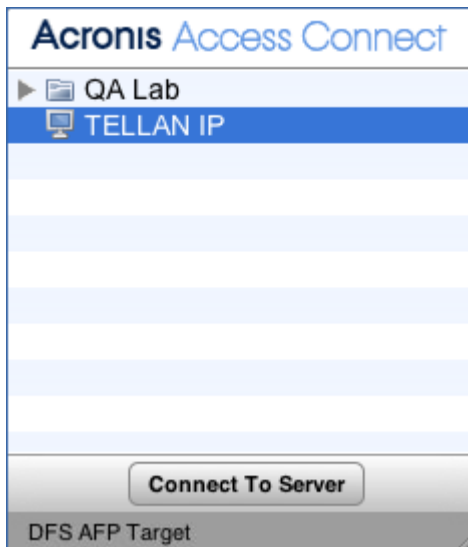


3. Double-click a location/zone if necessary.
4. Select a server from that location/zone.
5. Click the **Connect to Server** button.

## Mounting DFS shared volumes with the Zidget

### To mount a DFS shared volume:

1. Press the **F12** key to invoke **Dashboard**.
2. Select the **Files Connect Zidget**.



3. Double-click the DFS domain or server, in this example GROUPLOGIC.
4. Double-click the DFS root, in this example ProductionDFS.
5. Select a DFS target.
6. Click the **Connect to Server** button.

## Printer Setup Utility

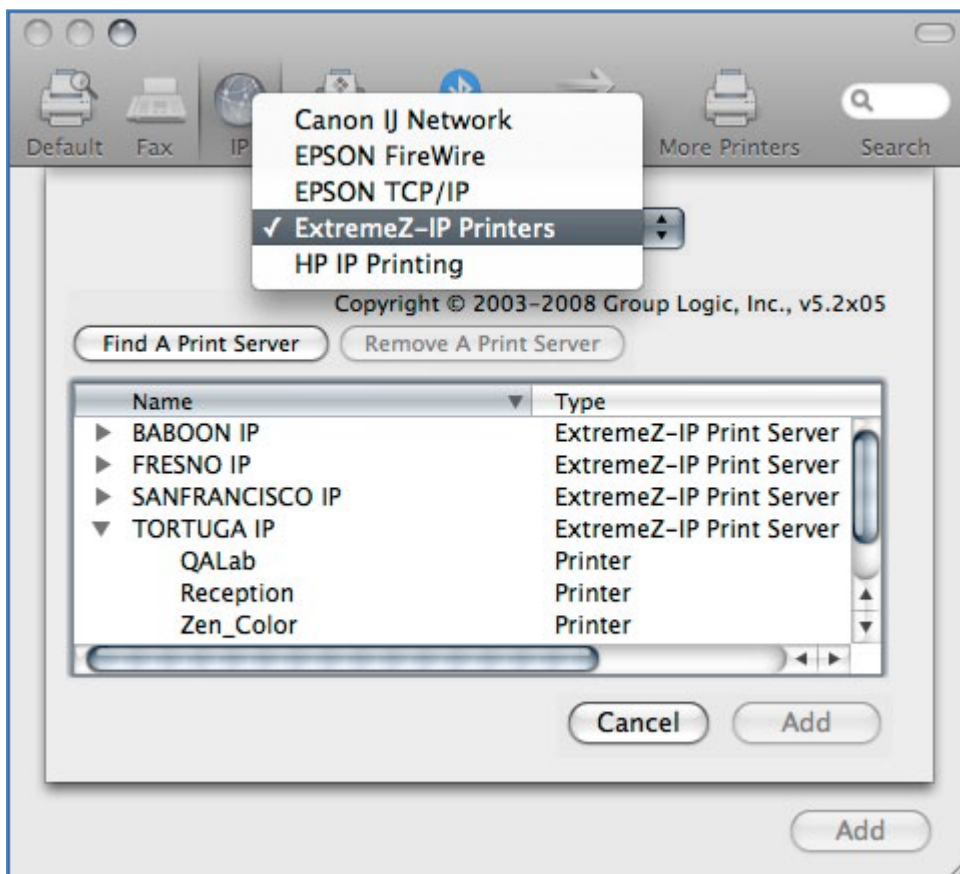
You can add a Files Connect print queue from the Printer Setup Utility in two ways. The most common way is to use the optional Mac print components that come with Files Connect. However, if you do not want to install any additional software on the Mac, you can use the built-in Bonjour browse capability to add a printer.

### Adding a Printer using the optional Files Connect Print Components

If you have installed the Macintosh Print Components on the Macintosh, you can use the custom Files Connect Printer

**To use the Files Connect components to add a printer, do the following:**

1. Use the **Printer Browse Module (PBM)** to locate a Files Connect print queue.
2. Select **ExtremeZ-IP Printers** on the pop-up list. A list of the **Files Connect Printers** on the network appears.



3. Select the queue you want to use.
4. Click **Add**.

### Adding a Printer using Bonjour from the Printer Setup Utility

**To add a printer using Bonjour from the Printer Setup Utility, do the following:**

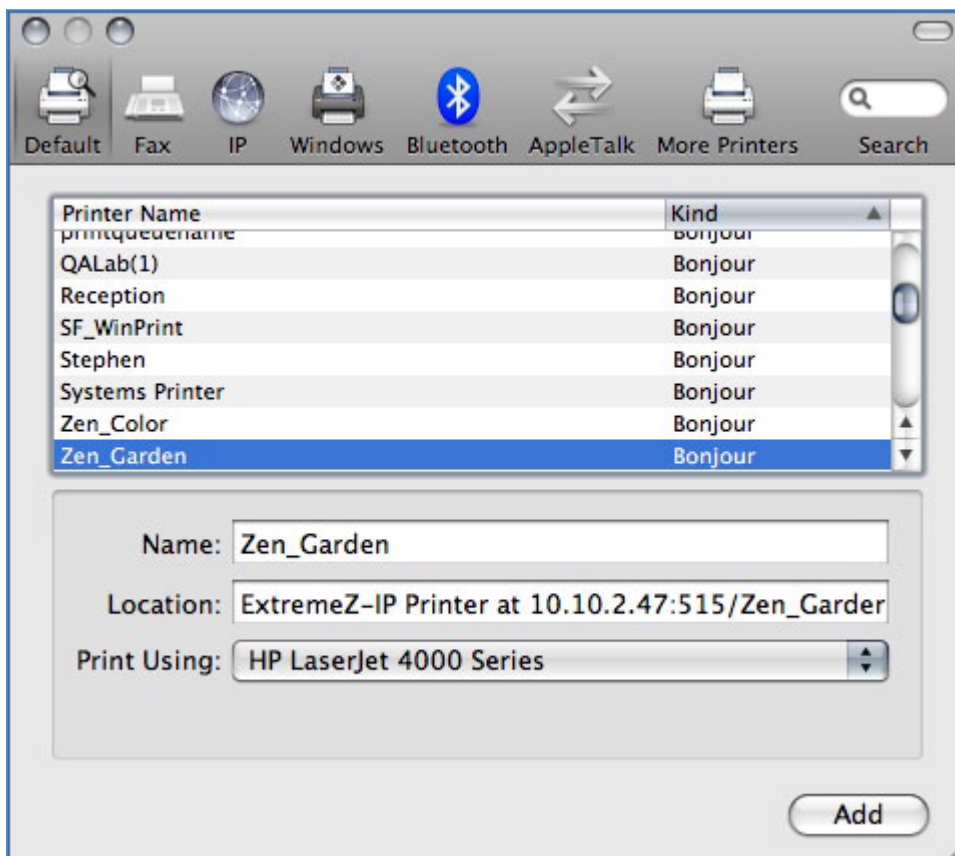
1. Open the **Printer Setup Utility** or the **Print & Fax System Preferences** pane depending on what version of Mac OS X you are using.
2. Choose **Add**.
3. Pick your printer from the **Printer Browser**.

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**Note**

If a PPD was specified in the Files Connect print queue configuration on the server, Files Connect sends a printer PPD hint to the client Mac. If the client Macintosh already contains a valid PPD for the printer type, the Print Using dropdown is set to the correct printer type automatically.

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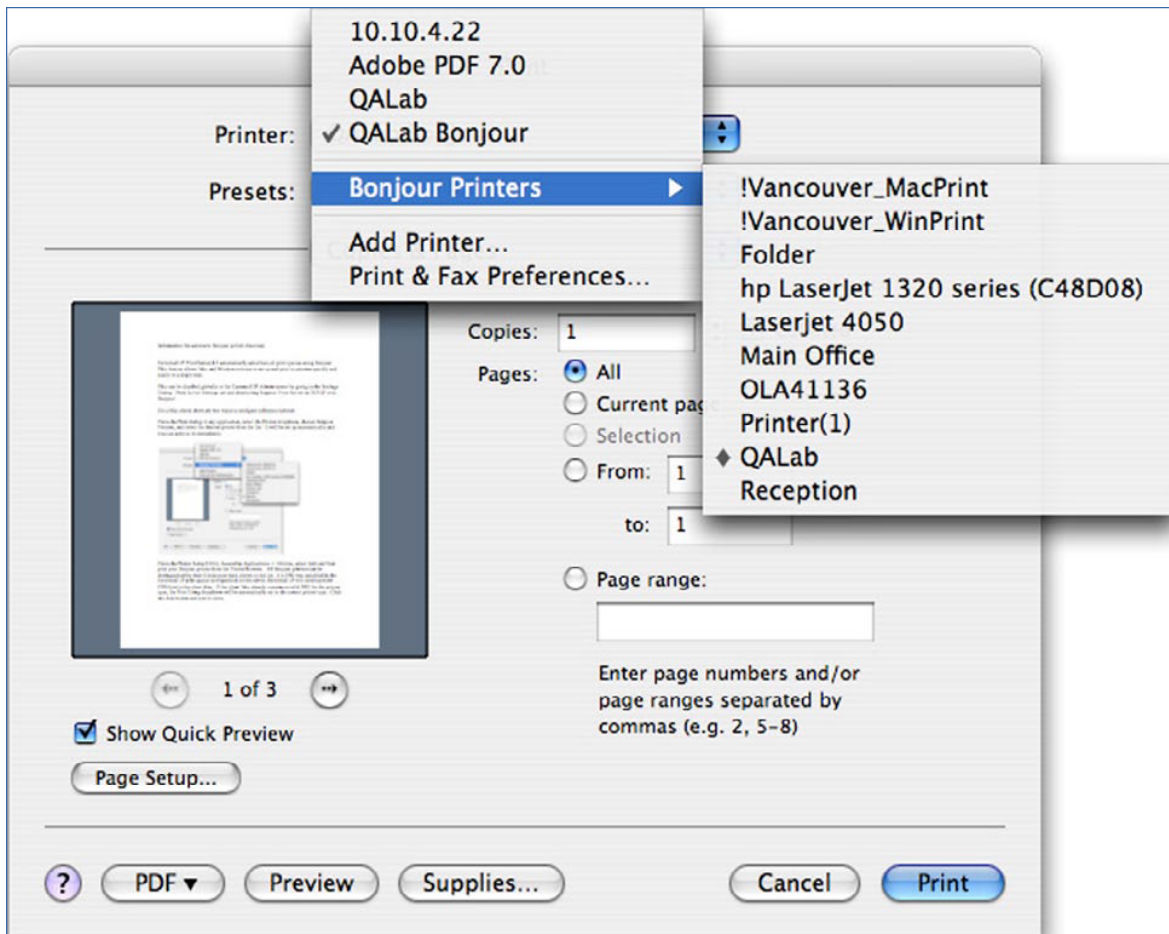
4. Click the **Add** button.

## Using Bonjour Within the Print Dialog

**To set up a printer from within the print dialog using Bonjour on Mac OS 10.4, Tiger (Apple removed the feature in Leopard), do the following:**

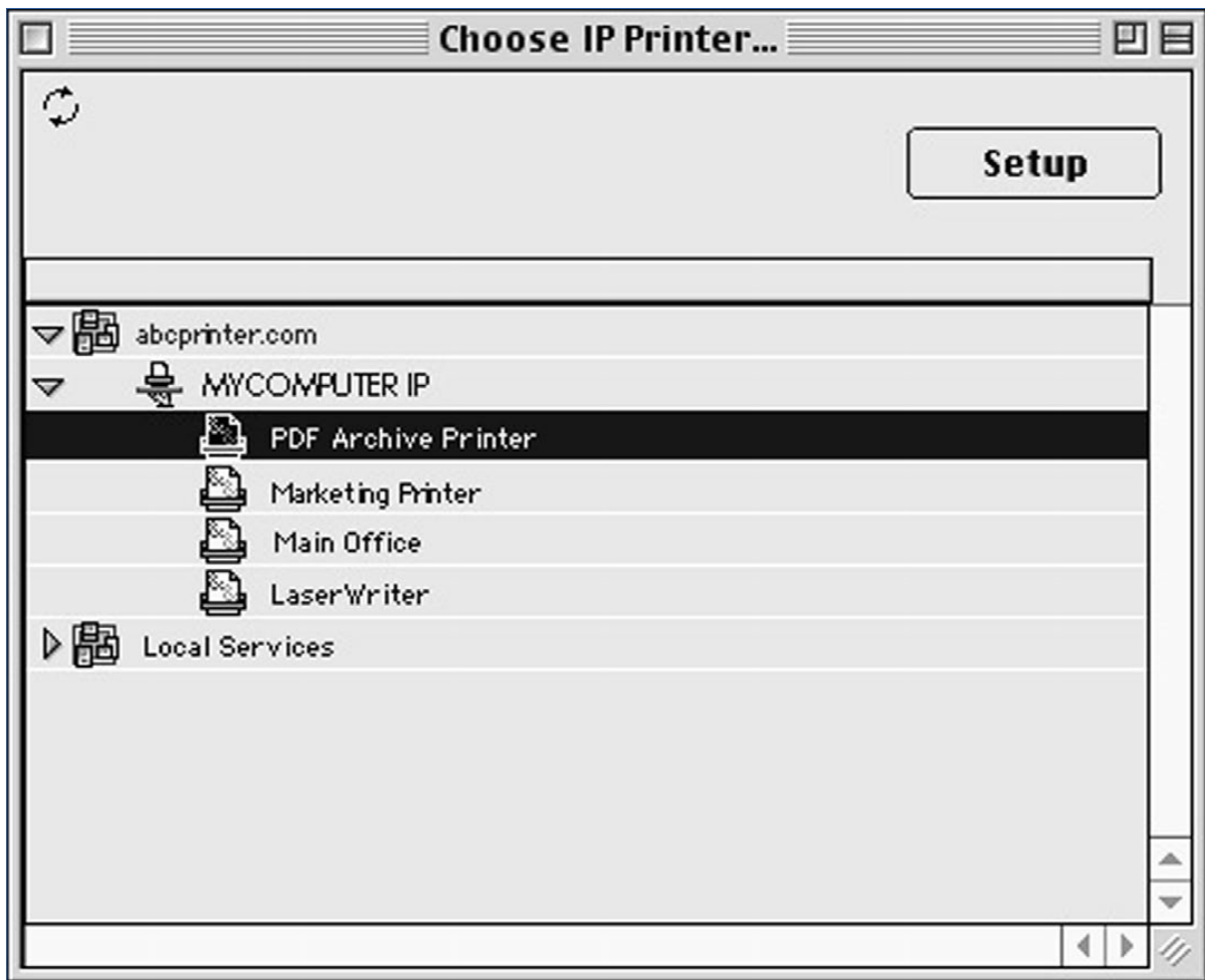
1. Choose **Print from any application**.
2. From the **Printer** dropdown menu, choose **Bonjour Printers**.

3. Select the desired printer from the list.



## Choosing a Printer with Mac OS 9

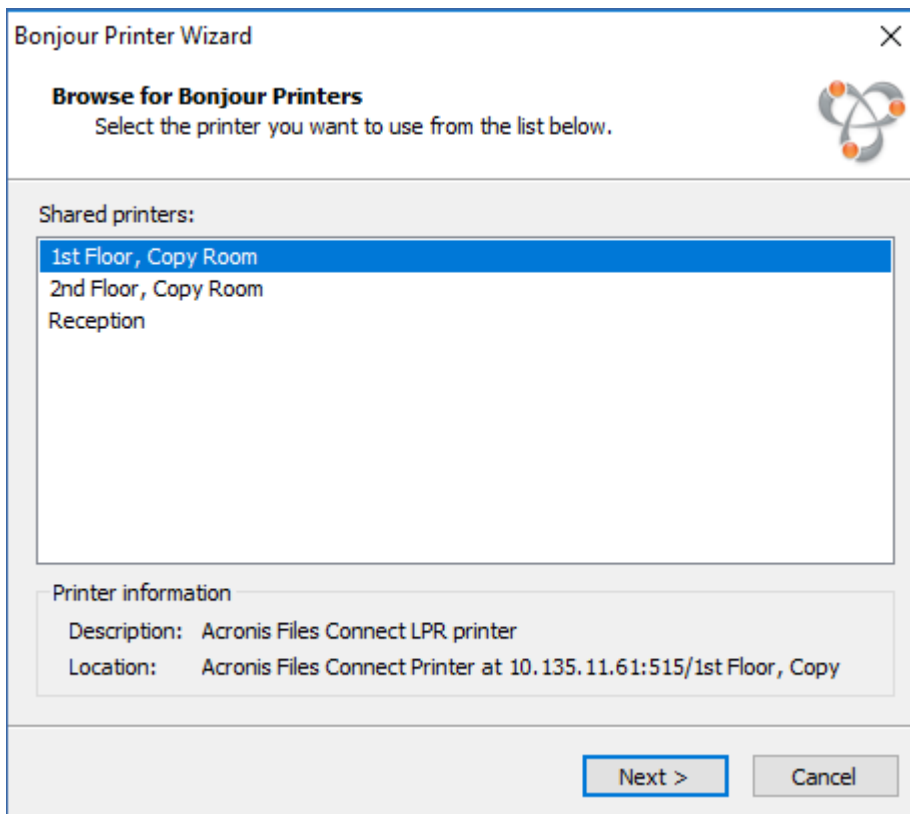
Once they have installed the Choose IP Printer program, Mac OS 9 clients use **Choose IP Printer** on the Apple menu instead of the **Chooser** to find the Files Connect printers and set up desktop printers.



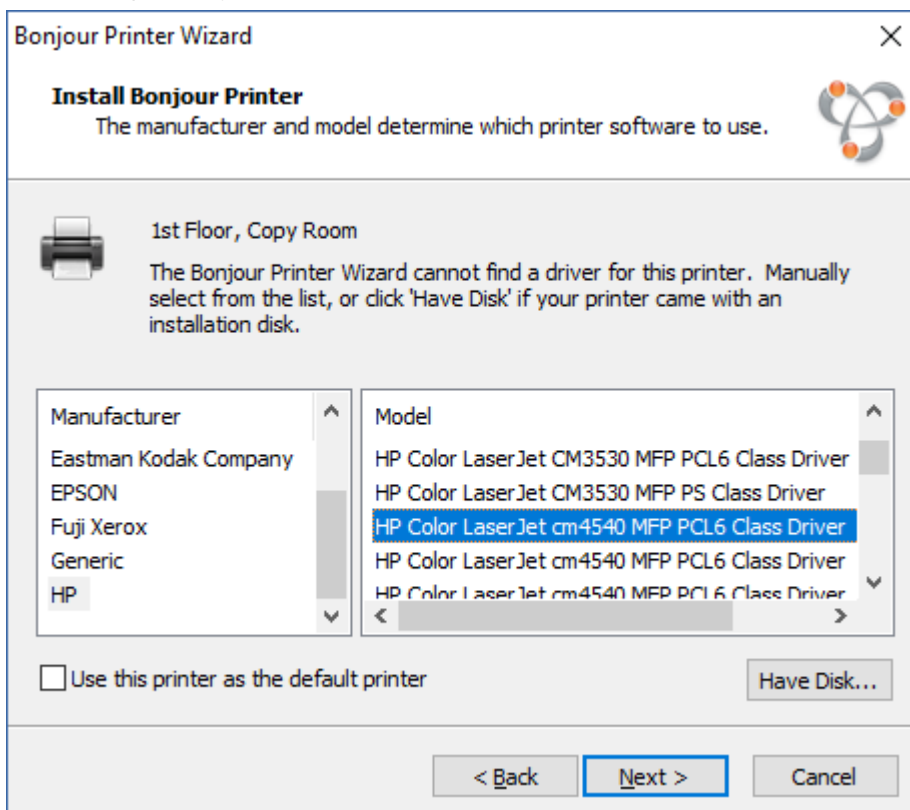
## Using Bonjour from Windows

**To set up a Bonjour printer from Windows, do the following:**

1. Install Apple Bonjour for Windows, available at:  
<http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/bonjourforwindows.html>
2. Once installed, run the **Bonjour Printer Wizard**.
3. Click **Next**.



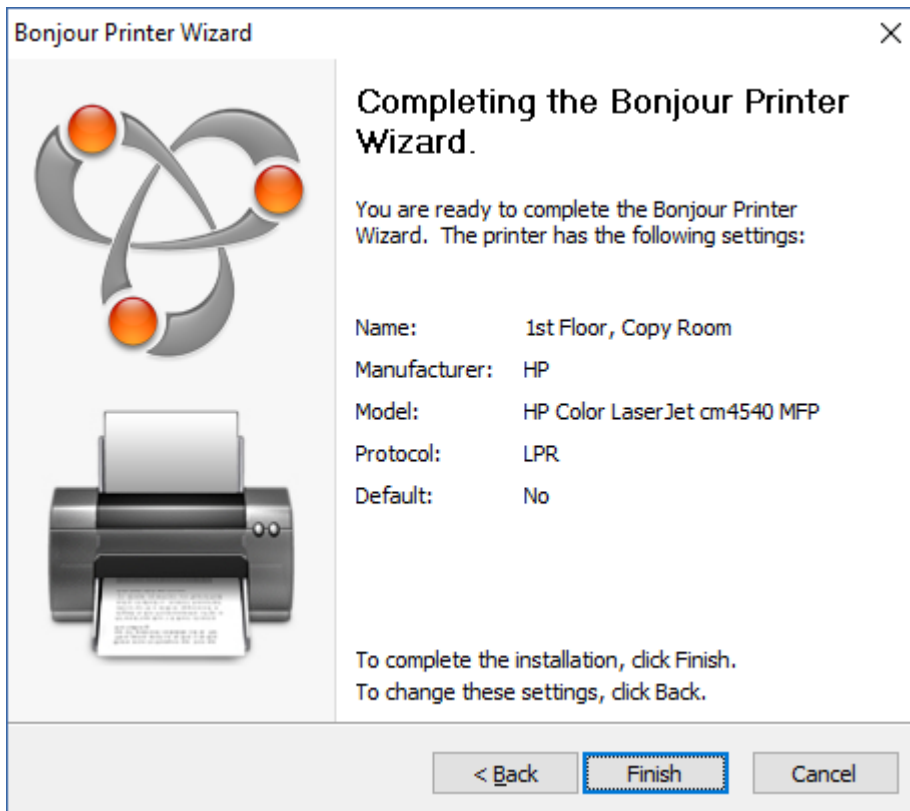
4. Select the printer you would like to install, then, click **Next**.



If a PPD was specified in the Files Connect print queue configuration on the server, Files Connect sends the printer model listed in the PPD to the Windows client. If the Windows client already

contains a valid driver for the printer type, the printer manufacturer and model should be automatically selected.

5. If a PPD was not selected automatically, select the appropriate manufacturer and model and click **Next**.



## Using Print Accounting Features from a Client

When a Macintosh user prints from a program and sends the job to a print queue to which you have assigned codes using Files Connect Print Accounting, their Print dialog box displays the information you assigned.

### To use Print Accounting, do the following:

1. Print to an available Files Connect Print Server print queue. If print accounting is enabled for that print queue, a special dialog box appears. The following is an example:



Printer: Color Proofer

Presets: Standard

Copies: 1  Collated  Two-Sided

Pages:  All  
 From: 1 to: 1

ExtremeZ-IP Print Accounting

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Please enter valid information and press 'Print'

\* Account: 105

\* User: 20002

\* Requires validation

? PDF ▼ Preview Supplies... Cancel Print

2. Type in the information requested by the server. In the example above, the Files Connect Administrator has enabled Browse buttons for each field, so the Macintosh user can browse the list of codes for that field. Fields that have asterisks (\*) before their names are required and must be completed before the job can be sent.
3. Click Print to send the job to the selected print queue.

## Adding a printer from a Web Page

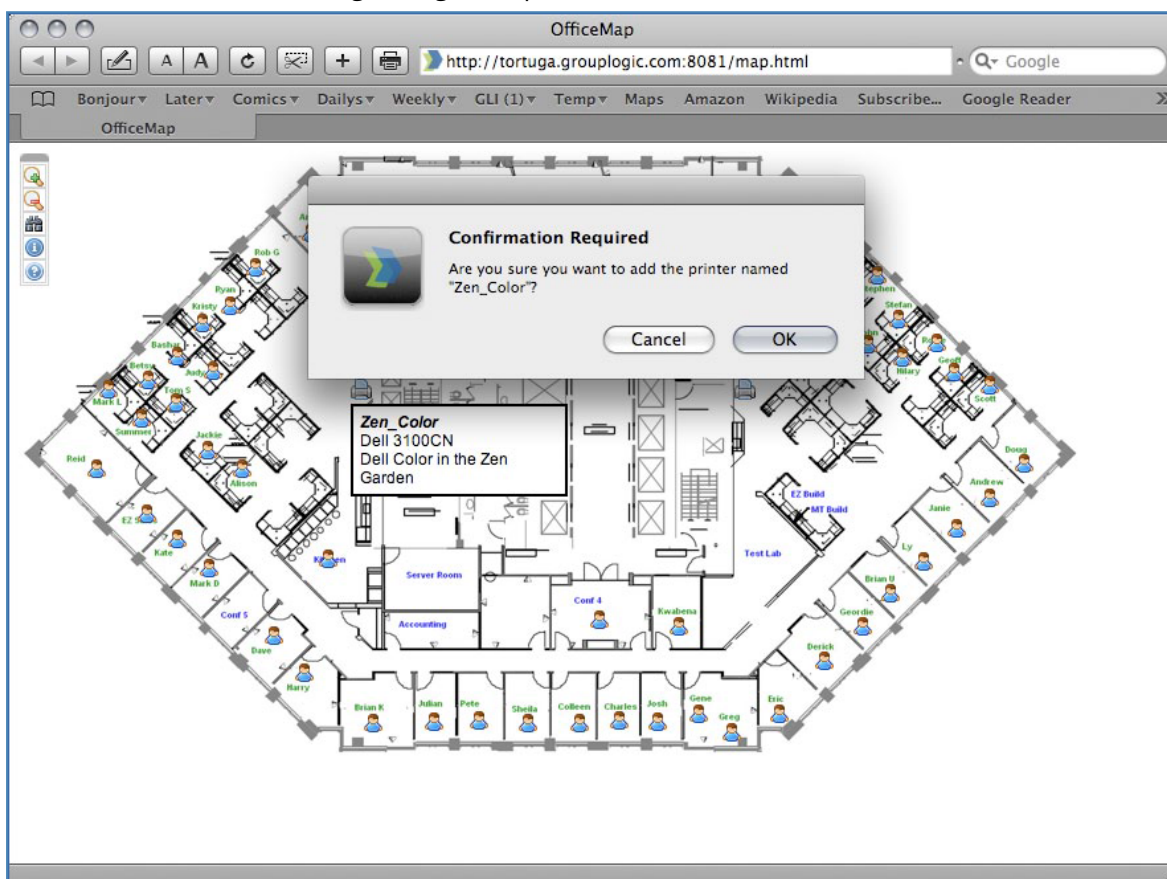
Dashboard widgets have limited ability to interact with the operating system and cannot natively add printers to the Macintosh. Therefore the Zidget includes an application—Dashboard widgets are implemented as Macintosh packages—that the Zidget invokes to download the PPD and create the printer on the Macintosh.

The helper application can also be used as an Internet protocol helper for ezip:// URLs. This enables Safari or another web browser to create a printer when you click on a specially formatted link from a standard web page such as an office map with links for different areas. If you click on a URL to invoke the helper application, it asks if you want to add the printer. Whereas when Zidget invokes the helper application, the helper application operates silently.

Creating a web-based Printer Location Map is a very effective way to let users easily find and add printers. Taking a scan of the map and making a PDF in Adobe Acrobat is one simple way to create a web page with a map of the user's floor. Acrobat will let you add links for areas of the picture without having to know any HTML.

**To add a printer from a Web page, do the following:**

1. Click the icon of the nearest printer on the map.
2. Click **OK** to confirm the dialog asking if the printer should be added.



In some cases you might need to add the ZidgetHelper.app to the Applications folder in order for it to be registered as an internet helper.

**Do the following:**

1. Right-click on the Zidget package and select Show package contents.
2. Open the ShellScripts folder.
3. Drag the ZidgetHelper.app file to your Applications folder.

## Mac Client Configuration for DFS Support

In order for Mac clients to access Files Connect DFS volumes, each client needs to be configured so that it can properly locate and mount DFS resources. This configuration can be accomplished through the installation of the Files Connect Mac client or Zidget.

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**Note**

Zidget DFS support is compatible with Mac OS X 10.4 or later.

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If Mac clients are using home directories located on DFS volumes, the Mac client application must be installed. The Zidget does not support DFS home directories.

## Files Connect Mac Client

The Files Connect Mac client is the best way to connect your Mac users to all the resources shared with your Files Connect server.

It is a full-fledged app that has many advantages over the widget.

- It can search through your file servers and shares. New search features for performing spotlight searches of AFP file volumes. Fast, full-content search of files in SMB file shares which can then be accessed by the Mac via SMB.
- You can search through many volumes without mounting them but you can mount only desired volumes or resources.
- All available printers are listed in a user-friendly manner.

For more information on the Mac client and usage instructions, please visit [The Mac client](#) section.

## Files Connect Zidget Option

- The Files Connect Zidget is a simple way to configure a Mac client to access DFS. The Zidget allows Mac users to browse the DFS namespace and mount individual DFS target volumes. Once mounted, the user can access the chosen DFS target volumes through the Finder, as they would traditional shared volumes. For more information on installing, configuring, and accessing DFS with the Zidget, refer to [Zidget Help](#).

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## Files Connect

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DOWNLOAD WIDGET

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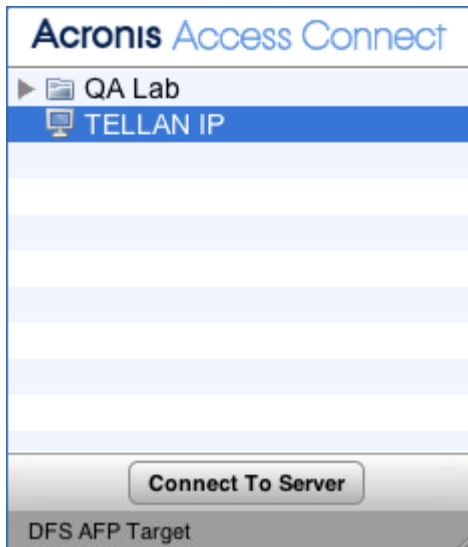
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### Admin Files: ?

- [Files Connect Support Tools](#)
- [Mac ShadowConnect Client Installer](#)
- [Master server list \(xml\)](#)
- [Local server list \(xml\)](#)
- [Local print queues list \(xml\)](#)
- [DFS Namespace list \(xml\)](#)

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## Adding a License Serial Number

You can enter a serial number for any upgrade, without stopping the Files Connect service. When you enter serial number while the Files Connect service is running, Mac clients stay connected and continue to use Files Connect volumes.

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### Note

Adding a new license serial number **will replace** the existing one!

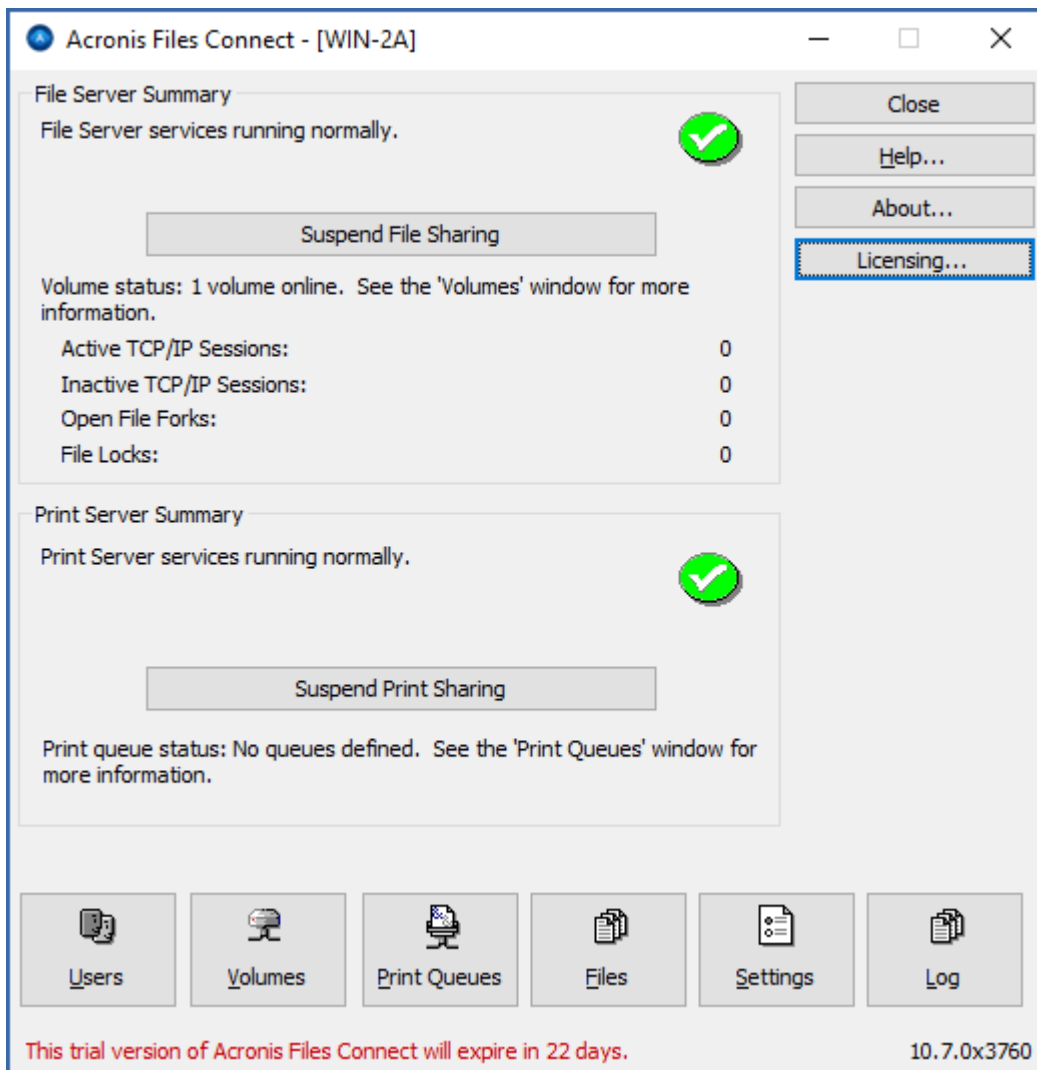
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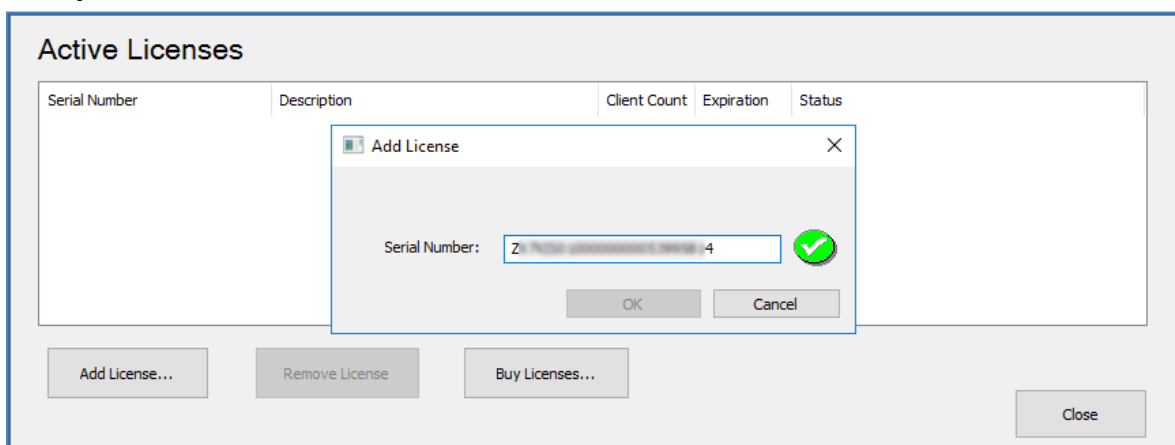
- You have a trial version of Files Connect installed and you purchase a license for the product.
- You are upgrading or downgrading your client count.
- Your ELP serial is expiring and you need to enter your new ELP serial.
- You upgraded from a very old version and your previous perpetual serial was replaced with a new serial that can be used with current versions.

### To add a license serial number

1. Open the **Files Connect Administrator**.
2. Click **Licensing**.



3. In the **Active Licenses** window that opens, click **Add License**.
4. Enter your serial number, and then click **OK**.



5. The serial number will be displayed in the **Active Licenses** list and will take effect immediately.
6. Click **Close** to return to the **Files Connect Administrator**.

# Searching with Files Connect

The macOS performs three types of file searches – enumeration searches, index searches, and Spotlight searches.

## Enumeration Search

When the macOS performs an enumeration search, it scans each file in the folder and all of its subfolders across the network. An enumeration search is performed if searching a subfolder of a volume or if catalog search is disabled. The process of the client enumerating the entire directory structure below the folder being searched results in drastically reduced search performance.

## Catalog Search

A catalog search issues a single search request that is processed on the server side. The macOS only issues an catalog search request when the Mac user is searching the root of a volume. Files Connect maintains a search index to accelerate these searches. This index contains the name of every file on your Files Connect volumes. With indexed searching enabled on the server, a Mac client can use the built-in macOS search functionality to perform fast searches of Files Connect volumes. No client side configuration or applications are necessary.

Instead of scanning your server's drive each time a Mac client makes a search request and looking through every file in the volume, Files Connect checks the file name index to retrieve search results. Index search results can be provided only for searches initiated at the root of a volume. Any search performed below the root of a volume will result in the macOS performing an enumeration search.

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### Note

Please instruct your users to search the entire Files Connect volume for the fastest results.

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## Spotlight Search

Spotlight search allows files to be found by searching on content, in addition to file names and file attributes. When enabled, Spotlight search replaces both Enumeration search and Catalog search, and provides results when searching both at the root of a volume, and within subfolders.

Spotlight search can be enabled either for all volumes, or for individual ones.

### To enable Spotlight Search for all volumes:

1. In the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, open **Settings**
2. Under **Search** tab, select **Enable Spotlight Search on all volumes (global)** check box
3. Click **OK**

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**Note**

Note: If the setting **Enable Spotlight Search on all volumes (global)** is selected, you cannot disable Spotlight search for individual volumes.

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## To enable Spotlight Search for individual volumes:

1. In the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, open **Volumes**
2. Select the desired volume, and then click **Modify**
3. Under **Search**, select **Support Spotlight Searching**, and then choose between **Acronis Content Searching** and **Windows Search**
4. Click **OK**

## Storing Search Index Files

Files Connect creates a separate search index file for each Files Connect volume; the search index files are stored in a folder called Files Connect indexes. Placing index files in one location and excluding this folder from scanning prevents problems with virus scan software and backup applications. You can specify custom index file paths for individual volumes when you set up or modify a volume to be shared; see the section [Creating a Volume](#).

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**Note**

To help you locate a search index for a volume, Files Connect begins each index file name with the name of the volume to which it belongs.

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If you do not create a custom path, search index files are stored in a one of two locations.

- **Files Connect stand-alone server:** Search index files are stored in a folder called Files Connect Indexes in the Files Connect application folder or the custom global location you have set.
- **Files Connect Cluster:** Search index files are stored in a folder called Files Connect Indexes at the root of the drive on which the volume resides.

When starting EZIP for the first time, search indexes for a volume is created in the default index path unless you have set individual custom paths for a particular volume or volumes.



# Using Files Connect

## Using the Files Connect File server

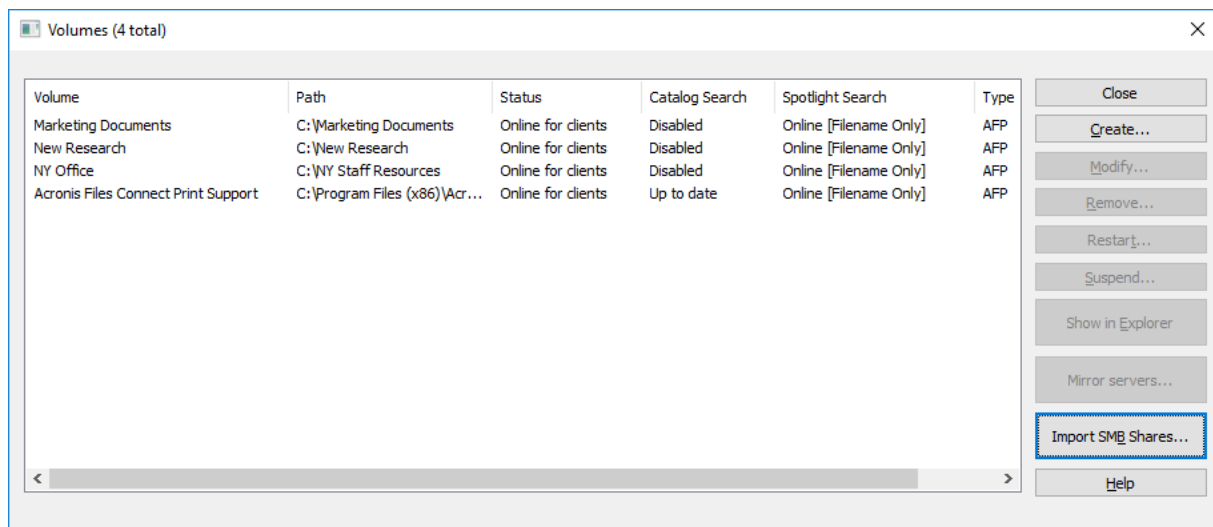
After using the **Files Connect Settings** dialog box to set up your server name, security and other settings, you can create the volumes you want to share and the printers you want your Mac clients to use. After completing these tasks, Mac clients can connect to your server and use the volumes and printers you set up. You can check the **Users** and **File** dialog boxes to see who is connected and which files they are accessing, In addition, you can send messages, disconnect users, and delete items from the files being viewed.

## Creating Volumes for Use with Files Connect

You can share NTFS directories located on your Windows system for Mac users. When Mac users connect, they see these directories as remote AppleShare “volumes.” Use the Volumes dialog box to create, modify, or delete individual volumes to share with Mac users.

## Viewing the Volumes Window

Click on **Volumes** on the **Administrator** dialog box to display the **Volumes** dialog.



- **Create** – Creates a volume.
- **Modify** – Opens the Volume Properties window.
- **Remove** – Removes the selected volume.
- **Restart** – Restarts the volume.
- **Suspend** – Takes a volume temporarily offline so that clients cannot connect to it.

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### Note

Suspended volumes will be resumed every time the Files Connect service is restarted.

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- **Show in Explorer** – Shows the volume’s parent folder in Windows File Explorer.

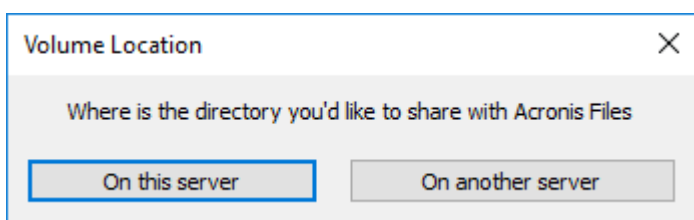
- **Mirror servers** – Mirrors one or multiple file servers so that all SMB shares on them are automatically added as AFP file share volumes in Files Connect. See more about [Mirroring SMB file servers](#).
- **Import SMB Shares** – Reshares all folders shared with Windows file sharing (SMB) with Files Connect as well.

## Creating a Volume

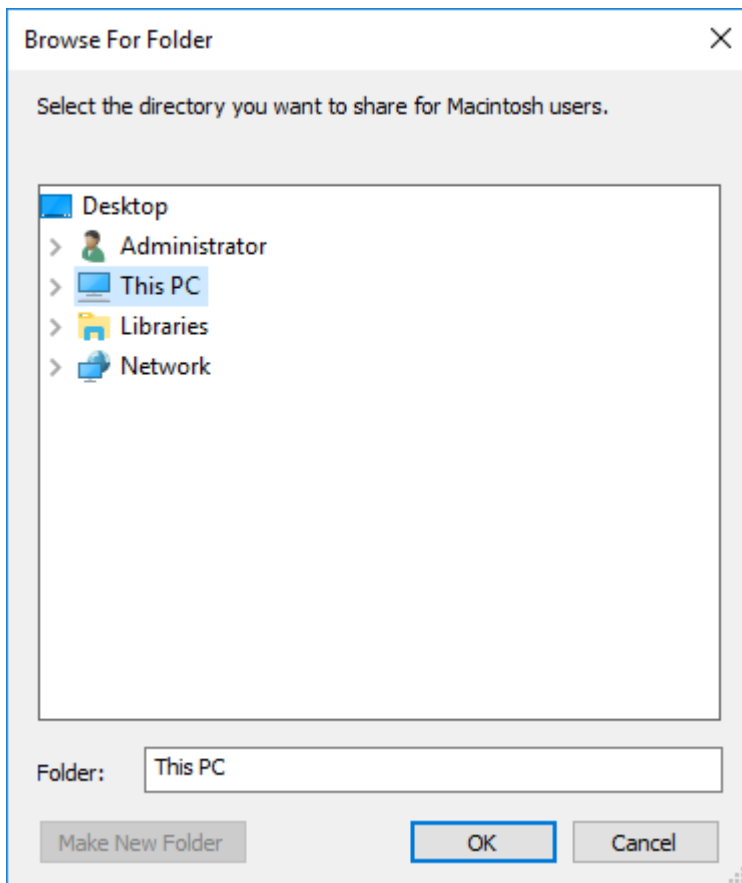
Folders can only be shared as Files Connect volumes if they reside on an NTFS formatted disk. If you try to create a volume that is not on an NTFS formatted disk, Files Connect gives an error message.

### Creating a Volume:

1. Create a new directory on an NTFS formatted volume on the server machine or find an existing directory that you want to use.
2. From the Files Connect Administrator window, click **Volumes**.
3. On the **Volumes** dialog, click **Create**.
4. If you have enabled **Network Reshare support**, choose the volume location – **On this server** or **On another server**.



5. If your desired directory is on another server, enter its UNC path in the next dialog.
6. If your desired directory is on your server, use **Browse for Folder** dialog to locate and select it.



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**Note**

The use of removable devices as volumes is not supported. (For example, flash drives, USB drives, etc.)

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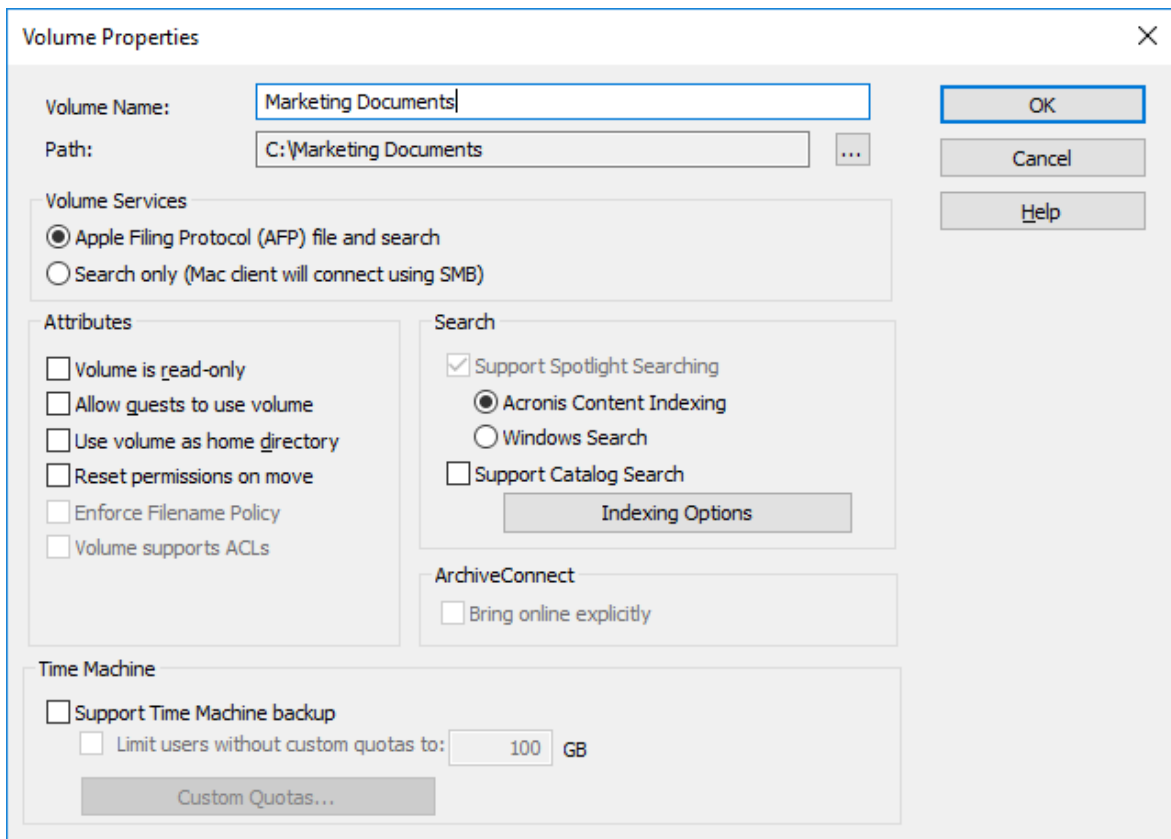
7. Click **OK** and the Volume Properties window will appear.

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**Note**

If you are in a clustered environment and you use Acronis Content Indexing, you should set a custom index file path to a folder on a shared (failover) disk. *See more about [Indexing options](#).*

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8. Edit the **Volume name** if you want to change the automatically proposed one.

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**Note**

You cannot edit the Volume name later. If you need to do that, you have to delete the volume and create it again with the desired name.

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**Note**

With Files Connect 8.0.4 or later, a name can have up to 127 characters for UTF-16 and 190 for UTF-8. If you enter more, Files Connect will truncate the name.

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9. Choose any additional settings required. *See more about [Volume properties](#).*
10. Click **OK** to create the volume.

**As soon as a volume's status becomes Online for Clients, Mac clients can see and connect to it.**

## Volume Properties

Volume Properties

Volume Name:

Path:  ...

Volume Services

Apple Filing Protocol (AFP) file and search

Search only (Mac client will connect using SMB)

Attributes

Volume is read-only

Allow guests to use volume

Use volume as home directory

Reset permissions on move

Enforce Filename Policy

Volume supports ACLs

Search

Support Spotlight Searching

Acronis Content Indexing

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Indexing Options

ArchiveConnect

Bring online explicitly

Time Machine

Support Time Machine backup

Limit users without custom quotas to:  GB

Custom Quotas...

OK

Cancel

Help

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### Warning!

**These volume properties do NOT affect the mobile clients connecting to them. Only the Catalog search settings will affect it.**

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## Volume Services

- **Apple Filing Protocol (AFP) file and search** – This is the default setting and creates a volume accessible by AFP. The volume will be accessible and searchable from the Files Connect Mac client app and the Mac Finder. When opening files and browsing these volumes, the Mac will connect using AFP in either case.
- **Search only (Mac client will connect using SMB)** – With this option, the volume will be displayed in the Files Connect Mac client app and will be searchable, but it will not be shared as an AFP volume. Macs connecting to the Files Connect server using AFP will not see this volume. Macs will automatically connect to “Search only” volumes and files found in Files Connect Mac client app search results using SMB. This connection uses preexisting Windows or NAS SMB file server shared volumes.

## Volume is read-only

Setting the Volume to read-only prohibits Mac users from changing any documents on the volume or adding any new files or folders.

## Allow guests to use volume

If you want a Mac user who logs into Files Connect as a guest to access the volume, select this check box.

## Use Volume as home directory

To filter the contents of this volume so that it only shows a user their own home directory, select this check box. In order for this feature to function, the server-wide **Enable Home Directory Support** option in the **File Server Settings** dialog box must also be enabled; see the [Files Connect File Server](#) article.

## Reset permissions on move

If you would like files and folders to always inherit permissions from their parent folder after they have been moved, select this check box.

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### Note

If the directory that is moved contains a large number of sub-folders, resetting the permissions can take awhile.

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## Enforce Filename Policy

Enforcing Filename Policy will prevent Mac clients from saving files to the server that do not comply with the filename policies that the administrator has set in the global **Filename Policy** settings.

## Search Settings

### Support Spotlight Search

Enables Spotlight searching on the individual volume by Mac clients. You must choose the desired type of indexing (Acronis Content Indexing by default).

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### Note

Searching by Windows and Mac file tags is now supported by both types of indexing. For Windows Search, a small additional configuration is required, please visit [Windows Search Indexing](#).

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### Acronis Content Indexing

This type of indexing is built-in Files Connect and only requires that you enable it on the **Search** tab of the **Settings** dialog before it can be enabled for the specific volume.

### Windows Search

This type of indexing relies on Microsoft Windows Search. To enable Windows Search indexing, you have to make sure Microsoft Windows Search is installed on the Files Connect server and must be enabled on the **Search** tab of the **Settings** dialog before it can be enabled for the specific volume.

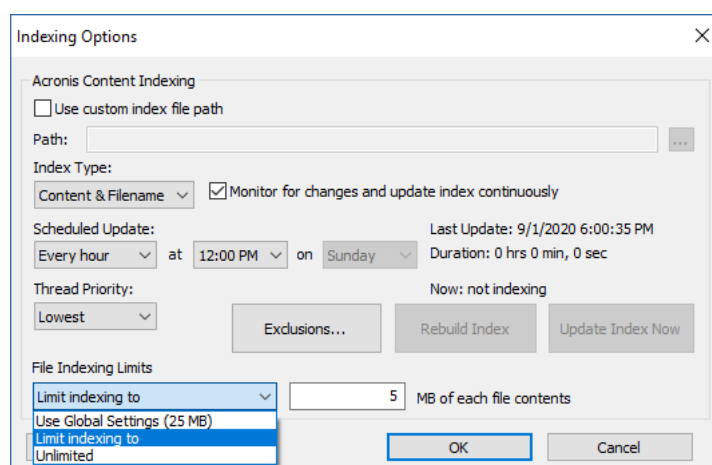
### Support Catalog Search

Enables Catalog searching on the individual volume. This is the default built-in search method.

### Volume supports ACLs

Select this check box if you want the volume to support Access Control Lists.

## Indexing Options



## Acronis Content Indexing

- **Use custom index file path** – To specify an alternate index file location for a volume, select this check box and select a path for the new index file location.

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### Note

In a clustered environment, you must specify a folder on a shared (failover) disk. You might consider a disk dedicated to storing search indexes.

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- **Index Type** – Sets the type of indexing:
  - **Filename Only** – Indexes files only by their name. This indexing type takes less time than the content-based one. You can review the progress in **Indexing Options** as well as reduce the indexing time by adding some files and folders to the list of exclusions, or limiting the size of each file contents, used for indexing.
  - **Content & Filename** – Indexes files both by their name and contents. This type of indexing provides better search results, but takes longer. Progress is tracked and indexing time reduced, the same way as already explained for the above option.
- **Monitor for changes and update index continuously** – Continuously monitors local shares and network reshares for changes and updates the index immediately. Scheduled updates will

continue to run and are still recommended to ensure that all changed files are indexed, in the event of missed notifications or service interruptions.

- **Scheduled Update** – Sets a time schedule for updating the index. This setting for indexing interval can be used as a secondary process in case some changes have not been propagated or some items were not indexed automatically.
- **Thread Priority** – Sets the process priority for indexing this volume.
- **Exclusions** – Allows the administrator to exclude certain folders or files from the index, which can drastically improve indexing speed.

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### Note

When adding an exclusion, you can also use Acronis Content Indexing's syntax for better filtering. To use more than one filter, separate them with spaces. **For example, filter1 filter2**

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- **\*ExampleFile\*** matches any file whose filename contains **ExampleFile**.
- **\*\ExampleFolder\\*** matches any file in a folder named **ExampleFolder**. For folders with spaces in the path, you must use quotes, e.g. **"\*\Old Files\\*"**
- **\*** in a filename filter matches any number of characters. **\*.DOC** will exclude all **.DOC** files.
- **?** in a filename filter matches any single character. **file?.doc** will exclude **file1.doc, file2.doc** and etc. but not **file123.doc**.
- **Rebuild Index** – Initiates the creation of a new search index for the volume. The previous search index will be used to satisfy search requests until the new indexing process has been completed.
- **Update Index Now** – Initiates an update of the existing index immediately.
- **File indexing limits** – select one of the options in the drop-down menu:
  - **Use Global Settings (X MB)** - the volume will use the Default server limit, set in the 'dtSearchIndexFileContentLimitGlobal' registry key value, located at: Computer\HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\Spotlight\Refreshable
  - **Limit indexing to X MB of each file contents** - a custom value will be used only for this volume by limiting the indexing to only the first X megabytes of a file's contents.
  - **Unlimited** - for each file in this volume, the search engine will index all contents and metadata, regardless of their size.

## Catalog Search

- **Use custom index file path** – To specify an alternate index file location for a volume, select this check box and select a path for the new index file location.
- **Rebuild Index** – Initiates the creation of a new search index for the volume. The previous search index will be used to satisfy search requests until the new indexing process has been completed.

## Time Machine

### Support Time Machine backup

When you check the Allow Time Machine Backup box, Mac clients can use the selected Files Connect volume as a Time Machine backup destination. On the local network, Time Machine uses Bonjour to



discover Time Machine supported volumes. Time Machine stores backup data as sparse disk image format or as HFS+. When you select a destination volume, Time Machine creates a disk image for the backup. By default, the Support Time Machine backup setting is disabled for a volume.

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**Note**

You cannot enable Support Time Machine backup for volumes that are read-only or used as home directories.

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When you enable Support Time Machine backup, Files Connect disables Volume is read only and Use volume as home directory. The opposite is also true.

**Limit users without custom quotas to X GB**

Check this box and enter a value to limit the size of Time Machine backups per user. When the Mac client connects to the server for the first time it sees the available space on the drive as whatever the quota was set to. On subsequent logins it will see the available space as the quota size minus however much space has been used by that user's other backups. This quota applies to all users who do not have a custom quota assigned.

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**Note**

Because Files Connect has to tell the Mac how much space is available immediately when the user logs in, prior to Time Machine opening a specific backup file, the quota is applied on a per user basis not a per machine basis. If a user backs up both a desktop machine and a laptop, the quota will apply to the combined size of the backups.

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**Custom quotas**

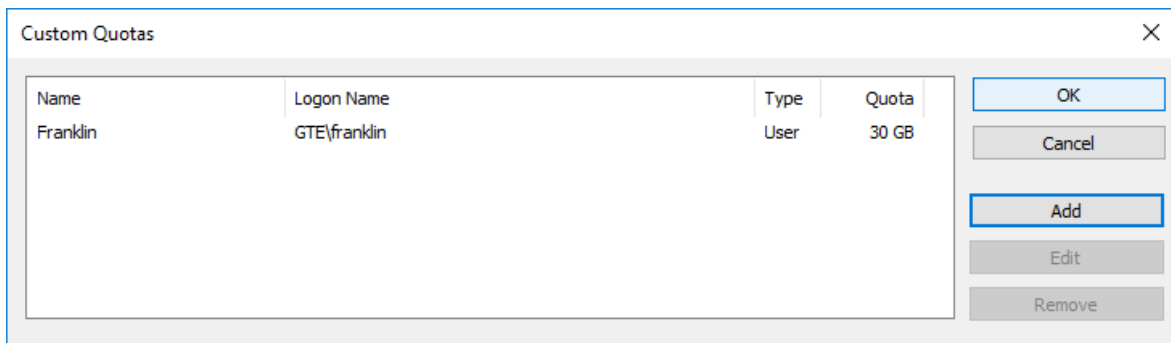
This button opens the Custom Quotas window.

## Using Custom Quotas

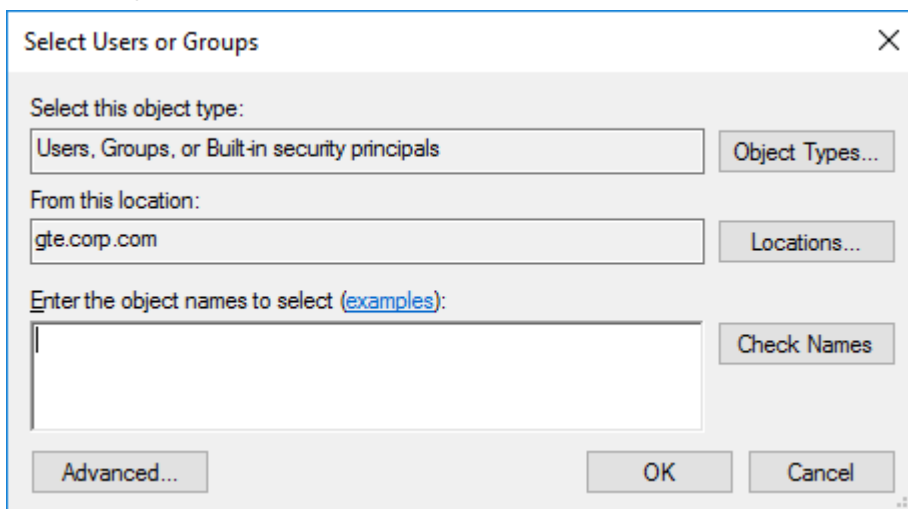
You can use **Custom Quotas** to define user-based or group-based Time Machine backup quotas. Quotas can be assigned to users and groups that exist locally on the server or within Active Directory. Custom quota settings always override the **Limit users without custom quotas** setting. Custom user quotas always override custom group quotas.

**Setting a custom quota:**

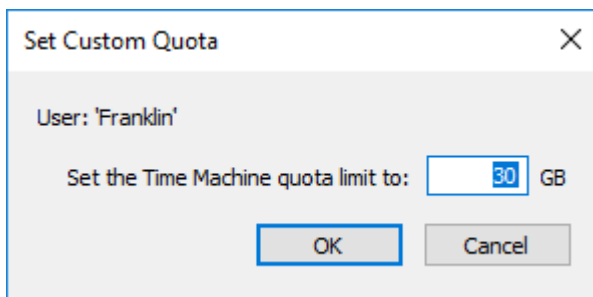
1. Click the **Custom Quotas** button on the **Volume Properties** dialog box to open the **Custom Quotas** window.



2. Click **Add** to add a new user-based or group-based quota.
3. Use the **Select Users or Groups** dialog to choose the users or groups you would like to apply a quota to. You can pick more than one user or group at a time if you would like to set them all to the same quota value.



4. Enter the desired quota limit value in GB and click **OK**.



## Using Advanced Volume Properties

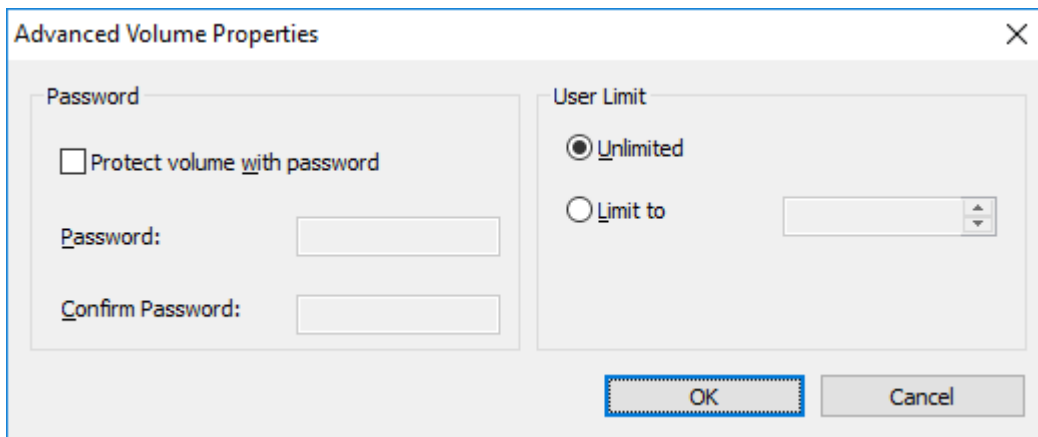
You may require that users enter an additional password, beyond their login password, when they mount volumes. You can configure this setting in the **Advanced Volume Properties** dialog box, where you can also limit the number of users who can simultaneously use a specific volume.

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### Note

On OS X 10.11 and higher, users cannot enter the password for protected volumes. It is an issue with these OS versions.

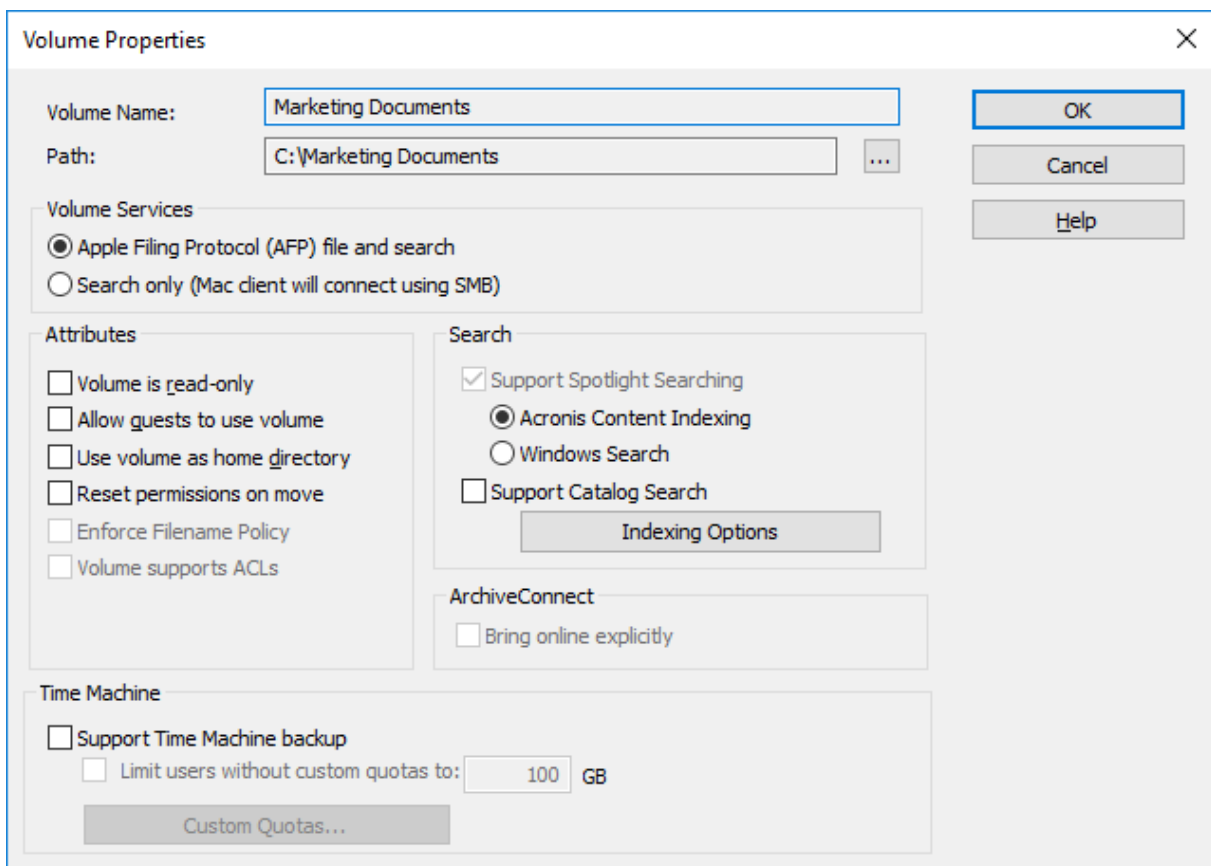
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This feature is disabled by default. To use it, you must enable the **Advanced...** button in the **Volume Properties** window first. To do this:

1. Edit the registry key **ShowVolumePropertiesAdvancedButton**, which is located in HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\NonRefreshable. To enable the button, change the **Value data** of this key to 1. To disable the button, revert the **Value data** to 0.
2. In Windows **Services**, restart the **Acronis Files Connect File and Print Server for Macintosh service**.
3. Restart the **Files Connect Administrator**.

The **Advanced...** button now appears in the **Volume properties** window.

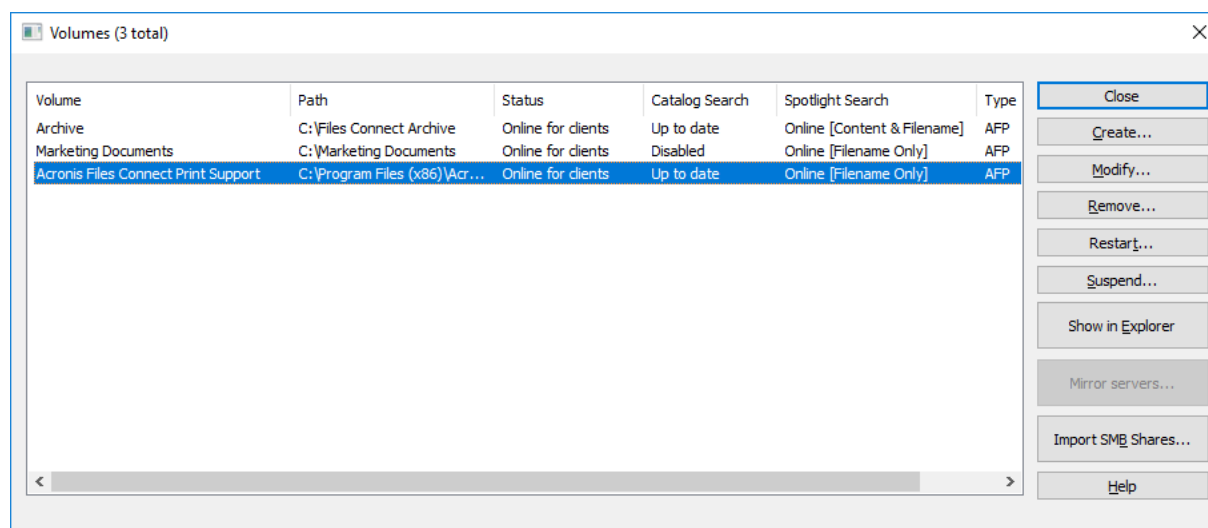


## Changing Permissions for Shared Files and Folders

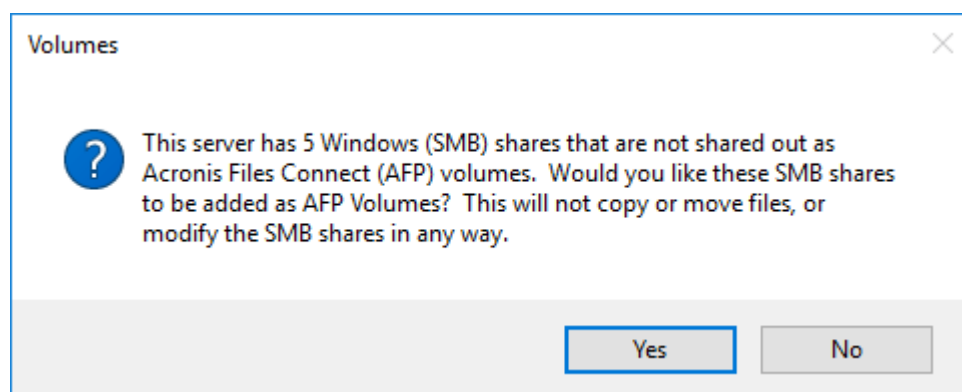
Files Connect uses the existing Windows user logon and passwords. Unless you enable ACL support, Windows and Mac computers handle folder and file properties differently and not all Windows access information is displayed on the Mac. Because Files Connect enforces Windows security settings, you should normally use Windows's built-in tools for adjusting directory and file permissions. The standard Windows tools provide the most flexibility for setting up your security policy.

## Importing Volumes

Each time you reopen the **Volumes** window, Files Connect checks for any SMB volumes that are not currently shared as Files Connect volumes. If such volumes are found, the **Import SMB Shares** button is enabled.



When you click **Import SMB Shares**, you are asked for verification.



Pre-existing SMB shares will become available as Files Connect volumes. This procedure is the same as that used the first time you launch Files Connect (see the [Launching Files Connect For the First Time](#) article).

Because someone could add or remove volumes to the SMB service at any time, when you reopen the Volumes window, note the state of the **Import SMB Shares** button. If it is disabled, no new volumes have been added. If one of the corresponding Files Connect volumes is removed, the button is enabled.

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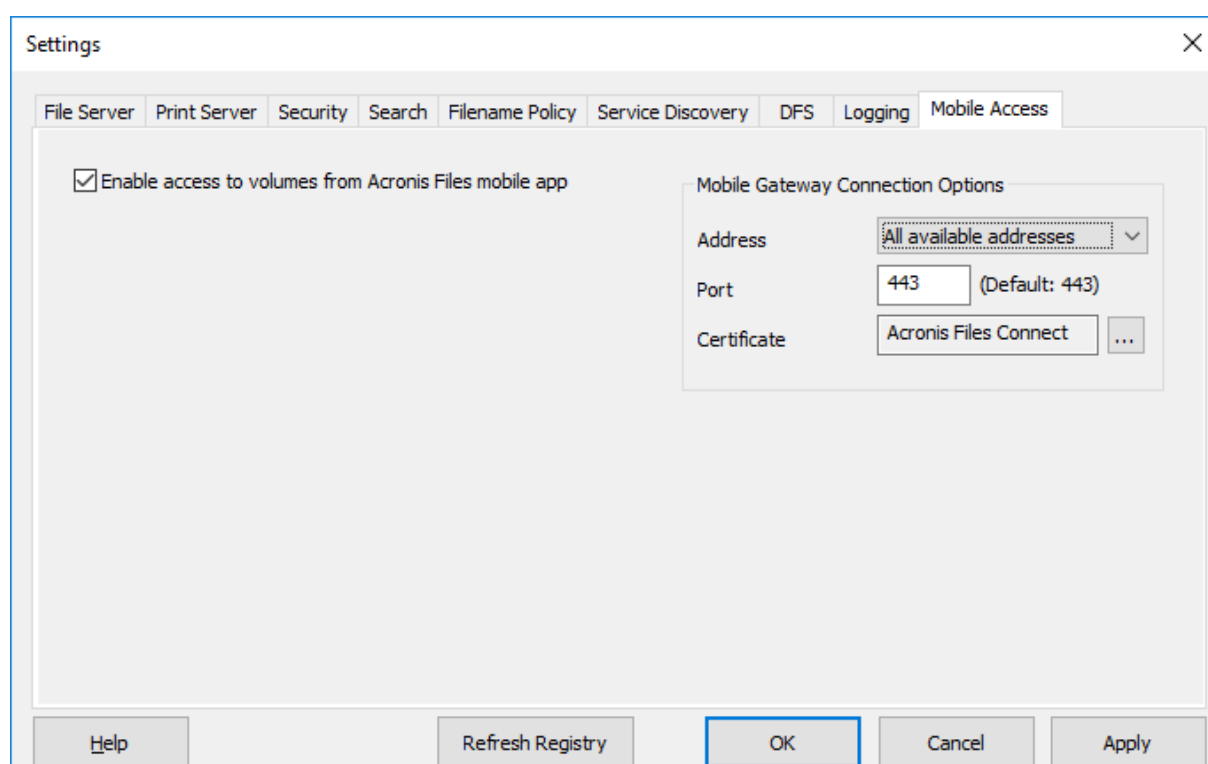
### Note

This button updates only when the Volumes window is opened. Changes occurring to shares have no effect on the button state while the Volumes window remains opened.

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## Using Mobile Access

### To allow Acronis Files mobile clients to connect to your Volumes:



1. Open the Files Connect Administrator.
2. Open the **Settings** menu
3. Open the **Mobile Access** tab.
4. Select the **Enable access to Volumes from Acronis Files mobile app** check box.
5. Set an IP or DNS address for the Gateway.
6. Set a port for the Gateway.
7. Select an SSL certificate. You can use the default one, but that is not recommended in a production environment.
8. Press **OK**.

## Connecting with a mobile client

To connect to the Gateway server, you have to add it through the mobile app. Afterwards you will be able to connect with a single tap. For in-depth information on using the mobile app, please visit the Client Guides documentation.

### Requirements

In order to be able to connect to your Files Connect Volumes via mobile client from outside your company LAN, you need to provide your mobile device(s) with network access to your company's network. You can do this via VPN, HTTPs Reverse Proxy or opening a firewall port.

### Supported devices:

- Apple iPad 4th generation and later
- Apple iPad mini 2nd generation and later
- Apple iPad Pro 1st generation and later
- Apple iPhone 5 and later
- Apple iPod Touch 6th generation and later
- Android smartphones and tablets (devices with x86 processor architecture are not supported).
- Windows smartphones and tablets (Windows RT is not supported).
- Note: Windows devices will work with Acronis Access servers version 6.0 and newer.

### Supported OS:

- iOS 10 or later
- Android 2.2 or later (devices with x86 processor architecture are not supported).
- Windows 8.1 or later (Windows RT is not supported).
- Note: Windows devices will work with Acronis Access servers version 6.0 and newer.

### Download the Acronis Files app :

- [For iOS.](#)
- [For Android.](#)

### Connecting from iOS

1. In the **Network** section, tap the **Plus (+) button**.
2. Select **Add Files Advanced Server**.
3. Enter the Files Advanced **Server Address**. You can enter the server DNS name or IP address.
4. Optionally, you can set a **Display Name** to help you identify your server in the list of network folders and servers. If you don't set one, the server will be displayed with the **Server Address**.
5. Enter the username or email address that will be used to connect to the server.
6. You can save your password, so that you don't have to enter it every time you connect to the

server. To do so, enable **Save Password**. aaa sdd

7. When you finish configuring the new server, tap the **tick** button.

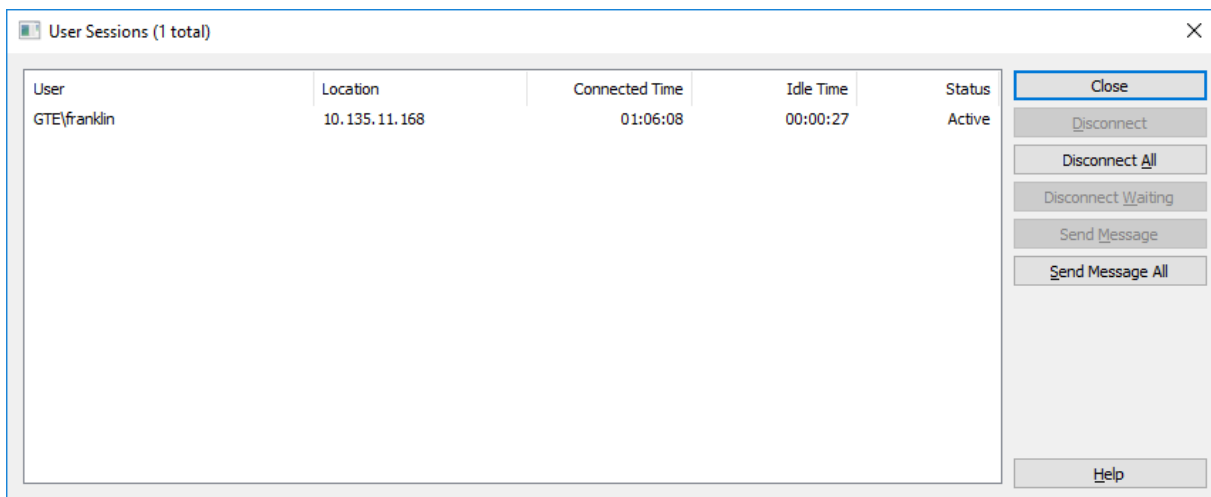
## Connecting from Android

1. Start the Acronis Files app.
2. In the **Network** section, tap the **Plus icon**.
3. Select **Add Server**.
4. Enter the Files Connect **server address**. You can enter the server DNS name or IP address.
5. Enter the login name or email address that will be used to connect to the server.
6. You can save your password, so that you don't have to enter it every time you connect to the server. To do so, enable **Save Password**.
7. When you finish configuring the new server, tap the **tick** button (**Save** for tablets).

## Files Connect Users

The **Users** dialog box lets you view the users connected to the server, disconnect those users, or send messages to them. For information on user name and password entry, refer to the section [Connecting Mac Users](#). To view the **Users** dialog box, click **Users** on the Files Connect Administrator window.

Names and IP addresses identify users who are currently connected. Their connection and idle times are given. The dialog refreshes automatically. Click on a column title to sort the list by a column.



The status tells you if the Mac client is idle, sleeping, or being reconnected; see [Reconnecting a Dropped User Session](#).

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### Note

User accounts are defined in Windows. Files Connect uses this information to determine the user access privileges.

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**Disconnect** – Disconnect a highlighted user or all users.

**Send Message** – Send a message to a highlighted user or all connected users.

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### Note

OS X 10.9 or later does not support sending messages.

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The **Status** column tells you if the connection **Active**, **Sleeping**, or **Waiting for Reconnect**.

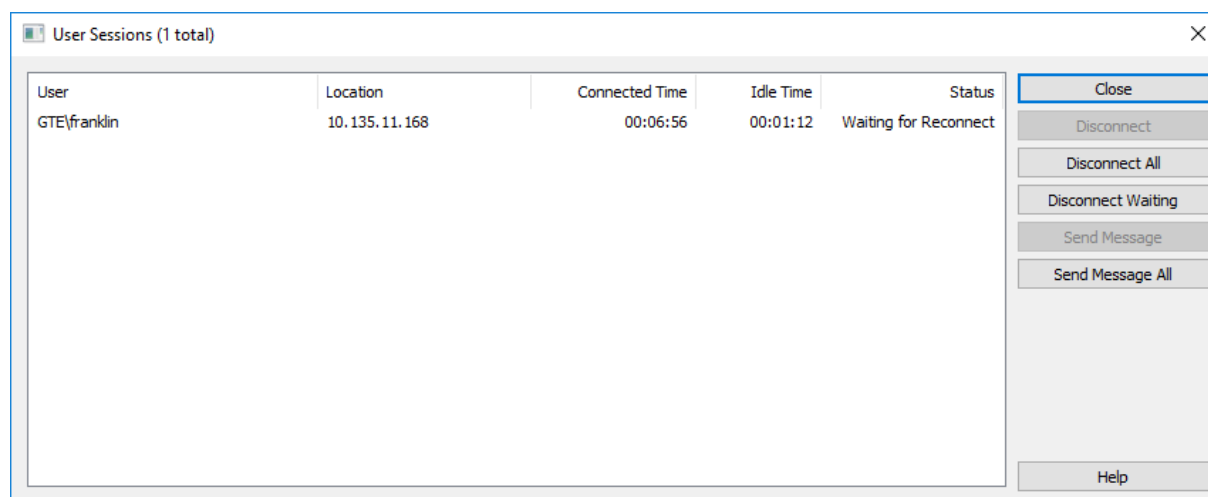
## Connecting Mac Users

Files Connect supports Active Directory. When Mac users connect to the Files Connect server, they enter their user names and passwords. Files Connect authenticates this account against the primary domain of the Windows machine that it is running on. If this machine is not a member of a domain, the account must be a member of the local accounts that appear in **Windows User Manager**. If the machine is a member of a domain, then the user name you give the Macintosh user must be either a member of the primary domain, the local accounts, or a trusted domain.

You may specify to be authenticated against a specific domain by prefixing the user name with the domain name and a backslash (\). For example, to authenticate the user name Joe from the Marketing domain, in the user name portion of your AFP client logon enter `MARKETING\joe`.

## Reconnecting a Dropped User Session

Files Connect supports reconnecting user sessions in the event of a temporary network outage. In addition, it supports automatic closing of locked files after a Mac client crash or reboot.



## Reconnecting If a Session is Dropped

When macOS X clients connect to Files Connect, they receive an encrypted reconnect credential. In the event that the connection to the server is broken, Files Connect keeps the session alive by putting it into **Waiting For Reconnect** mode. While in this mode, all files and volumes opened by the session remain open. When the client machine reestablishes contact with the server, the client



(silently) supplies the server with the reconnect credential. Files Connect decrypts the credential and uses it to authenticate the user.

If the authentication is successful, the client is logged into the server. The computer follows up this login with a request to disconnect its old session. Files Connect finds the old session, transfers its open files and volumes to the new session, and deletes the old session. The new session has access to the old session's assets. If the old session is no longer available because it timed out or was manually disconnected or because the Files Connect service restarted or failed over, Files Connect returns an error to the client when the client tries to disconnect the old session. In this case, the client machine tries to reopen any files and volumes that were open in the old session. Any data written to those files are lost if those data have not yet been flushed to disk.

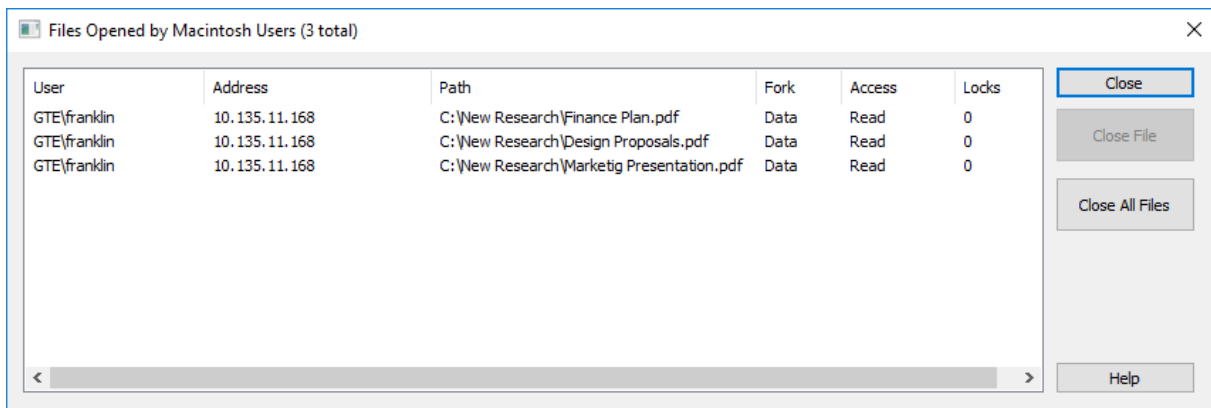
However, the new session has access to those files automatically. In the event that the Mac client crashes and reboots while connected to the Files Connect server, the old session is placed in **Waiting For Reconnect** mode as described above. The next time the Mac client logs into the server, Files Connect detects that a client reboot has taken place and automatically disconnects the old session and closes any files that the session had opened. Since the client has rebooted, Files Connect does not transfer files to the new session; the reboot has wiped away knowledge of the old session from the client. This feature helps alleviate the problem of a client-side crash leaving files open on the server. Sessions remain in a Waiting For Reconnect state for five minutes; then they are automatically disconnected and their open files closed. This reconnect timeout is configurable through a registry setting. You can use the registry keys to affect the way Files Connect reconnects a session; see [Appendix A: Using the Registry Keys](#).

## Reconnecting with Kerberos

Authentication Kerberos is a protocol that provides secure network authentication and support for single sign-on to network resources: see [Using Kerberos](#). Because of limitations in the Windows OS, users that originally logged in using Kerberos authentication cannot reconnect automatically if their old session is no longer available. Therefore, while users logging in with cleartext or DHX-encrypted passwords silently reconnect after a cluster failover, clients logging in with Kerberos may be disconnected.

## Viewing Files Opened with Files Connect

The **Files Opened by Macintosh Users** dialog box displays files currently in use. Macintosh users may open the data or resource fork of a file. To view the **Files Opened by Macintosh Users** dialog box, click the **Files** button on the **Files Connect Administrator** dialog box.



The dialog refreshes itself as new files are used by the Mac users.

**The dialog box lists the following information about each file being used:**

- **User** – the name of the Mac user using the file.
- **Address** – the IP Address from which the user is connected.
- **Path** – the name of the file being used.
- **Fork** – the fork being accessed by the user—either the Resource or Data fork.
- **Access** – access information (for example, read access or write access).
- **Locks** – a count for the number of locked sections on a file if a user has locked portions of that file for exclusive access, which happens often for database programs.

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**Note**

You should use caution when closing a file this way because a user may experience data loss and possibly a crash. Instead, disconnect a user using the Users dialog box; this automatically closes all files opened by that user

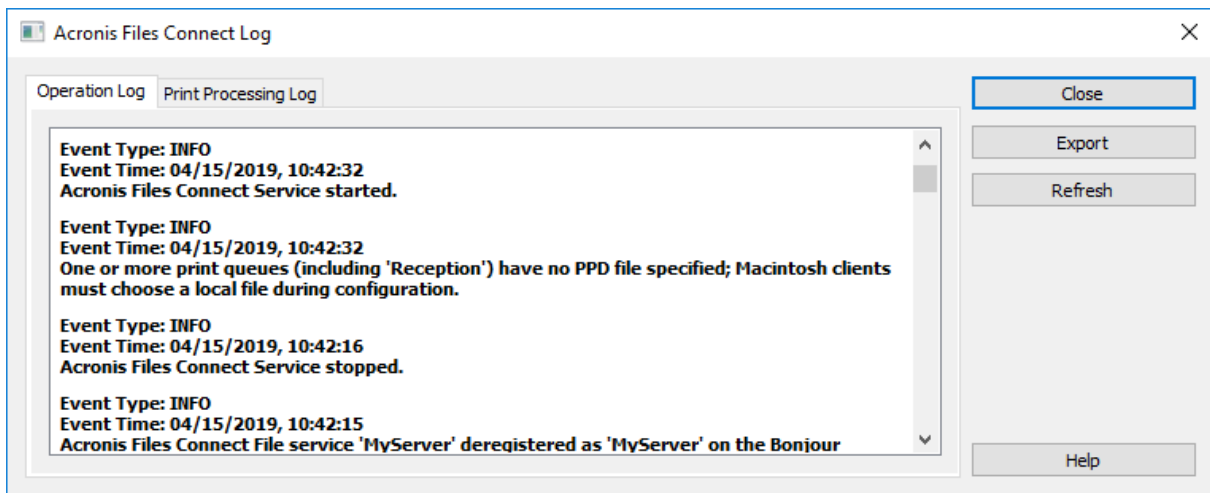
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## Using the Log

### Keeping track of activities with the Operation Log

The **Files Connect Administrator** provides a log of the Files Connect server's activities. The log contains details regarding the connections that have been made along with other operational information. You can export the log to a tab-delimited text file for use in other programs. Once the log is exported to a text file, you can import it into a spreadsheet or system designed to make use of the information.

To view the log, click the **Log** button on the **Files Connect Administrator** dialog box.



You can view the type of entry, the time the entry was made, and the message about the entry.

## Exporting the Operation Log

You can export the Log to save it in a text format in two ways:

### To export the log within Files Connect, do the following:

1. From the Files Connect **Log** window, click **Export** to save the log as text.
2. Type a name and format.
3. Click **Save** to return to the log.

### To export the log from the command line, do the following:

1. Navigate in a DOS prompt to the folder where Files Connect is installed.
2. Type `EZIPUTIL PRINT /EXPORT_LOG /PATH:fullpathoflog` where `fullpathoflog` specifies the location and name of the log file that should be exported, such as `C:\Logs\file.txt`. See the included sample batch file `Export_Print_Log.bat` that came with Files Connect.

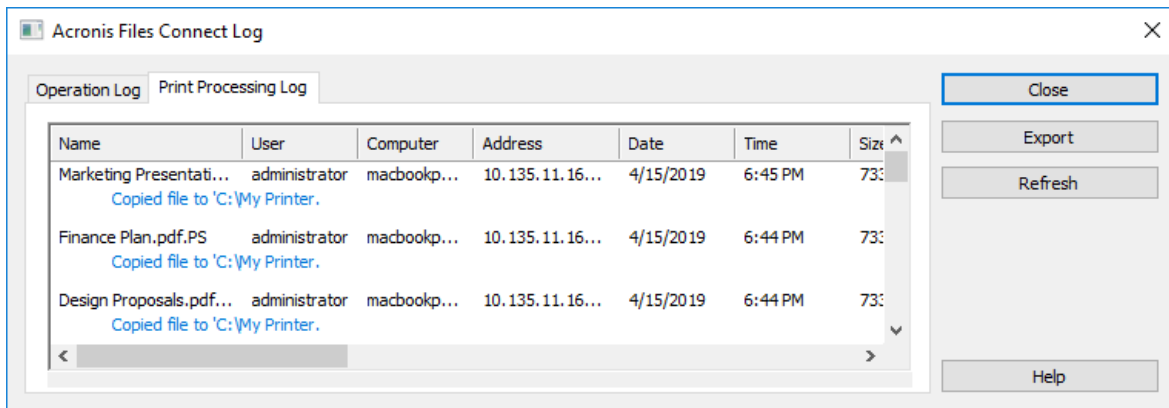
## Using the Print Log

You can view a log of Files Connect activities. The log tells you what jobs have been printed and other information.

### To view the log, do the following:

1. Click **Log** on the **Files Connect Administrators** dialog box.
2. Click the **Print Processing Log** tab to display it. The **Print Processing Log** contains standard printing information. You can sort the log by any column by clicking on the column title. To

toggle the sort between ascending and descending, click the column title a second time.



Using the registry keys, you can add each new print log entry to a specified text file automatically. See Appendix A: Using the Registry Keys" [here](#).

## Customizing Files Connect Print Processing Log columns

You can use registry keys to override the default configuration and customize your view of the Print Processing Log to display various columns in any order. The two formats are IP Printing for regular Files Connect print support and Print Accounting for print accounting use. Both formats are configured in the same manner, but Print Accounting has more options and some special considerations. See ### for instructions on using the Print Processing Log.

## Exporting the Print Log from Files Connect

You can export either log in a tab-delimited text file for use in other programs. Once the log is exported to a text file, you can import it to a spreadsheet or system designed to make use of the information.

### To export the log using the Export button, do the following:

1. Access the Files Connect Log dialog in the Files Connect Administrator.
2. To export a log, display its tab—**Print Processing** or **Operation**—and click **Export**.
3. Click **Save** to save the log. If you export the printing jobs, the file is named Files Connect Print Jobs.txt.
4. Click **Close** to return to the Files Connect Administrator.

### To export either log using the command line, do the following:

1. Navigate in a command prompt to the folder where Files Connect is installed.
2. Type EZIPUTIL PRINT /EXPORT\_LOG /PATH:fullpathoflog where "fullpathoflog" specifies the location and name of the log file that should be exported, such as C:\Logs\PrintAccounting.txt. See the included sample batch file Export\_Print\_Log.bat that came with Files Connect.

## Using the Files Connect Print Server

The Files Connect Print Server supports IP-based printing from Mac computers. Mac clients set up printers using Zidget, Bonjour, or the Print Center. Mac OS 9 clients set up printers using the **Chooser** or **Choose IP Printer**, an Apple menu item.

In addition to these printing capabilities, your Mac clients can access shared volumes as described in the **Files Connect File Server** chapter. **Print Accounting**, installed with the Files Connect Print Server, provides additional print support; you can capture, validate and track cost-accounting information with each print job as the user prints it.

### How the Print Server Works

After receiving a print job from a Mac, Files Connect uses one of several processing methods to process it. These methods include Windows print queues, LPR printers and “hot folders”—special output directories where additional software, such as a RIP or OPI server, can process the job. In addition, you can view the print jobs in progress, speed or delay processing of jobs, and delete jobs from the list. Mac clients can use IP to print to the Files Connect Print Server.

The Files Connect Print Server logs many aspects of the print jobs that your users send to the server—job name, name of the user that sent the job, time and date of printing, page size, number of pages, size of job in bytes, address of the computer that printed the job, and the name of the print queue used. You can export this log automatically to a text file that can be imported into an accounting or other cost-tracking system.

Print Accounting captures and tracks additional information of your choosing and requires that the Mac client enter one or more billing codes that you set up before printing to a queue. The accounting information is added to the log of the print job and can be imported into standard accounting and cost-tracking systems. See [Using Print Accounting](#) for additional information on using Print Accounting. For information on viewing or retrieving the log, see the article on [Keeping track of activities with the log](#).

### Setting up Print Queues

A print queue is a virtual printer that Mac users can access. When Mac users print files to one of your printers, the resulting print job is delivered to your server and can be tracked and processed there. Read the section on creating print queues, then read the specific section on the following paragraphs to configure specific settings for the four types of print queues: Windows, LPR and Directory (Hot Folder).

### Creating a Print Queue

**To create a print queue, do the following:**

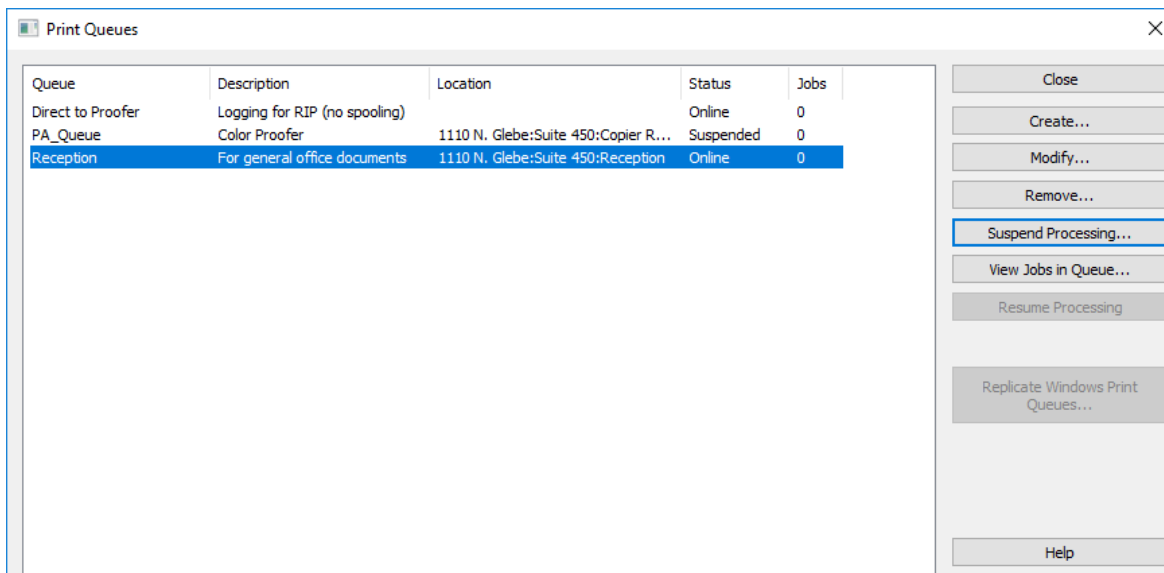
1. On the **Files Connect Administrator** dialog box, click **Print Queues**.

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**Note**

Click on a column title to sort the list of print queues.

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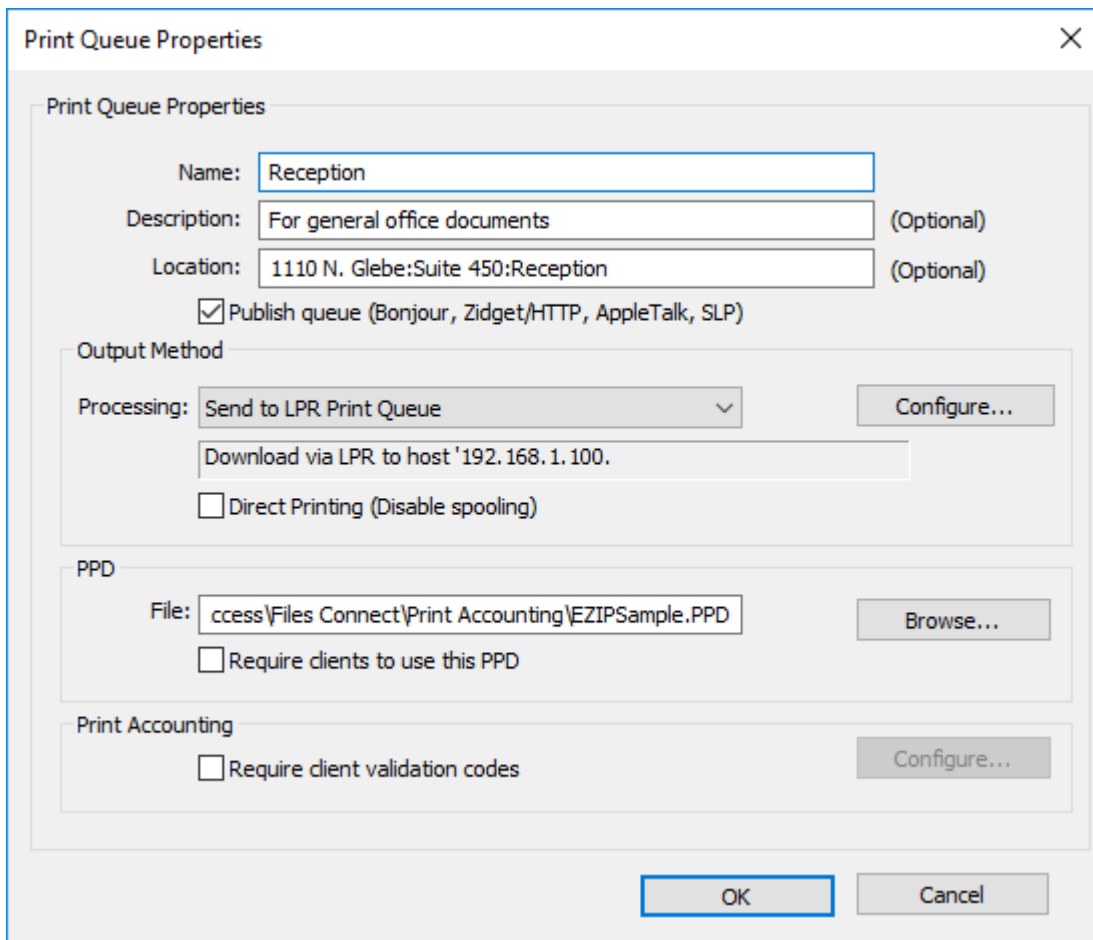
2. Click **Create** to define a print queue. When a queue is suspended, jobs are accepted by the server. However, they are not sent to the printer until processing is resumed. Create print queues. Open a window with a list of the pending jobs. From there you can start, stop, or reorder the print jobs. Takes the existing Windows print queues and republishes them as Files Connect queues as well.

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**Note**

If you plan to use Print Accounting, select the check box allowing you to Require Client Validation Codes. Click here for information about setting up print accounting for a print queue.

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3. Type a name for the print queue you are setting up.
4. Associate a PPD file with the queue and choose a processing method. See the sections below for instructions for each kind.

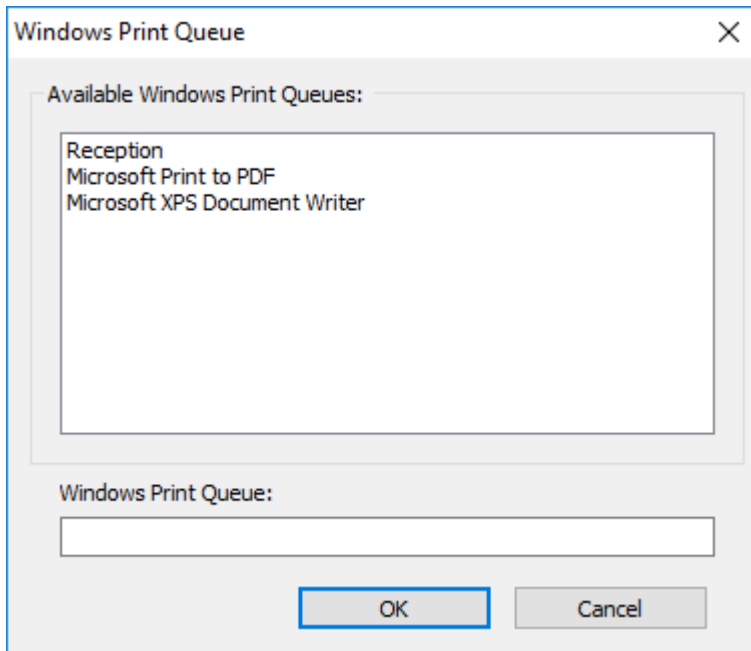
## Setting Up Processing Methods

When Files Connect receives a job from a client, it can output the job to a Windows print queue, an LPR printer or a directory. The following section describes how to configure each of these methods.

### Sending to a Windows Print Queue

**To select a Windows print queue for your processing method, do the following:**

1. Select **Send to Windows Print Queue** on the **Processing** pull down menu of the **Print Queue Properties** dialog box.



You see a list of Windows printers that you have already shared for Windows clients on the server. The PPD to be used by clients when printing to this queue. The name that you will see when you print from a Mac. Where Files Connect will send the jobs after they are received. Require the Mac client to supply job-tracking information every time they print to this queue (refer to the Files Connect manual for additional configuration). Whether the print queue should be discoverable by clients.

2. Select a printer. If this list is empty, you must create a Windows printer from the Windows Print Wizard and set it to be shared.

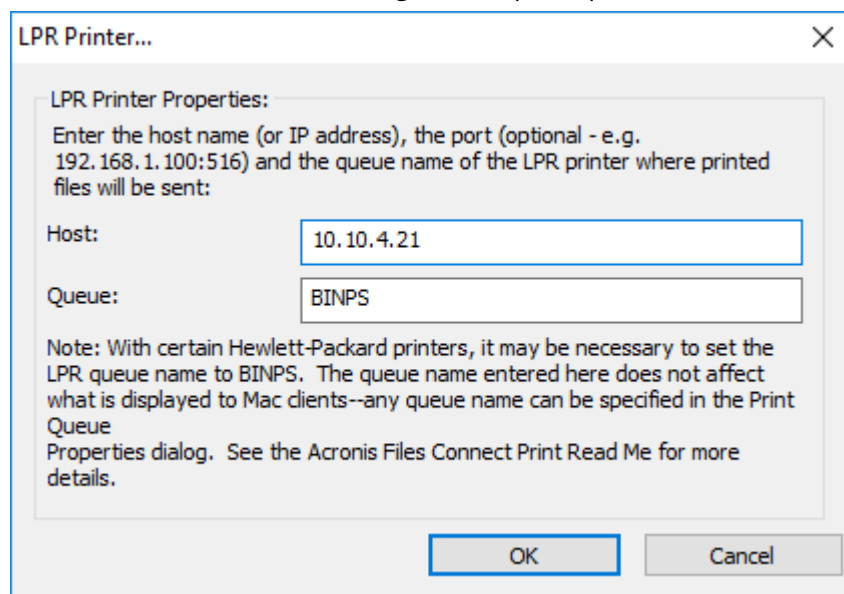
## Sending to an LPR printer queue

**To select an LPR printer for your processing method, do the following:**

1. In the **Processing** pull down menu of the **Print Queue Properties** dialog box, select **Send to LPR Print Queue**.
2. Type a name for the print queue you are setting up. Queue names must be unique; you cannot have two queues with the same name. See the section Controlling printing with an LPR printer



for information about controlling the LPR print queue.



## Sending to a Specified Directory (Hot Folder)

You can create a print queue that sends files to a specified directory or hot folder. You can choose a local folder or one from the network. For network locations you use a UNC path.

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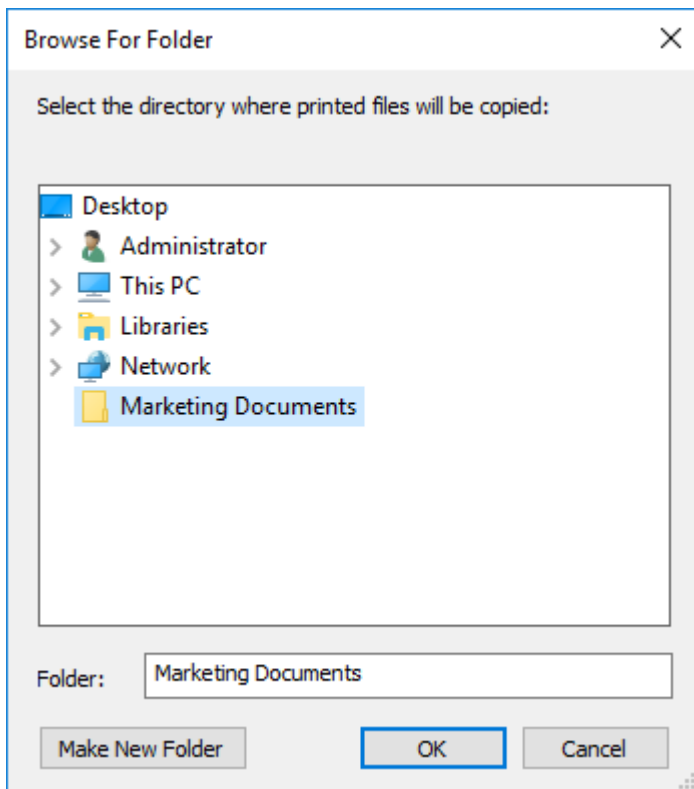
### Note

If you select a network location, the Computer account for the server in Active Directory must be given access to the network location on the remote server. Giving a computer account access to a folder is performed the same way as giving a User account access to a folder.

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### To use a specified directory as your processing method, perform the following:

1. Select **Send to Specified Directory** in the **Processing** pull down menu of the **Print Queue Properties** dialog box.



2. Use the **Browse for Folder** dialog to locate and select the directory.
3. Click **OK**.

## Associating a PPD File with a Print Queue

You may associate a PostScript Printer Description (PPD) with each queue. PPDs are used on the Macintosh when creating printers. If you provide a PPD file for the print queue, Mac clients can download and configure the printer for use on their desktops without having a PPD already installed on their machines.

The Files Connect server includes an option that automatically downloads the specified PPD to Mac users when they create printers. You should obtain and use PPD files that were created on a Mac, since they include additional information such as special icons to deliver the user experience that Mac users expect. Specifying a PPD when you set up a queue makes it available for download, but its presence on the server does not affect printing.

To associate a PPD file with a print queue, enter the path to the PPD file in the PPD section of the **Print Queue Properties** dialog box or use the **Browse** button to locate the correct PPD

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### Note

These files must be on a disk accessible by the server.

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## Controlling the Processing of Jobs

You can control the processing of jobs that Mac users send to the Files Connect server. On the **Print Queues** dialog, you can do the following:

- view the status of each job in the queue in the Status column.
- suspend processing of all jobs in a print queue and a particular job in a print queue.
- resume processing when you want.
- control which jobs are processed first.
- delete jobs.

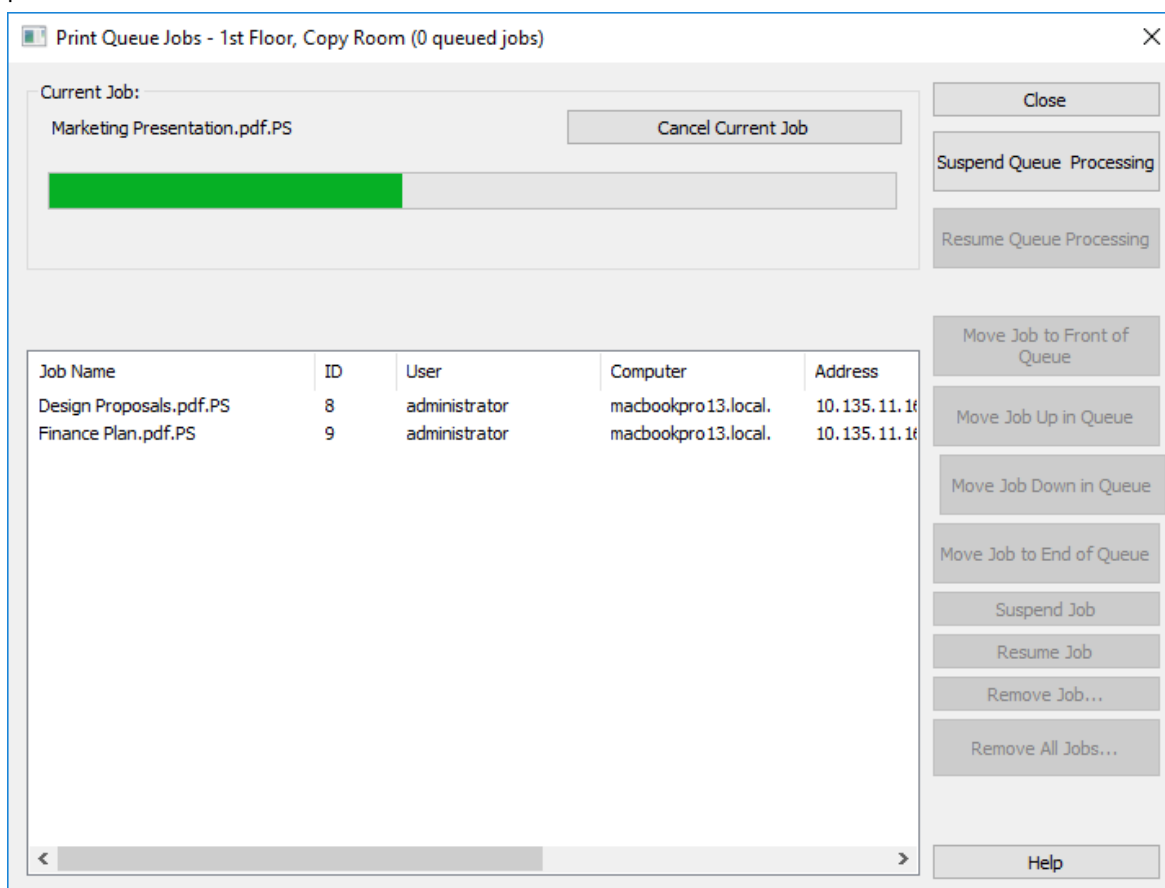
To access the Print Queues dialog, click **Print Queues** on the **Files Connect Administrator** window. This dialog lists the print queues available to Mac clients.

## Viewing and Managing Print Jobs

You can view and manage jobs being processed in the **Print Queue Jobs** dialog box for one or more print queues at the same time.

**To view a list of the jobs being processed in a print queue, do the following:**

1. Highlight a print queue in the **Print Queue** dialog box.
2. Click **View Jobs in Queue**. The **Print Queue Jobs** dialog box lists the jobs being processed. When a job is being processed, you see the progress indicator and the name of the job being processed.



## Publishing A Print Queue

Files Connect Print Server advertises all print queues automatically over Bonjour, Zidget/HTTP and AFP. Mac and Windows clients can set up and print to Bonjour printers in a single step. If your clients are using Mac OS X 10.4.3 or later, they can take advantage of the new Files Connect Zidget. Once you select a printer using any of these methods, it is available as an installed printer in the print dialog. You do not have to set up your printer each time you want to print to it. You can disable the automatic advertisement of printers over Bonjour, Zidget/HTTP and AFP globally for the entire server or on a queue-by-queue basis.

**To disable any advertisement protocol, do the following:**

1. From the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, click **Settings**.
2. On the **Settings** dialog box, click the **Service Discovery** tab.
3. Disable the services you do not want to use; see the [Service Discovery](#) article. You can also disable publishing a specific queue so that only people who know the queue exists can use it.

## Using Print Accounting

Print Accounting allows you to validate, capture, and track cost-accounting information with each print job as the user prints it. Information obtained through **Print Accounting** is logged with other information in the **Print Processing Log**. You can use the print accounting information for these and other tasks:

- allocating proofing costs between clients and jobs.
- tracking use of shared printing resources and assigning costs correctly to departments and jobs.
- tracking the use of printers between employees, students, or projects.
- ensuring that only authorized users can print to certain printers.

You can configure print queues to require that Mac users enter accounting codes before printers will accept jobs from them. You decide how many accounting codes are required for each print queue, the names of the codes, and whether the codes are optional or required. When codes are required, Mac users cannot print a job until codes are entered. You may allow clients to browse a list of valid accounting codes or pick from the most recently used codes on their computer.

Each print accounting code is associated with a text file that contains valid codes and descriptions—for example, an employee number/name ( 2312, Jane Smith), or project number/name ( Q98331A, Mockup for Acme Corp Annual Report). When clients print to a queue, they are prompted to enter the print accounting codes based on the configuration on the server. Validation is performed against this text file when the client prints, so you can update these codes and descriptions on the server without having to reconfigure the client.

## Setting up Print Accounting

Print Accounting supports Mac clients using Mac OS X 10.2.8 or later. You must modify a PPD for use with Mac OS X before using print accounting. See [Modifying a PPD for use with Print Accounting](#) for directions for modifying a PPD. Print Accounting is supported through TCP/IP on Mac OS X. It is not available when printing from applications running in Classic mode under Mac OS X.

Files Connect also supports an option called Direct Printing with which you can route Print Accounting through the Files Connect server, while Macs send jobs directly to a printer that supports the LPR/CUPS™ (Common UNIX Printing System) printing architecture.

## Creating a List of Codes for Customers

To use Print Accounting, you must first create text files containing the codes and descriptions for each code. If the codes already exist in another system, such as an accounting system, you can export them as tab delimited files and make any adjustments necessary to conform to the Files Connect format. For each print queue for which you want to use print accounting, create a separate file for each code field that includes the code and its description, separated by a tab, in a word processor or text editor. If you use a word processing program, you must save the file as a text file.

**For example, enter the information in the following way for employee identification:**

- 123 <tab> Sue <return>
- 124 <tab> Jim

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### Note

If you change the code text files, Files Connect does not reload them automatically. To reload the codes after making changes, restart the Files Connect service or use the command line argument `EZIPUTIL.EXE PRINT /REFRESH_CODES`

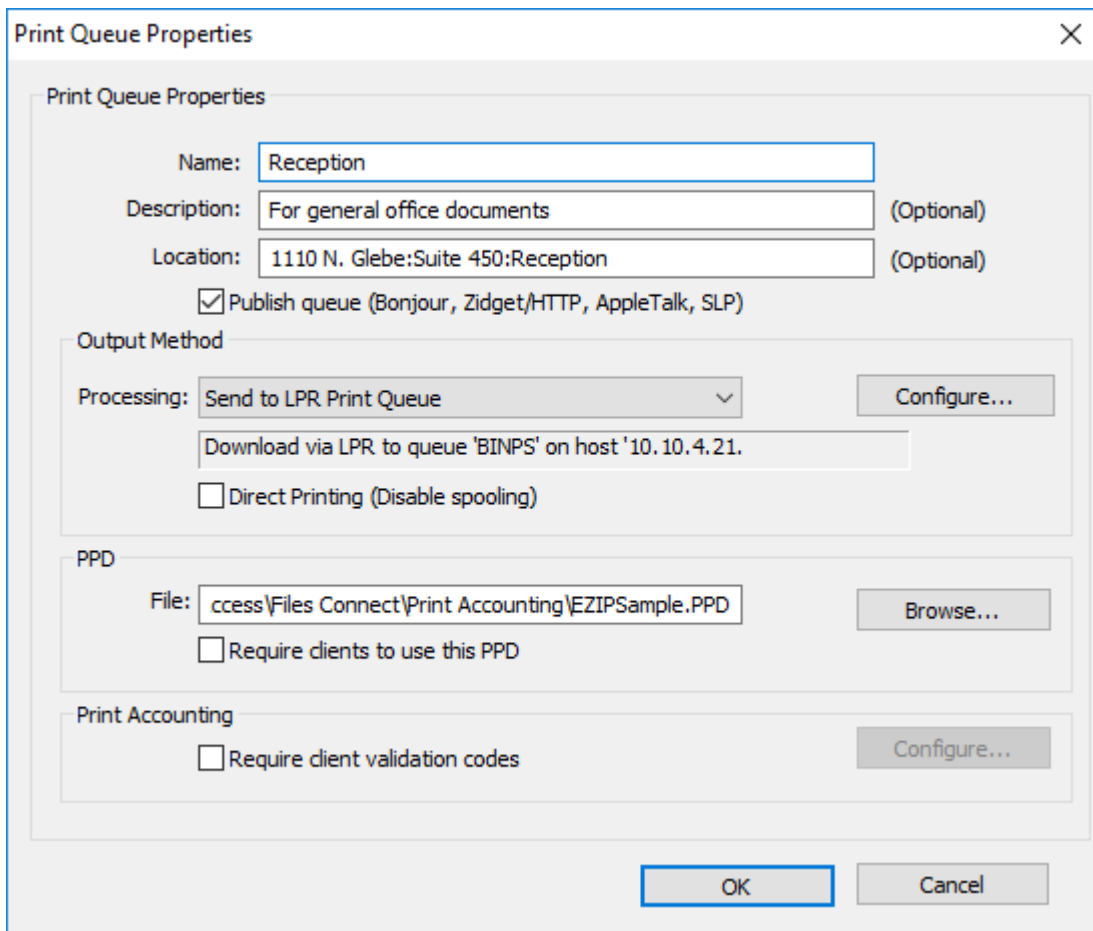
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## Setting up a Print Queue to Provide Print Accounting Information

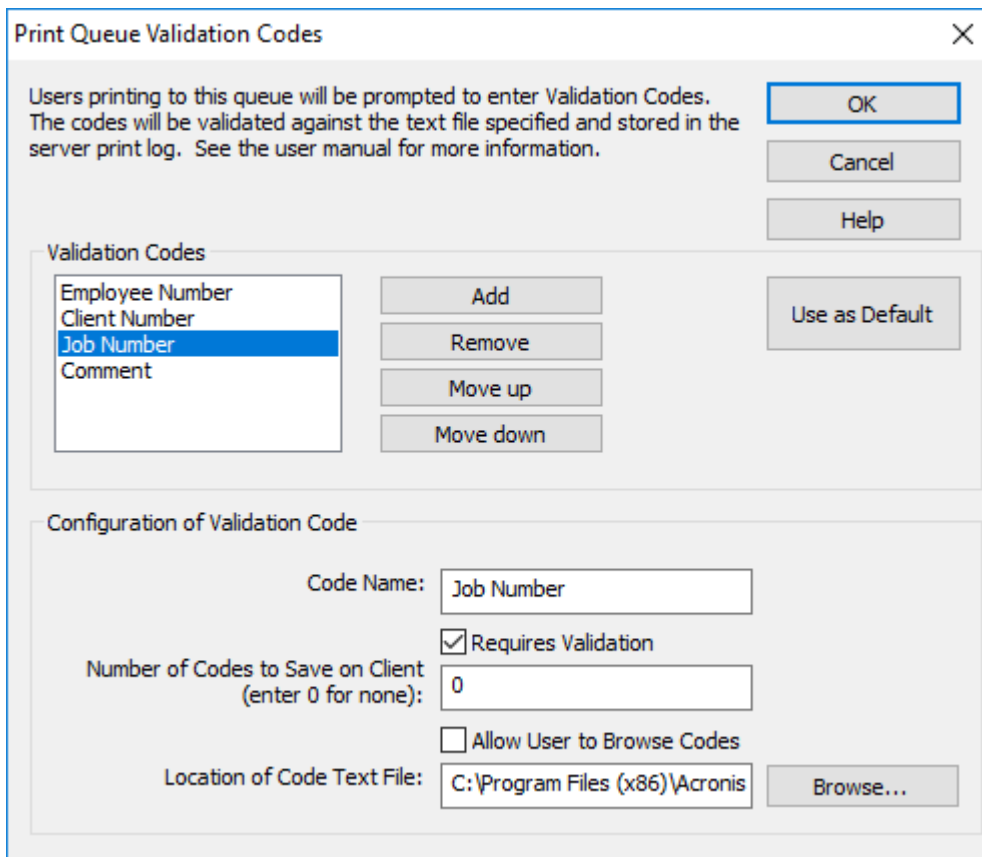
Once you define your codes and code descriptions, assign them to print queues as you set up print queues or modify them. You set up validation codes for each print queue; every Mac client using that print queue will have the same fields.

**To set up a print queue to provide Print Accounting information, do the following:**

1. In the **Files Connect Administrator**, click **Print Queues**.
2. Select an existing print queue and click **Modify** or click **Create** to create a new print queue.
3. Select the **Require client validation codes** check box.



4. To add the first code, click **Configure**. You can change the name of the code to anything you would like. This name appears next to the field on the Mac print dialog box.



5. If you want to require the Mac user to fill in the code before printing instead of it being optional, select the check box **Requires Validation**. Use fields that do not require validation for information such as comments.
6. If you want the Mac user to be able to browse the code list, select the **Allow User to Browse Codes** check box.
7. Click **Browse** to locate the text file that contains the codes you set up earlier.
8. Click **OK** to save the entered code or click **Add** to add additional code fields.
9. Provide the PPD for each Mac by placing it on the Files Connect server and configuring the print queue to require it.

## Modifying a PPD for use with Print Accounting

On Mac OS X, the PPD selected for each print queue must be modified to include additional information, including the IP address of the server. Macintosh PPDs are normally in the folder /Library/Printers/PPDs/Contents/Resources. A sample PPD called Files ConnectSample.PPD is included with the software.

### To modify a PPD for use with Print Accounting, follow these steps:

1. Find the PPD you want to modify.
2. Default PPDs are compressed in the gzip format. Expand one by double-clicking it.
3. Open the uncompressed PPD in a text editor.
4. Copy the following lines to the PPD from the Files Connect sample PPD:

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*%*****
*% Files Connect Print Accounting CUPS Filter
*%*****
*cupsFilter: "application/vnd.cups-postscript 0 Files Connect_filter"
*Files Connect_Print_Accounting_IP: "192.168.1.5"
*Files Connect_Print_Accounting_Queue_Name: "My Queue Name"
*%*****
*% Files Connect Print registering UI element for plugin invocation
*%*****
*OpenUI *Files ConnectValidationRequired/ValidationRequired: Boolean
*DefaultFiles ConnectValidationRequired: False
*Files ConnectValidationRequired True/Required: ""
*Files ConnectValidationRequired False/Not Required: ""
*?Files Connect_Validation_Required: "query code"
*CloseUI: *Files ConnectValidationRequired

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1. **Note:** If the PPD you are modifying already has a CUPS filter it may conflict with the Files Connect filter.
2. Modify the line Files Connect\_Print\_Accounting\_IP to be the TCP/IP address of the Files Connect server.
3. Modify the line Files Connect\_Print\_Accounting\_Queue\_Name to be the name of the queue as it is specified in the Files Connect Administrator.
4. Modify the NickName of the PPD. There should be a line that starts \*NickName:
5. This name will appear when selected during creation of a desktop printer. If you don't modify the NickName and, instead, leave the original compressed PPD installed, you will not be able to select the modified one.
6. Save the PPD from the text editor with a .ppd extension. The standard TextEdit application asks you if you want to append a .txt extension. Click **Don't Append a .txt** and do not re-compress the PPD.



# Backup and Recovery

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## Warning!

This procedure works only if you backup and recover the same version. For example, if you backup 10.6.1 and install 10.6.1 again, you can use the recovery, but if you install 10.6.3 you won't be able to use this method.

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## Backup

### To backup your current Files Connect setup, you must do the following:

1. Open the registry editor (Open a command prompt and type **regedit**).
2. Navigate to: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\
3. Right click on the ExtremeZ-IP folder and press **Export**.
4. Store the registry backup on a safe location (on another machine, a flash drive, etc.) in case the server fails.
5. Backup all shared folders (copy them on another machine, etc.)
6. If you have a license key, write it down. You can find the key by pressing the **Licensing** button on the Files Connect Administrator.

### To backup your current Files Connect clustered setup, you must do the following:

1. Open the registry editor (Open a command prompt and type **regedit**).
2. Navigate to: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\

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#### Note

<instance> should be replaced by the name of your clustered Files Connect instance on the current server.

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3. Right click on the <instance> folder and press **Export**.
4. Store the registry backup on a safe location (on another machine, a flash drive, etc.) in case the server fails.
5. Backup all shared folders (copy them on another machine, etc.)
6. If you have a license key, write it down. You can find the key by pressing the **Licensing** button on the Files Connect Administrator.

## Recovery

### To recover your settings:

1. Import the registry backup(s) to the registry.
2. Paste the folders you previously had shared (or create them again – in the same place and with the same permissions as the old ones).

3. Install a fresh copy of Files Connect, using the same version you had before.
4. Enter your license key.

# Appendices

## Appendix A: Using the Registry Keys

You can use Windows registry keys to change some settings in Files Connect beyond what can be configured using the Files Connect Administrator.

The registry settings for the Files Connect service are located in the `\HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\` section of the registry. In the examples below this will be abbreviated as `...\RegistryKeyName`. There are two main kinds of registry keys; refreshable and nonrefreshable. Refreshable keys take effect when you click the Refresh Registry button in the Files Connect Administrator. Nonrefreshable keys on the other hand will not take effect until the service is restarted.

### Reconnecting a dropped session

Files Connect supports reconnecting user sessions in the event of a network outage, server crash, or cluster failover. In addition, it supports automatically closing locked files after a Mac client crash or reboot.

**You can use the following registry keys to affect the way Files Connect reconnects after a session is disconnected:**

`...\Parameters4\Refreshable\`

- `ServerSupportsReconnectUAM`
- `ReconnectTimeout`
- `ServerSupportsAFP3Reconnect`
- `ReconnectServerKeyLifetime`
- `ServerEmbedsPasswordInReconnectCredential`
- `MaxDuplicateSessionsWaiting`
- `ReconnectUAMExpirationInterval`

### Sending password expiration notifications during session

In addition to notifying Mac client users that their password is expiring at initial login, Files Connect can also be configured to notify users during their session. Notification during a session requires that notification at initial login is enabled. To do this, select the **Notify Mac clients of password expiration** option on the **Security** tab of the **Settings** dialog in the **Files Connect Administrator**. Here, you will also specify the number of days from expiration that the notification should begin.

Next, you will edit the registry key named **PasswordExpirationReminderInterval** in:

`...\Parameters4\Refreshable\`

The value of this registry key determines the interval at which the client is notified of the upcoming

password expiration in minutes. The interval can be configured from 1 minute to 1440 minutes (1 day).

## Scheduling re-indexing with EZIPUTIL

By default, Files Connect automatically re-indexes file entries for its indexed search. You can also use EZIPUTIL in a batch file or script to schedule re-indexing on a set schedule during off-hours and trigger it with a scheduling service of your choice. For more information about this tool, please refer to the [EZIPUTIL command line section](#).

1. First, disable automatic re-indexing by removing the selecting the **Automatically rebuild sparse indexes** check box found in the **Search Settings** dialog box (For more information, please refer to the Settings section).
2. EZIPUTIL.exe is located in the chosen Files Connect program installation directory on the server. Use the following command, which is included in the EZIPUTIL utility, to trigger the re-indexing of a volume manually.

You can also use it in a script or batch file to schedule re-indexing during off-hours:

```
EZIPUTIL VOLUME /REINDEX /NAME:volumename /PATH:root directory path  
[/SERVICENAME:servicename]
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**SERVICENAME** is needed only if Files Connect is running on a cluster.

## Adding print log entries to text files

To configure the Files Connect server to add each new print log entry to a specified text file automatically, do the following.

..\Parameters4\PrintRefreshable

1. Modify the PrintAccountingLogFilePath in the registry.
2. Set the value to the full path where you want the logs (for example, C:\Logs\Log.txt)

## Customizing Files Connect Print Processing Log columns

You can use registry keys to override the default configuration and customize your view of the Print Processing Log to display various columns in any order. The two formats are IP Printing for regular Files Connect print support and Print Accounting for print accounting use. Both formats are configured in the same manner, but Print Accounting has more options and some special considerations. See [##](#) for instructions on using the Print Processing Log.

## Columns

A REG\_SZ string entry in the registry controls custom configuration. The format for the string is to add types of data separated by a forward slash '/'. The format respects the order and number of types in the string value.

For example, if you wanted to restrict your view to `job_name`, `job_dateandtime`, and `job_printer` only, you would enter `'job_name/job_dateandtime/job_printer'` as your string value.

- **job\_id** - a unique ID generated by Files Connect for this print job
- **job\_name** - name of the file being printed
- **job\_user** - name of user generating the print job
- **job\_ip** - IP address of computer that submitted the print job
- **job\_datetime** - month/day/year and time of day job was submitted
- **job\_size** - size of the file being printed
- **job\_pagecount** - number of pages in the print job
- **job\_pagesize** - the type of paper the job is being printed on
- **job\_numcopies** - number of copies in this print job
- **job\_queue** - name of the print queue that is processing the print job
- **job\_printer** - name of the printer processing the print job
- **job\_date** - month/day/year of submitted print job
- **job\_time** - time of day job was submitted
- **job\_imagesize** - dimensions in pixels of submitted print job
- **job\_code1** Print Accounting information submitted with print job
- **job\_code2** Print Accounting information submitted with print job
- **job\_code3** Print Accounting information submitted with print job
- **job\_code4** Print Accounting information submitted with print job
- **job\_code5** Print Accounting information submitted with print job

By default, Files Connect has a specific column order. If no registry key is present, that order will be used. The following examples illustrate keys that would set up the default columns. They can be used as a starting point for customization. `..\Parameters4 \PrintRefreshable`

**Registry Path:** `PrintAccountingLogFormat`

**Type:** `REG_SZ`

**Data**(by default): `job_name/job_user/job_host/job_ip/job_date/job_time/job_size/job_pagecount/job_pagesize/job_imagesize/job_numcopies/job_queue/job_printer/job_code1/job_code2/job_code3/job_code4/job_code5`

## Appendix B: Monitoring Files Connect

Files Connect allows administrators and Acronis' support staff to "look inside" Files Connect to watch the load on the server, detect problems with shares and print queues, and diagnose performance bottlenecks. Files Connect supports counters for Windows Performance Monitor, Microsoft Operations Manager (MOM), and other instrumentation platforms that support Windows Management Interface (WMI), Microsoft's generic interface for monitoring applications in production. WMI-aware applications alert administrators to errors and help diagnose problems.

Most of the counters provided in Files Connect are global for the Files Connect instance or the server. For some of the users and volume counters, however, an administrator can choose to view a

single instance. For example, “instance” could be the number of bytes per second for an individual user.

Files Connect performance counters are compatible with both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2016, Windows Server 2019, Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7.

## Counters for Files Connect File Server

- **Users (Total)** - The number of currently-connected users, including users that are idle or sleeping
- **Users (Idle)** - The number of currently-connected users that have been idle for at least 10 minutes
- **Users (Sleeping)** - The number of currently-connected users that are sleeping
- **Users (Active)** - The number of currently-connected users that are active (neither idle or sleeping)
- **Users (Waiting For Reconnect)** - The number of sessions representing connections that have been terminated but are waiting for users to reconnect
- **AFPCommands Replied To** - The number of AFP commands replied to
- **AFP Commands Replied To/sec** - The number of AFP commands replied to per second
- **Volumes (Total)** - The number of Files Connect volumes
- **Volumes (Offline)** - The number of Files Connect volumes that are currently offline
- **Volumes (Online)** - The number of Files Connect volumes that are currently online
- **User Disconnects** - The number of times users have disconnected from the server in an ungraceful manner
- **Failed Logons** - The number of times users have failed to login because of an invalid password, username or Kerberos ticket
- **Reconnects** - The number of times users have reconnected to the server
- **Max Files Open** - The maximum number of file forks that have been open at any one time
- **Max File Locks** - The maximum number of files locks that have been in place at any one time
- **Max Users (Active)** - The maximum number of users that have been active at any one time
- **Max Users (Idle)** - The maximum number of users that have been idle at any one time
- **Max Users (Sleeping)** - The maximum number of users that have been sleeping at any one time
- **Max Users (Total)** - The maximum number of users logged-in at any one time
- **Max Users (Waiting For Reconnect)** - The maximum number of sessions waiting for users to reconnect at any one time
- **Thread Pool Size** - The total number of threads that are in the thread pool
- **Thread Pool (Working)** - The number of threads in the thread pool that were actively working at the time of sampling
- **Thread Pool (Quiet)** - The number of threads in the thread pool that have not done any work in over a minute

- **Thread Pool (Stalled)** - The number of threads in the thread pool that have been processing a task for more than one minute
- **Max Thread Pool Size** - The maximum number of threads in the thread pool at any one time
- **Max Thread Pool (Working)** - The maximum number of threads in the thread pool that were actively working during any sample
- **User Licenses Used** - The current number of user licenses being used

## Counters for Files Connect File Server Users

- **Open Forks** – Number of open forks
- **File Locks** – Number of file locks
- **Bytes Received/sec** – Number of bytes read from the network per second
- **Bytes Transmitted/sec** – Number of bytes sent on the network per second
- **Commands received/sec** – Number of commands received by the server per second
- **Commands processed/sec** – Number of commands processed by the server per second

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### Note

Users' counters can be viewed as an individual user or as a total of all activity.

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## Counters for Files Connect File Server Volumes

- **Cache Hit Rate** - The node table cache hit rate
- **Bytes Read/sec** - Number of bytes read from disk per second and returned to clients
- **Bytes Written/sec** - Number of bytes written from disk per second

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### Note

Volume counters can be viewed per volume or as a total.

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## Counters for Files Connect Printing

- **Print Queues** - The number of print queues
- **Print Queues Online** - The number of print queues currently online
- **Print Queues Offline** - The number of print queues currently offline
- **Jobs Spooling** - Current number of print jobs spooling
- **Bytes Printed/sec** - The number of bytes printed per second

## Counters for Files Connect Print Queues

- **Print Jobs Offline** - The number of print jobs currently offline
- **Job Errors** - The number of print errors since Files Connect launch
- **Total Jobs Printed** - The total number of jobs printed since Files Connect launch
- **Total Pages Printed** - The total number of pages printed since Files Connect launch
- **Is Queue Online** - Indication if the queue is online - 1 if yes, 0 if no

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**Note**

Print Queue counters can be viewed per queue or as a total for all queues.

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# Supplemental Material

## TCP/IP Ports

### Files Connect uses the following TCP/IP ports

- **TCP** port **311** (default) – TCP/IP Port for Time Machine.
- **TCP** Port **548** (default) – TCP/IP Port for AFP Connections.
- **TCP** Port **8081** (default) – TCP/IP Port for Print Configuration.
- **TCP** Port **8081** (default) – HTTP TCP/IP Port for client web services.
- **TCP** Port **8085** (default) – HTTPS TCP/IP Port for client web services.
- **TCP** Port **515** (default) – TCP/IP Port for Print Jobs.
- **TCP & UDP** Port 5353\* – Bonjour.
- **TCP & UDP** Port 5353\* – Bonjour (large data return).

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**Note**

\*Both port types must be added.

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**Note**

If you choose to not add the Bonjour ports, you should disable those features inside of Files Connect.

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### Additional AFP port notes

If another AFP server is already running on port 548 when Files Connect is installed, Files Connect will use the next available port, which will usually be 549. A Mac client computer will, by default, connect to AFP volumes on port 548.

It is possible to connect to a shared volume on another port by specifying the port as part of the server address. For example, you can connect to an AFP server running on port 549 by specifying "fileserver.example.com:549" in the macOS **Connect to Server...** dialog.

When Files Connect is running on a port other than 548, a warning notice will be displayed in the main Files Connect Administrator window.

## Files Connect Support Tools

Disclaimer: These tools are unsupported and for testing purposes only.

### Mac Support Applications and Tools

#### GetMore Info -- Enhanced "Get Info" Utility -- [Download](#)

This application obtains information about a file or folder. The information gathered is significantly greater than that provided by the Finder's "Get Info" command and can also be used to set information.

### Mac Performance Testing Applications

#### Helios LanTest -- File Transfer Testing -- [Webpage](#)

Helios LanTest is an application that can be used to test AFP Server performance. It is most useful when comparing one server to another but can also be used for troubleshooting I/O problems.

#### Free For All -- File Transfer Testing -- [Download](#)

This application tests creating, deleting, and moving small files quickly.

#### Mount Volume -- Client Logon and Volume Mount Testing -- [Download](#)

This application mounts and unmounts a designated volume. Can also gather related performance data.

#### Play Catch -- File Transfer Testing -- [Download](#)

This application tests reading and writing file data and transferring files between selected folders.

#### Enumeration Performance -- Folder Enumeration Testing -- [Download](#)

This application gathers performance information on enumerating through a folder hierarchy.

#### Performance Test -- File Transfer Testing -- [Download](#)

This application gathers performance information for file transfers.

#### Search Performance -- Network Volume Search Testing -- [Download](#)

This application gathers performance information on catalog searches. Only tests "name contains" searches.

## Exchange File -- AFP Exchange File Operation Testing -- [Download](#)

This application performs the AFP Exchange File operation, an operation used often by Macintosh applications.

## File Utility -- File Transfer Testing -- [Download](#)

This application creates or deletes a large number of files and/or folders.

## Lock File -- File Byte Range Locking Testing -- [Download](#)

This application performs byte range locking on a selected file.

## Windows Support Tools and Scripts

### Files Connect Debug Logging Registry Config Files -- [Download](#)

These files allow you to enable and disable various Files Connect debug logging options.

### Streams -- [Webpage](#)

Alternate Data Streams are used by Files Connect to save Macintosh specific information on the NTFS file system. The Windows SysInternals Streams command line application can be used to view and manipulate these streams.

## Windows Applications

### Microsoft Network Monitor 3.1 OneClick -- [Webpage](#)

Microsoft Network Monitor is an application for capturing network traffic on the server. The OneClick version is a standalone application that does not require a complicated installation process or knowledge of network protocols. Microsoft designed this application to be used by their own support teams to assist with end user packet captures. The OneClick\_ExtractOnly.exe includes the full installer for both the 64-bit and 32-bit versions Microsoft's Netmon if you want to perform more targeted packet captures using capture filters. The most common capture filters used for troubleshooting Files Connect are TCP.Port == 548 and/or IPv4.Address == x.x.x.x.

### Robocopy (Windows Resource Kit) -- [Webpage](#)

Robocopy is a command line program that is capable of copying files including their security information and their Alternate Data Streams (which are used by Files Connect to store the resource fork and Macintosh metadata). Robocopy can is often used to do direct migrations of Macintosh data from one Windows server to another without having to use a Macintosh in the middle to perform the copy.

## TextPad and Wintail -- [TextPad Webpage](#) -- [Wintail Webpage](#)

TextPad and Wintail are shareware applications that are good at dealing with large text files such as the Files Connect debug log. Baretail is particularly good for monitoring log files as they are being written to.

## Process Monitor -- [Webpage](#)

As Microsoft says in the link, "Process Monitor is an advanced monitoring tool for Windows that shows real-time file system, Registry and process/thread activity. It combines the features of two legacy Sysinternals utilities, Filemon and Regmon, and adds an extensive list of enhancements including rich and non-destructive filtering, comprehensive event properties such session IDs and user names, reliable process information, full thread stacks with integrated symbol support for each operation, simultaneous logging to a file, and much more. Its uniquely powerful features will make Process Monitor a core utility in your system troubleshooting and malware hunting toolkit.

## Process Explorer -- [Webpage](#)

As Microsoft says in the link above, "Ever wondered which program has a particular file or directory open? Now you can find out. Process Explorer shows you information about which handles and DLLs processes have opened or loaded.

The Process Explorer display consists of two sub-windows. The top window always shows a list of the currently active processes, including the names of their owning accounts, whereas the information displayed in the bottom window depends on the mode that Process Explorer is in: if it is in handle mode you'll see the handles that the process selected in the top window has opened; if Process Explorer is in DLL mode you'll see the DLLs and memory-mapped files that the process has loaded. Process Explorer also has a powerful search capability that will quickly show you which processes have particular handles opened or DLLs loaded."

# Files Connect Compatibility Information

## Support for Microsoft Networking Domains

- Files Connect supports Microsoft Active Directory. When you connect to an Files Connect server from the Mac, you normally enter your user name and password. Files Connect will authenticate this account against the primary domain of the Windows machine that it is running on. If this machine is not a member of a domain, then the account must be a member of the local accounts that appear in User Manager. If the machine is a member of a domain, then the user name you supply can be either a member of the primary domain, the local accounts or a trusted domain.
- You may specify to be authenticated against a specific domain by prefixing the user name with the domain name and a backslash ('\'). For example, to authenticate using the account "rob" from the "MARKETING" domain, you would enter "MARKETING\rob" in the user name portion of your AFP client logon.

- Files Connect uses the same technique for accessing owners and groups for folders in the sharing information using the Finder.

## Known Issues

- Start-up may take as long as a minute if Kerberos support is enabled within Files Connect but the server cannot access the active directory service or takes a long time to do so. If Kerberos is not needed, you can avoid the delay by clearing the check box **Allow Kerberos Logins** on the **Security Settings** dialog of Files Connect.

## Windows Registry Keys

Certain advanced features and debug options can be configured through the Windows Registry. It is recommended that only advanced users make these configurations.

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### Note

Unless otherwise specified, all of the following registry keys are of type **DWORD**.

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Most of the following parameters are on/off: value of 1 enables the particular feature, while value of 0 disables it. If the registry key does not already exist, create a new DWORD key and set it to the appropriate value.

Certain keys are *refreshable* – their state can be changed while the Files Connect service is running.

Refreshable keys take effect when the **Refresh Registry** button, located in the **Settings** dialog box of **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, is clicked; or when the Files Connect service is started.

In order to take effect, non-refreshable keys require that the Files Connect service is restarted .

The keys are organized into the following sections:

### General Parameter Registry Keys – Non-Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of Acronis Files Connect.

The keys in this section are non-refreshable. In order to take effect, they require that the Files Connect service is restarted.

Registry location:

```
\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\NonRefreshable
```

### ActiveDirectoryComputers

- **Description:** When configuring Files Connect to support Kerberos constrained delegation for network reshare volumes, if the computer object for the server that is running Files Connect is not located in the default “**Computers**” container in Active Directory, it is necessary to edit this registry key so that Files Connect can construct the correct distinguished name for the server's

computer object.

The Files Connect service can identify the server common name (**CN**) and the domain component (**DC**) segments of the distinguished name, so the **ActiveDirectoryComputers** registry key is where the custom organizational unit (**OU**) segments of the distinguished name can be entered.

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**Note**

**For example:** If the canonical name of the **Files Connect** server's computer object is:

yourdomain.com/Marketing/3rdFloor/importantComputer

The distinguished name would be:

CN=importantComputer,OU=3rdFloor,OU=Marketing,DC=yourdomain,DC=com

Since Files Connect can identify the CN=importantComputer and DC=yourdomain,DC=com segments, only the OU=3rdFloor and OU=Marketing segments would need to be added.

In this example, it would be necessary to set the value of the **ActiveDirectoryComputers** registry key to 'OU=3rdFloor,OU=Marketing' (without the quotes) in order for the Files Connect service to work with the importantComputer computer object.

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- **Default:**
- **Type:** string
- **Refreshable:** No

## AllowNonIndexedSearches

- **Description:** Specifies whether or not the server allows searches that do not contain "name" as one of the criteria. These searches can be very slow and can cause the server to use a great deal of CPU while the search is occurring. Turning this key off will cause the server to reject search requests that don't include "name" as one of the criteria, and the server will send appropriate warning messages to the user attempting to perform these types of searches.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## CheckNtfsLastAccessUpdate

- **Description:** Whether or not the server checks the status of the NtfsDisableLastAccessUpdate Windows registry setting when the server starts up. If this key is enabled and NtfsDisableLastAccessUpdate is off, Files Connect will log a warning to the Windows Event Log.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## ClientDisconnectAtShutdownTime

- **Description:** Specifies the number of seconds the server will wait for an unresponsive client to disconnect at server shutdown before ungracefully terminating the connection. Note: this value must be greater than ClientDisconnectTime.

- **Default:** 35
- **Refreshable:** No

## ClientDisconnectTime

- **Description:** Specifies the number of seconds the server will wait for an unresponsive client to disconnect before ungracefully terminating the connection.
- **Default:** 30
- **Refreshable:** No

## CreateCrashDumps

- **Description:** Whether or not the server attempts to create crash dump files in the application directory if a service crash is detected.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## CreatePrecomposedMacRoman

- **Description:** Controls whether Files Connect converts OS X MacRoman filenames into precomposed Unicode on the server. Enabling this feature will allow MacRoman files to be displayed normally in Windows Explorer, and will allow for compatibility with third party applications such as Adobe Acrobat Distiller.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## DebugLogFolder

- **Description:** File Server will write the Files Connect Log to this folder.
- **Refreshable:** No

## DisconnectStalledSession

- **Description:** Whether or not stalled sessions will be automatically disconnected.
- **Default:** Yes
- **Refreshable:** No

## EntryExpirationTime

- **Description:** The amount of time, in seconds, Files Connect will cache file system information on filesystems that do not fully support change notifications.
- **Default:** 15
- **Refreshable:** No

## GlobalDtSearchIndexPath

- **Description:** Changes where the dtSearch indexes are saved. By default, if this registry key is empty, they are saved in the installation folder '<installationPath>\ExtremeZ-IP dtSearch Indexes'.
- **Default:**
- **Type:** string
- **Refreshable:** No

## GlobalSearchIndexPath

- **Description:** Specifies a global path where all the Catalog Search indexes will be located.
- **Default:**
- **Type:** string
- **Refreshable:** No

## IPAddress

- **Description:** Specifies a subset of one or more available IPv4 addresses for use by Files Connect. If this key does not exist, Files Connect will function on all active server IPv4 addresses. This key is of type REG\_MULTI\_SZ (multi string) and must be added using "regedt32.exe". The value of the key should be a list of IPv4 addresses separated by linefeeds (e.g. "192.168.1.101"). This setting is honored on clustered servers running Files Connect 5.2.2 or later, but is ignored on clustered servers running earlier versions of Files Connect.
- **Default:** Does not exist
- **Refreshable:** No

## IPv6Address

- **Description:** Specifies a subset of one or more available IPv6 addresses for use by Files Connect. If this key does not exist, Files Connect will function on all active server IPv6 addresses. This key is of type REG\_MULTI\_SZ (multi string) and must be added using "regedt32.exe". The value of the key should be a list of IPv6 addresses separated by linefeeds (e.g. "2001:1::6045:1ff7:ed9c:91b2"). This setting is ignored on clustered servers.
- **Default:** Does not exist
- **Refreshable:** No

## IPv6Enabled

- **Description:** Enables support for IPv6 connection for both AFP & LPR when IPv6 stack is installed on the server.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No



## IPv6Strict

- **Description:** Controls protection level on IPv6 connection. The valid values are 10 (unrestricted), 20 (default), and 30 (strict). If the value is set to 30 (strict), only same site local IPv6 address can be connected. If the value is set to 20 (default), both same site local & external IPv6 addresses can be connected. If set to 10 (unrestricted), any IPv6 addresses can be connected including Teredo NAT Traversal address.
- **Default:** 20
- **Refreshable:** No

## LogMemorySettingsNotOptimized

- **Description:** Controls whether Files Connect logs messages "Memory settings for this server are not optimized correctly".
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## MaxOutstandingTickles

- **Description:** The maximum number of tickles the client can fail to respond to before the server terminates the connection.
- **Default:** 5
- **Refreshable:** No

## MaxSearchIndexSize

- **Description:** Maximum amount of RAM available for indexed search caching in Megabytes. For maximum search performance, assuming available system RAM, this is best set to be equal to or greater than total size of all search index files on the server. An index file containing 1 million files should be about 32 MB in size. Note that this setting is a maximum RAM cap. If your server only contains 20 MB of index files, Files Connect search will only use 20 MB of RAM, even if this is left at the default 200 MB setting.
- **Default:** 200
- **Refreshable:** No

## MaxUnflushedIDs

- **Description:** The number of unflushed ID/index pairs that can be saved in memory before a flush is forced.
- **Default:** 60
- **Refreshable:** No

## PerformanceCounters

- **Description:** The Windows performance counters that are outputted to the log each time Files Connect logs performance data. This multi-string can contain multiple lines, where each line is <description>,<counter path>. The keyword "Backup & Recovery Online" can be specified in the counter path - this will be replaced by whatever the service name is. Note that the values entered into this setting replace the default counters.
- **Default:**  
"ZIP CPU Usage", "\\Process(Backup & Recovery Online)\% Processor Time"  
"Handles", "\\Process(Backup & Recovery Online)\Handle Count"  
"Threads", "\\Process(Backup & Recovery Online)\Thread Count"  
"Pool Paged Bytes", "\\Memory\Pool Paged Bytes"  
"Pool Nonpaged Bytes", "\\Memory\Pool Nonpaged Bytes"  
"Page Faults/sec", "\\Process(Backup & Recovery Online)\Page Faults/sec"
- **Refreshable:** No

## RenameLogAtStartup

- **Description:**Files Connect Debug Log will be renamed (saved off) at every service startup.
- **Default:** 1
- **Refreshable:** No

## RespondsToTickles

- **Description:** Whether or not the server responds to a tickle from the client with another tickle.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## ServerLogsPerformanceStats

- **Description:** Specifies whether or not the server loads the performance data helper DLL at startup and uses that DLL to output performance statistics to the log. Disabling this feature (which is enabled by default) can address rare issues where Files Connect hangs at startup when trying to load the PDH.dll.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## ServerRevertsToSystemForAFPInfo

- **Description:** Fixes a rare problem where the default mechanism for accessing finder info is extremely slow on particular systems. The problem would manifest itself as extremely poor performance - on the order of minutes to simply display the root of the mounted volume. Please contact GroupLogic Support before enabling this key.

- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## ServerUsesDefaultTypeCreator

- **Description:** Prior to Files Connect 4.0.3, files with no type and creator information were given a default type/creator of text/dosa. In version 4.0.3, this default behavior was changed so that files with unknown type and creator received a blank type and creator. This change was made for performance reasons - this allows for greater performance when copying many small files, particularly over Gigabit. However, some customers may rely on the previous default behavior, where unknown files would appear as text. For these customers, the ServerUsesDefaultTypeCreator registry key should be enabled.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## StartFileServerAtStartup

- **Description:** Whether or not the Files Connect file server should be brought online at service start.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## StartPrintServerAtStartup

- **Description:** Whether or not the Files Connect print server should be brought online at service start.
- **Default:** On, unless Files Connect was upgraded from a previous version of Files Connect that did not a print server license
- **Refreshable:** No

## StartupDelaySeconds

- **Description:** If this key is set, Files Connect will wait the specified number of seconds after its Windows service starts before actually starting the Files Connect file and print services. This can be used in cases where Files Connect is dependent on network or storage resources that take longer than normal to become available when a server is started.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** No

## SupportAFP3

- **Description:** Enables support for AFP 3.1 (disabling this feature forces Files Connect to support AFP 2.2 only). AFP 3.1 features include support for filenames over 32 characters, file sizes over 2GB, and Unicode strings.

- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## SupportAFP32

- **Description:** Enables support for AFP 3.2 (disabling this feature forces Files Connect to support AFP 3.1 if the SupportAFP3 key is enabled). AFP 3.2 features include support for Access Control Lists (ACLs) and extended attributes.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## SupportAFP33

- **Description:** Enables support for AFP 3.3 (disabling this feature forces Files Connect to support AFP 3.2 if the SupportAFP32 key is enabled).
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## SupportFileIDs

- **Description:** When enabled, the File Server will support file ID operations.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## SupportNetworkReshares

- **Description:** When enabled, the File Server will allow resharing of remote servers and shares.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## SupportUNIXPermissions

- **Description:** Whether or not the server supports UNIX permissions.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## TCP\_SO\_RCVBUF

- **Description:** Size of socket receive buffer
- **Default:** 65536
- **Refreshable:** No

## TCP\_SO\_SNDBUF

- **Description:** Size of socket send buffer
- **Default:** 46720

- **Refreshable:** No

## ThreadPoolDefaultStackSize

- **Description:** The default stack size of threads in the thread pool, in bytes. A value of 0 indicates that threads created in the thread pool should use the default process stack size (usually 1MB).
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** No

## ThreadPoolInitialNumberThreads

- **Description:** The number of threads initially assigned to the thread pool.
- **Default:** 50
- **Refreshable:** No

## ThreadPoolMaxNumberThreads

- **Description:** The maximum number of threads that can be placed into the thread pool.
- **Default:** 500
- **Refreshable:** No

## ThreadStackSize

- **Description:** The size of a fragment of the process address space that will be reserved to accommodate the stack frame for each newly created thread, in kilobytes. This feature is only available on Windows XP and Windows Server 2003; valid values for this parameter are 256 to 1024.
- **Default:** 1024
- **Refreshable:** No

## TickleTime

- **Description:** Specifies how often, in seconds, the server will send a "tickle" packet to the client to keep the client connection alive. This packet will only be sent if there has been no other traffic on the socket on that time.
- **Default:** 30
- **Refreshable:** No

## UseAutoReindexing

- **Description:** Specifies whether sparse search indexes will be automatically rebuilt after they become 1/3rd stale entries.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## UseLazyIndexing

- **Description:** Specifies the use of "Lazy" search indexing which will cause indexing to take longer under moderate to high server load but will have less of an impact on other server processes.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## UseMacStylePermissions

- **Description:** Enables Mac style permissions.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## UseSearchIndexing

- **Description:** Enables / disables search indexing globally.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## General Parameter Registry Keys – Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of Acronis Files Connect.

The keys in this section are refreshable. They take effect when the **Refresh Registry** button, located in the **Settings** dialog box of **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, is clicked; or when the Files Connect service is started.

Registry location:

```
\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\Refreshable
```

## AccessRightsExpirationInterval

- **Description:** How long, in minutes, Files Connect will cache user access rights before reloading the access rights from disk. Access rights must be periodically reloaded if group membership changes are to be noticed.
- **Default:** 5
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## AdjustModificationDates

- **Description:** When this Registry key is set to '1', for any file where the modified date is older than the created date, Files Connect will change the modified date presented to the Mac client to be equal to the created date. The actual modified date on disk will not be changed as a result of enabling this key. Enabling this feature may have a significant impact on workflows and is not recommended without extensive testing.

- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## AllowClearTextLogin

- **Description:** Setting the value of this key to 1 allows Mac users to connect by sending their passwords over the network in clear text form. The default value setting, which is 0, prevents Mac users from sending clear text passwords.

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### Note

Clear text passwords may be a security risk and are limited to 8 characters. Mac OS X versions 10.5 and later do not allow clear text authentication.

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- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## AllowPartialHexFooMatch

- **Description:** Whether Files Connect does partial matching of OS-9 style ("hex foo") filenames. This can be disabled to restore pre-6.0.3 functionality, but doing so could cause failures in certain Mac applications.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## CopyFileExBypassCacheThreshold

- **Description:** Files larger than this size will bypass the system cache when copied server-side.
- **Default:** 2000 [MB]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DefaultDomainName

- **Description:** DefaultDomainName allows for the specification of one or more default domains. At login, Files Connect will attempt to log the user into the specified domains in the order they appear in the list.
- **Default:** Off (blank string)
- **Type:** Multi-string
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DefaultGlobalPermissions

- **Description:** UNIX permissions bits that should be added from any client requests to modify UNIX permissions. For example, if the client attempts to set UNIX permissions to 700 and DefaultGlobalUmask is 022, UNIX permissions will be set to 722.

- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DefaultGlobalUmask

- **Description:** UNIX permissions bits that should be removed from any client requests to modify UNIX permissions. For example, if the client attempts to set UNIX permissions to 777 and DefaultGlobalUmask is 022, UNIX permissions will be set to 755.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DFSDownServerRecheckInterval

- **Description:** [DFS capable servers only.] How often, in seconds, Files Connect will check to see if a server marked as up is has gone offline. Since an up server responds immediately, this can be done frequently as compared to DFSUpServerRecheckInterval (above).
- **Default:** 60
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DFSSyncInterval

- **Description:** [DFS capable servers only.] How often, in seconds, the DFS namespace will be reenumerated. If this is 0 then the lowest value for TimeToLive will be used.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DFSUpServerRecheckInterval

- **Description:** [DFS capable servers only.] How often, in seconds, Files Connect will check to see if a server marked as down is back online. It takes a long time for the check to timeout if the server is still down, so this should generally be larger than DFSDownServerRecheckInterval (below).
- **Default:** 300
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DFSUseAdminNamespaceName

- **Description:** Whether the Files Connect DFS code uses the namespace name as entered (if enabled), or as it appears in the DFS enumeration (if disabled).
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DisableKeywordsProvider

- **Description:** Keywords Provider is a Files Connect feature that serves Windows File Explorer tags to Mac clients. Disabling this registry key may lead to a major performance hit when browsing



because Files Connect will have to retrieve tags for every file. After changing this setting, you need to rebuild the Acronis Content Indexing search indexes. See more about [Indexing options](#).

- **Default:** 1
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DisplaySerialInUI

- **Description:** Whether or not the Files Connect Administrator (local or remote) will display the serial number in the About Box and Licensing dialog.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## EnumerationPerformanceOnLocalVolume

- **Description:** Enables Enumeration Performance on local volumes. Set to 1 to enable.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## EventLogOnWrap

- **Description:** EventLogOnWrap determines whether a message will be written to the event log every time the change journal wraps.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ForcedPasswordChangePeriod

- **Description:** The period, in days, before a user's password expires that Files Connect forces the user to change their password. This can be used to help ensure that users change their passwords before expiration.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## FullCrashDump

- **Description:** When set to 'On' Files Connect will generate larger crash dumps containing more detailed debugging information. These will typically be 100 to 200 MB in size, instead of the 2 to 12 MB in size when this setting is set to 'Off'.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## IdleTimeoutNoOpenForks

- **Description:** If idle users are timed out (see above), this controls the amount of time Files Connect will wait before disconnecting an idle user with no open forks. Setting this to 0 will

prevent idle users with no open forks from being timed out. This value is specified in minutes.

- **Default:** 360 [6 hours]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## IdleTimeoutOpenForks

- **Description:** If idle users are timed out (see above), this controls the amount of time Files Connect will wait before disconnecting an idle user with open forks. These users could potentially lose data. Setting this to 0 will prevent idle users with open forks from being timed out. This value is specified in minutes.
- **Default:** 1440 [24 hours]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## IgnoreExchangeFileSecuritySwap

- **Description:** Whether or not the server ignores code to swap Access Control Lists (ACLs) during an ExchangeFile operation. This setting is only honored when UNIX permission support is disabled. When enabled, the file server will emulate the (incorrect) behavior in Files Connect 5.1.3 and earlier.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## IgnoreOffspringCount

- **Description:** When set to 'On', Files Connect will not count the number of items in any folder during an enumeration. This could potentially speed up enumeration performance, but might affect some third party applications. It is recommended you consult with GroupLogic Support before enabling this setting.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## KeepOwnerSetByWindows

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect will keep the owner of files as set by Windows. If disabled, Files Connect will set the owner to the user that create the file. This can differ from the owner assigned by Windows, as files created by members of the Administrators group are assigned an owner of "Administrators" by Windows.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## LoginMsgW

- **Description:** The logon message sent to users immediately after login. This setting is normally edited through the Files Connect Administrator, but this setting can be edited directly in order to support longer logon messages. The Administrator restricts logon messages to 199 characters for

compatibility with OS 9, but by editing this registry value directly, the message length can be increased to 1024 characters. Note that while Files Connect supports logon messages up to 1024 characters, Mac OS X will fail to display messages longer than 500 characters.

- **Default:** Blank
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MappingFlushFrequency

- **Description:** How often, in seconds, Files Connect flushes new ID/index pairs to disk. Decreasing this setting will reduce performance, but can ensure that newly created file IDs get committed to disk in the event of a server crash.
- **Default:** 600 [10 minutes]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxDuplicateSessionsWaiting

- **Description:** The maximum number of sessions that can be waiting for reconnect from a single IP address with a single username.
- **Default:** 5
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxEnumerationListSize

- **Description:** The maximum amount of memory, in MB, Files Connect will devote to caching enumeration information.
- **Default:** 32
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxIdPathMapSize

- **Description:** The maximum size, in megabytes, of the ID/path map. This in-memory data structure is only used in environments where at least one Files Connect volume is on a non-NTFS filesystem.
- **Default:** 800
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxIORequestsPerSession

- **Description:** The maximum number of simultaneous outstanding I/O requests for an individual session.
- **Default:** 250
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxNodeTableSize

- **Description:** Size of the node table cache (in MB). The cache contains a list of information about files that are being shared. Setting a different cache size allows you to adjust the tradeoff between performance and memory usage. Files Connect retains information in RAM for the most recently accessed files, up to the limit specified. If a Mac user requests a file that is not in the node table cache, Files Connect goes to disk to retrieve the information and stores it in the node table. If the maximum cache size has been reached, Files Connect discards the oldest entry in the node table. You can specify the maximum size in the Cache Size text box of the File Server Settings dialog. The maximum allowed size is 500MB. It is possible to set a higher size via a registry key, but doing so may cause severe problems. contact GroupLogic Support if you are interested in experimenting with sizes greater than 500MB.
- **Default:** 20
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MigrateHiddenSMBShares

- **Description:** If disabled, the file server will not migrate hidden SMB shares.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## PasswordExpirationReminderInterval

- **Description:** How often, in minutes, to send connected users a message indicating that their password is about to expire. The "SendPasswordExpirationWarnings" setting must be enabled for this feature to take effect.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## PasswordExpirationWarningThreshold

- **Description:** Number of days prior to expiration to begin warning (value should be between 1 and 366). This can also be configured in the Files Connect Administrator.
- **Default:** 14 Days
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## PruningInterval

- **Description:** PruningInterval specifies the frequency that Files Connect will walk its list of Mac file IDs and remove obsolete records.
- **Default:** 10080 [one week]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ReconnectServerKeyLifetime

- **Description:** Number of minutes that the reconnect server key is valid before a new key is automatically generated.
- **Default:** 2 weeks (20160 minutes)
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ReconnectTimeout

- **Description:** Number of minutes session waiting for reconnect will wait before disconnecting.
- **Default:** 5 minutes
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ReconnectUAMExpirationInterval

- **Description:** Number of seconds that reconnect credentials are valid before they expire.
- **Default:** 2 days (172800 seconds)
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ReindexOnWrap

- **Description:** ReindexOnWrap determines whether volumes will be automatically reindexed when the change journal wraps.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ReplayCacheSize

- **Description:** Size of the replay cache (number of cached reply requests).
- **Default:** 32
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## RetryOpeningReparsePoints

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect should retry opening reparse points when encountering a reparse error.
- **Default:** Yes
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SendPasswordExpirationWarnings

- **Description:** Enables password expiration notifications. This can also be configured in the Files Connect Administrator.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerAllows8Dot3Names

- **Description:** Whether or not the server files supports the access of files and folders using their Windows 8.3 filename. While Files Connect does not communicate these 8.3 filenames to Mac clients, workflows such as Prinerger that involve Windows and Mac components can result in Mac clients making requests for files and folders by these names.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerAllowsLargeEABuffers

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect supports extended attributes buffers larger than 4Kb. As of Mac OS X 10.5.6, the "ditto" command fails to duplicate files containing extended attributes when these files are located on a remote server. Enabling this setting allows Files Connect to workaround this client-side issue.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerConvertsShortcutsToLinks

- **Description:** Whether or not the server displays Windows Shortcut (.lnk) files to Mac clients as symbolic links.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerCreatesEmptyStreams

- **Description:** Whether or not the service creates empty alternate data streams as a marker that there are no dot underscore files to migrate. This feature was enabled in earlier versions of Files Connect but was disabled because the creation of so many empty alternate streams could interfere with Windows-side activity, such as Rampage.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerDeletesMigratedDotUnderscoreFiles

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect will delete SMB dot underscore (.\_) files after migrating to resource fork and finder information streams.
- **Default:** No
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerDisconnectsGhostedUsers

- **Description:** Whether or not the server will disconnect ghosted users when clients log in. A ghosted user is defined as a user that had logged in from the logging-in user's machine with the same user/domain name as the logging-in user. This feature can ensure that clients that are waiting for reconnect get disconnected before the reconnect timeout in the event that the clients do not reconnect.
- **Default:** 1
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerEmbedsPasswordInReconnectCredential

- **Description:** If the server embeds the user's password inside its reconnect credential. Doing this allows users to reconnect even after the server has been rebooted because all authentication data exists inside the credential. However, enabling this feature does mean that all users passwords are encrypted with the same server key.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerIgnoresReadOnlyFolders

- **Description:** If enabled, the server will not display any folders as locked, even if they are marked "read-only" in Windows. The read-only attribute on Windows does not truly map to the Macintosh locked attribute, since read-only directories on Windows can be renamed, deleted and have files added and removed from it. Folders are marked read-only on Windows if they have a customized view, such as a custom icon. Starting with OS 10.4.6, folders over the network can appear as locked. Enabling this setting will also cause the server to ignore requests to change the locked status of the folder.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerMigratesDotUnderscoreFiles

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect will migrate SMB dot underscore (.\_) files to resource fork and finder information streams.
- **Default:** Yes
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerNotificationTime

- **Description:** How often, in seconds, the server will send clients notifications that the volumes they have open have changed. Set 0 to disable server notifications.
- **Default:** 10
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerOpensExchangeFileHandlesByFullPath

- **Description:** Whether or not the server opens folders by full path (as opposed to file ID) when doing ExchangeFiles operation. This setting is useful on Windows 2008, which can blue screen if Mac clients save files to an Files Connect volume through a client application using the ExchangeFiles command. This command is used by a number of applications, including Microsoft Word. By opening folders by full path rather than ID during ExchangeFile processing, this Windows 2008 bug can be bypassed. Microsoft is aware of the issue and will be issuing a fix at an unspecified date.
- **Default:** On for Windows 2008 (and later), off for earlier OS versions
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerRemovesTemporaryItems

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect will delete "Temporary Items" and ".TemporaryItems" folders at shutdown.
- **Default:** No
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerResetsPermissionsOnMove

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect will reset permissions on folders after a move so that the folder inherits from its new parent folder.
- **Default:** No
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerSupportsReconnectUAM

- **Description:** If the server supports the Reconnect UAM.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerTruncatesOS9Comments

- **Description:** Truncates OS 9-style comments to 127 bytes, rather than the default of 199 bytes. Enabling this key fixes a bug in Photoshop CS2, which crashes when encountering comments that are larger than 127 characters. Even though Photoshop CS2 is an OS X application, it makes a request for OS 9 comments. This problem is known to occur in Mac OS X 10.4.6.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes



## ServerUsesRelativeHandles

- **Description:** Controls whether or not Files Connect will open file handles relative to folder handles. This setting should be disabled for users of CommVault Simpana software.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SetEOFOnResize

- **Description:** SetEOFOnResize governs whether end of file for files being written to the server is updated as the file is in the act of being written.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ShowInaccessibleFiles

- **Description:** Controls whether users are able to see files for which they do not have at least "read attributes". The "read attributes" property does not imply the ability to read a file, but only to be able to see what the permissions and other attributes of the file are.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ShowInaccessibleFolders

- **Description:** Controls whether users are able to see folders for which they have neither read nor write access
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SleepTimeout

- **Description:** Amount of time (in minutes) before timing out sleeping sessions.
- **Default:** 1440
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SlowAFPCommandLogFrequency

- **Description:** Frequency, in seconds, in which the server logs information about slow AFP commands. Setting this value to 0 will disable slow AFP command logging.
- **Default:** 3600 (1 hour)
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SupportACLs

- **Description:** Whether or not the server supports Access Control Lists (ACLs).
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SupportCopyFileEx

- **Description:** Whether or not the server supports new server-side copy semantics for improved performance.
- **Default:** Yes
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SupportSCP

- **Description:** Whether or not the server will register itself in Active Directory as a Service Connection Point (SCP).
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## TimeoutIdleUsers

- **Description:** Controls whether or not idle users are timed out after some period of time.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## UNIXCalculatedPermissionsMode

- **Description:** Determines how UNIX permissions are calculated for files and folders that don't already have UNIX permissions assigned. If 0, the Windows `GetEffectiveRightsFromACL` call is used to determine UNIX permissions. If 1, calls to `GetEffectiveRightsFromACL` are avoided when possible to improve performance. If 2, UNIX permissions are always returned as 777 (full rights) if no explicit UNIX permissions have been assigned.
- **Default:** 1
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## UNIXGroupPermissionsMode

- **Description:** Determines how group UNIX permissions are calculated for files and folders that don't already have UNIX permissions assigned. If 0, the calculation mode as set by `UNIXCalculatedPermissionsMode` is used. If 1, group permissions are the sum of the permissions for all groups (not just the primary group). If 2, group UNIX permissions are always returned as 7 (full rights) if no explicit UNIX permissions have been assigned.

- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## UnixOwnerPermissionsMode

- **Description:** This registry key is in effect only when **Support UNIX permissions and ACLs** is enabled in the product. Gives the administrator full control over files that have no owner or the owner is disabled or unreachable.
- **Default:** 7 (on upgrades it will be 0)
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## WriteFlushThreshold

- **Description:** Specifies the number of bytes that can be written to a open fork before Files Connect forces a flush of that data to disk. Setting this value to 0 indicates that these flushes should never occur. Small values force a large number of flushes, which help prevent periodic long file system delays by spreading out flushes over a large number of writes.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## Debug Logging Registry Keys – Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of Acronis Files Connect. Generally, they should only be changed or enabled when requested by Acronis Support.

The keys in this section are refreshable. They take effect when the **Refresh Registry** button, located in the **Settings** dialog box of **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, is clicked; or when the Files Connect service is started.

Registry location:

```

\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\DebugRefreshable

```

## AppleDoubleIntegrity

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect performs extra runtime checking of its AppleDouble code.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## CopyDebugLog

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect can create new debug logs when encountering an error or at user request.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## CriticalSectionMonitorLogFrequencyInMilliseconds

- **Description:** The frequency (in milliseconds) of critical section monitor logging (if enabled). Default is one minute.
- **Default:** 60000
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DebugLogLimit

- **Description:** # of MB to limit log file size (should be between 1 and 999)
- **Default:** 200
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DebugLogThrowThreadException

- **Description:** Server will throw exception and crash, for testing generation of DrWatson logs. contact GroupLogic for instructions on usage.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## DisplayTimeAsNumeric

- **Description:** Choose whether the time is displayed as a numeric value or h-m-s-ms. Select 0 for hours-minutes-seconds-milliseconds or 1 for a numeric value.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## EventLogNoFC

- **Description:** Will put information in the event log if the service does not have full control permissions.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## IdPathMapIntegrity

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect performs extra runtime checking of its internal ID/path map.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxLogArchiveSize

- **Description:** Number of MB of old logs to keep before the oldest logs are automatically removed. Logs are automatically archived into .zip files to conserve space. If this is set to 0, archiving will

not take place and there will be no limit to the cumulative size of the log files.

- **Default:** 200 [MB]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## NetworkReshareIntegrity

- **Description:** When enabled, Network Reshare volume integrity will be checked at runtime. This will have an effect on performance.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## RenameCopyDebugLog

- **Description:** When set to 1, the current log will be renamed and a new one created when users request a new log be created. When set to 0, the current log will be copied rather than renamed. CopyDebugLog must be set to 1 for this key to take effect.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SpoolingLog

- **Description:** Server will spool to a new log when the active log hits it's size limit (see DebugLogLimit above).
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SupportWER

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect supports Windows Error Reporting (WER).
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## Debug Logging Registry Keys – Non-Refreshable

The following keys control certain debug logging features of Acronis Files Connect. Generally, they should only be changed or enabled when requested by Acronis Support.

The keys in this section are non-refreshable. In order to take effect, they require that the Files Connect service is restarted.

Registry location:

```
\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\DebugNonRefreshable
```

## CompareMicrosecondsToTickCount

- **Description:** Server will log timing statistics at startup
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## DebugLogFolder

- **Description:** Directory in which log subfolders are placed.
- **Default:** Files Connect application directory
- **Type:** String
- **Refreshable:** No

## RenameLogAtStartup

- **Description:** At startup Files Connect will rename any existing log with current date and time for easy archiving.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## UseCriticalSectionMonitor

- **Description:** Logs details about critical sections within Files Connect
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** No

## Print Parameter Registry Keys – Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of the Acronis Files Connect Print Server, if installed.

The keys in this section are refreshable. They take effect when the **Refresh Registry** button, located in the **Settings** dialog box of **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, is clicked; or when the Files Connect service is started.

Registry location:

```
\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\PrintRefreshable
```

## IPPrintLPRPort

- **Description:** The port used by Files Connect to listen for incoming (LPR) print jobs.
- **Default:** 515
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## PersistentMappedNetworkFolderPrintQueues

- **Description:** Print Queues configured with '**Send To Specified Directory**' whose paths are to network folders will map the network folder to a local drive that will persist as long as the Files Connect server is running. If the registry key is set to 0, mapped network folders persist only for each individual print job.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## PostscriptCodePage

- **Description:** The Macintosh code page used when parsing postscript files. By default, this setting is copied from the system registry value "HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Nls\CodePage\MACCP".
- **Default:** 10000
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## PrintAccountingLogFilePath

- **Description:** Full path for outputting Print Accounting log information.
- **Default:** N/A
- **Type:** String
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerAutoDeleteOfflineJobsTime

- **Description:** How long (in seconds) a job can be offline before the server automatically deletes it. Set to 0 to disable deletion of offline jobs.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerAutoRetryJobsFrequency

- **Description:** How often (in seconds) the server should auto-retry a job that is offline.
- **Default:** 300 [5 minutes]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerCombinesLPRPackets

- **Description:** If enabled, Files Connect will take LPR packets that were previously sent separately and combine them into larger packets.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerLogsJobErrorFrequency

- **Description:** How often (in seconds) the server should log errors that occur during auto-retry of jobs that are offline.
- **Default:** 3600 [1 hour]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ServerPrintJobTimeout

- **Description:** How long, in milliseconds, a job being sent to a remote printer can be "stuck" before the print server takes the job offline.
- **Default:** 300000 [5 minutes]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ZidgetSupportsPrintAccounting

- **Description:** Due to a conflict between OS 9 Print Accounting support and support for the new Files Connect Zidget, OS 9 Print Accounting support has been disabled by default in Files Connect 5.1. In order to reenale OS 9 Print Accounting support, please set this registry value to 0. Note that doing this will prevent Zidget clients from properly accessing print accounting queues.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## Print Parameter Registry Keys – Non-Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of the Acronis Files Connect Print Server, if installed.

The keys in this section are non-refreshable. In order to take effect, they require that the Files Connect service is restarted.

Registry location:

```
\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\PrintNonRefreshable
```

## PrintSupportEnabled

- **Description:** Whether or not the print server is enabled. Set to 0 to disable. When disabled, print cannot be enabled through the Administrator.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No



## SupportPrintAccounting

- **Description:** Whether or not the print server supports Print Accounting. Set to 0 to disable.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** No

## Filename Policy Registry Keys – Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of the Acronis Files Connect Filename Policy feature.

The keys in this section are refreshable. They take effect when the **Refresh Registry** button, located in the **Settings** dialog box of **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, is clicked; or when the Files Connect service is started.

Registry location:

```
HKKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\Refreshable\FilenamePolicy
```

## AppliesToAllVolumes

- **Description:** Whether or not the filename policy applies to all volumes. Set to 1 to enable.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## AppliesToTemporaryItems

- **Description:** Whether or not filename policies apply to temporary items folders.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## ErrorMessage

- **Description:** Custom error message to send to users that violate the filename policy.
- **Default:**
- **Type:** String
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## EventLogMessageFrequency

- **Description:** How often, in seconds, Files Connect will log a message to the Windows Event log when a particular user violates the filename policy.
- **Default:** 600 [10 minutes]
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## GloballyEnabled

- **Description:** Whether or not the filename policy feature is globally enabled. Set to 1 to enable.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## IllegalCharacters

- **Description:** A list of characters that will be disallowed in file and folder names by the filename policy.
- **Default:**
- **Type:** String
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## IllegalExtensions

- **Description:** A list of extensions that will be disallowed in filenames by the filename policy.
- **Default:**
- **Type:** Multi-String
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxLengthFileName

- **Description:** The maximum length of file names. Set to 0 to disable this filename policy rule.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxLengthFolderName

- **Description:** The maximum length of folder names. Set to 0 to disable this filename policy rule.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxLengthPathName

- **Description:** The maximum full path length for files and folders. Set to 0 to disable this filename policy rule.
- **Default:** 0
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## MaxViolationsReported

- **Description:** Sets the maximum number of violations reported per volume
- **Default:** 20000 (Decimal)

- **Refreshable:** Yes

## PreventDS\_StoreFileCreation

- **Description:** When enabled, Files Connect will prevent the creation of .DS\_Store files.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## RejectPolicyFailures

- **Description:** Whether or not violations of the filename policy are rejected (if value is 1), or if the user is warned but the action is allowed (value of 0).
- **Default:** 1
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## RestrictNonDisplayable

- **Description:** When enabled, the filename policy will restrict characters that cannot be displayed in Windows Explorer. Set to 1 to enable.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## UserMessageFrequency

- **Description:** How often, in seconds, a user can be sent a message indicating that they violated the filename policy.
- **Default:** 5
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTP Discovery Registry Keys – Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of the Acronis Files Connect HTTP Discovery feature.

The keys in this section are refreshable. They take effect when the **Refresh Registry** button, located in the **Settings** dialog box of **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, is clicked; or when the Files Connect service is started.

Registry location:

```
\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\Refreshable\HTTPDiscovery
```

## HTTPDiscoveryDFSOption

- **Description:** When enabled, DFS volumes will be discovered by HTTP Discovery Service.
- **Default:** On

- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryDocumentRoot

- **Description:** Location of the HTTP server's HTML files. This can be set such that different nodes of a cluster share the same HTML files.
- **Default:** Blank, which indicates files will be pulled from "<application directory>\HTML Files\", e.g. "C:\Program Files\Group Logic\Files Connect\HTML Files\"
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryExtraContentTypes

- **Description:** List of content types supported by Files Connect's internal web server along with their associated extensions. A standard set of extensions (html, xml, gif, jpg, ico, zip) are automatically assigned their appropriate content types. This registry settings allows for the customization of additional content types. The format is "extension,content type", with each pair on its own line.
- **Default:** css,text/css | js,application/x-javascript | pdf,application/pdf | doc,application/msword | htm,text/html
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryFileOption

- **Description:** Whether or not the Files Connect File Server is discoverable over HTTP.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryMasterHostName

- **Description:** Name of the Files Connect HTTP Discovery primary server.
- **Default:** "ExtremeZIPServerList"
- **Type:** String
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryMinimumZidgetVersion

- **Description:** Minimum Zidget version number. Any clients who connect with an older version of the Zidget will be prompted to upgrade. Setting this version can be used in cases where clients do not have permission to upgrade the Zidget, and it is desired to have the upgrade prompt disabled. Please contact GroupLogic Support for more information.
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryPrintOption

- **Description:** Whether or not the Files Connect Print Server is discoverable over HTTP.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryServerPort

- **Description:** TCP port number for HTTP Discovery.
- **Default:** 8081
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryServerResolvesIPAddresses

- **Description:** Whether or not Files Connect will attempt to embed a fully qualified name into the server list XML file if the client (Zidget) contacts the server via an IP address.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## HTTPDiscoveryServerZone

- **Description:** HTTP Discovery zone name.
- **Default:** "Global"
- **Type:** String
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## Spotlight Registry Keys – Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of Acronis Files Connect Network Spotlight support.

The keys in this section are refreshable. They take effect when the **Refresh Registry** button, located in the **Settings** dialog box of **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, is clicked; or when the Files Connect service is started.

Registry location:

```
\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\Spotlight\Refreshable\
```

## dtSearchExcludeFromIndexingList

- **Description:** Comma separated list of strings, paths and/or file types to not index.
- **Default:** "
- **Type:** string
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## dtSearchIndexFileNameAndSize

- **Description:** When enabled, file size metadata will be included in Acronis Content Indexing indexes. This applies to **Filename Only** indexes; **Content & Filename** indexes always include this metadata.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## dtSearchIndexFinderTags

- **Description:** When enabled, Finder tag metadata will be included in Acronis Content Indexing indexes. This applies to **Filename Only** indexes; **Content & Filename** indexes always include this metadata.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## dtSearchIndexIsAccentSensitive

- **Description:** When enabled, text with diacritical marks such as accents, rings, curls, hooks, tildes, superscript or subscript dots, etc. will be found only if you use the exact special character in the search string. For example, words **façade, niño, řeka, barbă, på, brød** would not be found if you search for: **facade, nino, reka, barba, pa, brod**.

When disabled, special characters are treated as their respective base characters (ę=e, ü=u, č=c, etc.) and files will be found even if you omit or mistake some diacritical mark.

In order to obtain the desired results, you need to rebuild the Acronis Content Indexing search indexes after changing this setting. See more about [Indexing options](#).

- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## dtSearchVerifyIndex

- **Description:** Controls whether dtSearch index(es) are verified when checking their existence.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## NumSpotlightSearchResults

- **Description:** The maximum number of results that can be returned in a Spotlight search. A value of 0 represents "unlimited".
- **Default:** 1000
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SpotlightDefaultSearchIsBeginsWith

- **Description:** Whether or not the default Spotlight search is a "begins with" search, or (if disabled) a "contains" search.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SpotlightEnabled

- **Description:** Whether or not the Network Spotlight feature is enabled.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SpotlightEnabledAllVolumes

- **Description:** Whether or not Spotlight support is automatically enabled for all volumes. If disabled, Spotlight support will be configured on a volume-by-volume basis.
- **Default:** Off
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SpotlightIgnoresUnknownTerms

- **Description:** Whether or not the server will ignore Spotlight search terms it doesn't understand. For example, with this setting enabled, if the client searches for "name = test and audio bit rate = 4096", the server will ignore the "audio bit rate" term and simply return hits matching "name = test". With the setting disabled, any search containing one or more unknown search terms will automatically return 0 results.
- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SpotlightKeypressDelay

- **Description:** The amount of time, in milliseconds, to wait before processing a Spotlight search request. This delay allows users to type in search fields without generating a series of search requests. For example, without the delay, typing in "test" would result in four searches, the first three of which will be quickly canceled: "t", "te", "tes" and finally "test".
- **Default:** 150
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## SpotlightUsesWindowsKindClassification

- **Description:** Whether or not the server uses Windows' classification of files into various "kinds" when Mac clients perform a Spotlight "kind" search. For example, if the Mac client searches for "kind = Movie", the server will perform a lookup using the Windows "video" kind, and return the

appropriate results. If the setting is 0, the server will take the Mac "kind", map it to a UTI, and then perform a search based on the set of file extensions that match the UTI. For example, if the Mac client searches for "kind = Movie", the server will map that to "public.movie" and find files with the corresponding extensions (e.g. .mov, .mpg). The advantage of using the Windows kinds is that the search is faster - the downside is that there are a few file types that are categorized differently on Mac and Windows. For example, .m4p (iTunes) files are considered Audio by Mac clients, but are given a Windows kind of "unknown".

- **Default:** On
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## VSS Registry Keys – Refreshable

The following keys control certain features or behaviors of Acronis Files Connect ShadowConnect support.

The keys in this section are refreshable. They take effect when the **Refresh Registry** button, located in the **Settings** dialog box of **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, is clicked; or when the Files Connect service is started.

Registry location:

```
\\KEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\ExtremeZ-IP\Parameters4\VSS\Refreshable\
```

### VSSMaxPreviewFileSize

- **Description:** The largest size, in megabytes, of a file the ShadowConnect client code will automatically preview.
- **Default:** 20
- **Refreshable:** Yes

## Files Connect Streams

Files Connect uses Windows NTFS alternate data streams to store information needed for serving files to Mac clients. Because alternate data streams cannot normally be seen in Windows, two command-line utilities, cpstream and delstream, are included with Files Connect. These two utilities allow access to alternate data streams on NTFS volumes. These command line utilities are low-level tools, and should only be used for specific problems. Normally, you will want to contact GroupLogic before using them.

- cpstream allows you to copy the secondary stream to a second visible location.
- delstream allows you to delete a secondary stream of an NTFS file or directory.

The most important secondary stream used by Files Connect is called "GLIAFP\_Mapping"; this stream is used to store the mapping between NTFS file IDs and Mac file IDs. It is located in the topmost directory of a Mac share. For example, if you were sharing the directory, "D:\Macintosh



Files" as a volume for Macintosh users, then Files Connect would create an invisible NTFS secondary stream in this directory.

- If you are experiencing a problem accessing your Files Connect volumes, you may want to make a copy of this stream and send it to GroupLogic.
  - To do this, you would use cpstream to copy it to a visible location. In the example above, you would issue the following command to make a visible copy of the stream called "EZIPINDEX":  
cpstream "D:\Macintosh Files:GLIAFP\_Mapping" "EZIPINDEX" You can then send the "EZIPINDEX" file to GroupLogic, and it may help us diagnose your problem.
- In order to correct a problem with an index stream, you may need to remove the index stream.
  - The "delstream" utility can be used to this. Before removing the index stream, stop the Files Connect service in the Services control panel. DO NOT DELETE THE INDEX STREAM WHILE Files Connect IS RUNNING. After Files Connect is stopped, issue the following command to removed the index stream: delstream "D:\Macintosh Files:GLIAFP\_Mapping" When you restart Files Connect, it will begin to rebuild the index stream. This may resolve problems you are experiencing. In addition to the mapping stream Files Connect will periodically prune the mapping to remove old invalid data. If the server is stopped during pruning a second stream will exists "GLIAFP\_MappingPruned". When deleting the original mapping, users should also remove this mapping to insure all streams are removed. An example would be: delstream "D:\Macintosh Files:GLIAFP\_MappingPruned"

## EZIPUTIL command line tool

EZIPUTIL allows you to use and manage Files Connect at the command line. To start using this tool, at the command line, navigate to the Files Connect installation directory, and run EZIPUTIL with no additional arguments. This provides you with more information about four major categories: **Server**, **Volume**, **Print** and **Session**. Selecting any one of them shows further list of available commands and examples.

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### Note

You must add a space before every option used at the command line.

For example: C:\Program Files (x86)\Acronis\Access\Files Connect>eziputil volume /edit /name:1 /support\_acls:false

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**All available commands are listed below.**

## SERVER

To start Files Connect:

EZIPUTIL SERVER /START

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To stop Files Connect:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /STOP
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – if not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To suspend file services:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /SUSPEND
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

[/DELAY:minutes] – delay in minutes (1 – 60 minutes). Default is 2 minutes

[/MESSAGE:message] – message to send to client

[/ALLOW-LOGIN] – allow client to login during scheduled suspend

To cancel scheduled suspend and resume file services:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /RESUME
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To get server statistics from Files Connect:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /INFO
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To get a list of open files from Files Connect:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /FILES
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To get a list of currently logged-in users from Files Connect:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /USERS
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To refresh settings from the registry:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /REFRESH_REGISTRY
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To manage Files Connect's Service Connection Point:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER/SCP
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

[/N = fully qualified domain name] (default = local machine name)]

[/I] to Install the SCP (which overwrites any previously defined SCP)

[/U] to uninstall the SCP

[/D] to display the SCP

[/Q] 'quiet' mode – output or prompts will not be written to the window

[/L] to log the results of the operation to Exe'.\EzScpManager.log'

[/S = ServiceName] to override 'ExtremeZ-IP' stored in SCP when installing

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**Note**

/I, /U, and /D are mutually exclusive.

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To spool the debug log:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /SPOOL_LOG
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To prune all volume IDIndexMaps:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /PRUNE
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To get server status from Files Connect:

```
EZIPUTIL SERVER /STATUS
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

## VOLUME

To add a volume:

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /ADD

/NAME:volumename

/PATH:root directory path

[/READONLY:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/GUESTSALLOWED:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is TRUE

[/PASSWORD:password] – The default is **no password**

[/MAXUSERS:number|UNLIMITED] – The default is UNLIMITED

[/PERSIST:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is TRUE

[/HOMEDIRECTORY:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/SEARCHINDEX:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is TRUE

[/SEARCHINDEXPATH:index path] – The default is the root of the volume

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

**Available in ExtremeZ-IP 5.2 and later:**

[/RESET\_PERMISSIONS:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/FILENAME\_POLICY:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/IS\_TM\_VOLUME:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/USE\_TM\_QUOTA:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/TM\_QUOTA:number] – The default is 100

[/SUPPORT\_ACLS:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/SUPPORT\_SPOTLIGHT:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

To edit a volume:

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /EDIT

/NAME:volumename

[/PATH:root directory path]

[/READONLY:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/GUESTSALLOWED:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is TRUE

[/PASSWORD:password] – The default is **no password**

[/MAXUSERS:number|UNLIMITED] – The default is UNLIMITED

[/HOMEDIRECTORY:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/SEARCHINDEX:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is TRUE

[/SEARCHINDEXPATH:index path] – The default is the root of the volume

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

**Available in ExtremeZ-IP 5.2 and later:**

[/RESET\_PERMISSIONS:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/FILENAME\_POLICY:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/IS\_TM\_VOLUME:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/USE\_TM\_QUOTA:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/TM\_QUOTA:number] – The default is 100

[/SUPPORT\_ACLS:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

[/SUPPORT\_SPOTLIGHT:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

To remove a volume:

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /REMOVE

/NAME:volumename

[/DISCONNECT:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE. If TRUE, connected users will be disconnected

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To suspend a volume:

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /SUSPEND

/NAME:volumename

[/DISCONNECT:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE. If TRUE, connected users will be disconnected

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To restart a volume:

```
EZIPUTIL VOLUME /RESTART
```

```
/NAME:volumename
```

```
    [/DISCONNECT:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE. If TRUE, connected users will be disconnected
```

```
    [/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local
```

```
    [/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'
```

To rebuild volume's search index:

```
EZIPUTIL VOLUME /REINDEX
```

```
    /NAME:volumename
```

```
    [/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local
```

```
    [/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'
```

To rebuild volume's WS search index:

**(Available in Files Connect 10.6.4 and later)**

```
EZIPUTIL VOLUME /WS_REINDEX
```

```
    /NAME:volumename
```

```
    [/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local
```

```
    [/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'
```

To rebuild volume's Acronis Content Indexing search index:

**(Available in Files Connect 10.6.4 and later)**

```
EZIPUTIL VOLUME /ACI_REINDEX
```

```
    /NAME:volumename
```

```
    [/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local
```

```
    [/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'
```

To update volume's Acronis Content Indexing search index:

**(Available in Files Connect 10.6.4 and later)**

```
EZIPUTIL VOLUME /ACI_UPDATE
```

```
    /NAME:volumename
```

```
    [/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local
```

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To get a list of volumes:

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /LIST

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To configure options on a volume:

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /SET

/NAME:volumename

[/OS9ICON:path to OS 9 icon]

[/OSXICON:path to OS X icon]

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To migrate SFM shares (Available in ExtremeZ-IP 5.2 and later):

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /MIGRATE\_SFM

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To replicate SMB shares (Available in ExtremeZ-IP 5.2 and later):

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /REPLICATE\_SMB

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To produce File Name Policy Violations report:

EZIPUTIL VOLUME /FNPVR

[/NAME:volumename] or '\*' (asterisk), for all volumes (the default)

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

## **PRINT**

To add a print queue:

EZIPUTIL PRINT /ADD

/NAME:queuename  
/METHOD:method – Processing method (see below)  
[/PPD:PPD file path]  
[/PPD\_ONLY\_FROM\_SERVER:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE  
[/PERSIST:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is TRUE  
[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local  
[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

When using the /ADD command, you may pass the following options to specify the processing method:

/METHOD:WINDOWS/PRINTER:printer  
/METHOD:LPRHOST:host [/QUEUE:queue]  
/METHOD:DIRECTORY/PATH:path to directory

To rename a print queue:

```
EZIPUTIL PRINT /RENAME
```

/NAME:queuename  
/NEWNAME:newqueuename  
[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local  
[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To remove a print queue:

```
EZIPUTIL PRINT /REMOVE
```

/NAME:queuename  
[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local  
[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To get a list of print queues:

```
EZIPUTIL PRINT /LIST
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local  
[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To refresh validation code text files for all queues:

```
EZIPUTIL PRINT /REFRESH_CODES
```

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local



[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To export the print processing log to a text file:

EZIPUTIL PRINT /EXPORT\_LOG

[/CLEARLOG:TRUE|FALSE] – The default is FALSE

/PATH:fullpathoflogfile

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To restart a print queue:

EZIPUTIL PRINT /RESTART

/NAME:queuename

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To suspend a print queue:

EZIPUTIL PRINT /SUSPEND

/NAME:queuename

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To replicate shared Windows queues (Available in ExtremeZ-IP 5.2 and later):

EZIPUTIL PRINT /IMPORT:WINDOWS

/NAME:queuename

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To disable the Print Server (persists until print server is explicitly restarted):

EZIPUTIL PRINT /STOP

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servername] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

To enable the Print Server (persists until print server is explicitly stopped):

EZIPUTIL PRINT /START

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

## SESSION

To send a message to connected Mac client(s):

```
EZIPUTIL SESSION /SEND_MESSAGE
```

/MSG:message – the message to send

[/USER\_NAME:username] user name or '\*' (asterisk), for all clients (the default)

[/SERVERNAME:servername] – If not local

[/SERVICENAME:servicename] – If not 'ExtremeZ-IP'

## Network Reshare and Kerberos authentication under the local SYSTEM account

It is possible to configure Files Connect and Kerberos authentication so that you can access Network Reshare volumes with the Files Connect service running under the Windows local SYSTEM account, and not under a dedicated Active Directory user account.

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### Warning!

This setup does not meet the highest security standards and it is not recommended for production environments. However, if you need exactly this type of configuration, follow the steps below.

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## Configuring Network Reshare

### On the remote SMB shares server

1. From **Windows Administrative Tools** in the **Windows Start menu**, navigate to **Computer Management > Local users and groups > Groups**.
2. Double click **Administrators**, and then press **Add**.
3. In **Object** types, ensure that the check box **Computers** is selected.
4. Enter the object name for the Files Connect server machine and press **OK**.
5. Close all open dialog boxes by pressing **OK**.

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### Note

Ensure that this Computer object has *Full control* permissions on the remote SMB shares. On EMC Isilon, true Full Control requires that the object is granted the Isilon right *Run as root*. On NetApp, true Full Control requires that the object is part of NetApp's Administrators group.

With some NAS devices, it might not be possible to grant full control over an SMB share to a Computer object. In such a case, create an Active Directory Group and add the specific Computer object in it, then grant full control permissions to the newly created AD group itself.

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**Note**

In order for Time Machine to work on remote SMB shares, the Computer object must have explicit (not as a part of a group) Full Control permissions on them. Otherwise, such volumes could be mounted, but their backups will fail and an error message “File not found” will be added to the log.

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**On the Files Connect server machine**

1. Open the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator** and select **Settings**.
  2. Under the **File Server** tab, click **Enable Network Reshare support**. The **Enable Network Reshare support** button is in the **Miscellaneous** section.
  3. Restart the Files Connect service.
  4. In the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator**, select **Volumes**.
  5. In the **Volumes** dialog box, click **Create**, and then choose **On another server**.
  6. Type the UNC path to the desired SMB reshare and press **OK**.
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**Note**

Ensure that you use a FQDN or NetBIOS name, and not an IP address, otherwise Kerberos logins will fail.

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## Enabling Kerberos authentication

**On the Files Connect server machine**

1. Open the **Acronis Files Connect Administrator** and select **Settings**.
2. Under the **File Server** tab, select the **Allow Kerberos Logins** check box and press **OK**. The **Allow Kerberos Logins** check box is in the **Login Methods** section.

**In Active Directory**

1. Log in to the Domain Controller and select **Users and Computers**.
  2. Right click the Files Connect Server computer object and select **Properties**.
  3. In the **Delegation** tab select the **Trust this computer for delegation to specified services only** radio button and then select **Use any authentication protocol**.
  4. Press **Add** and locate the desired SMB reshare target machine.
  5. In the **Add Services** dialog box, select service type **cifs**.
  6. Close all open dialog boxes by pressing **OK**.
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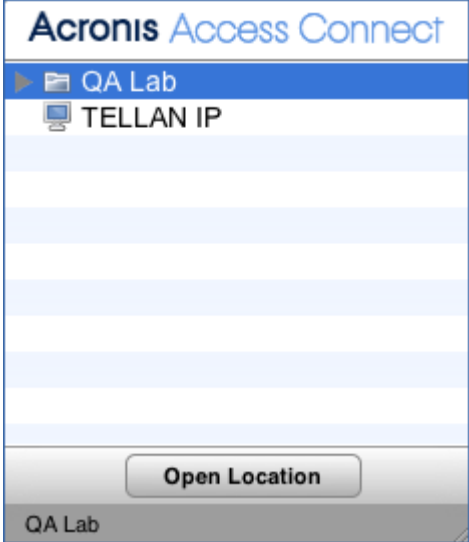
**Note**

If you decide to switch from using a Windows local SYSTEM account to a dedicated Active Directory account, ensure that you clear the **Allow Kerberos Logins** check box in the Acronis Files Connect Administrator first, then proceed with the [Initial Network Reshare configuration](#).

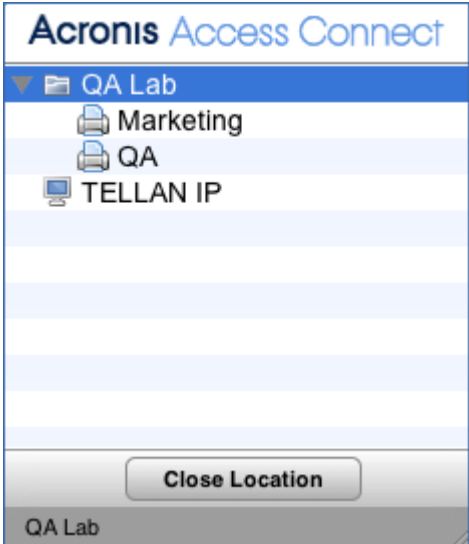
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# Zidget Help

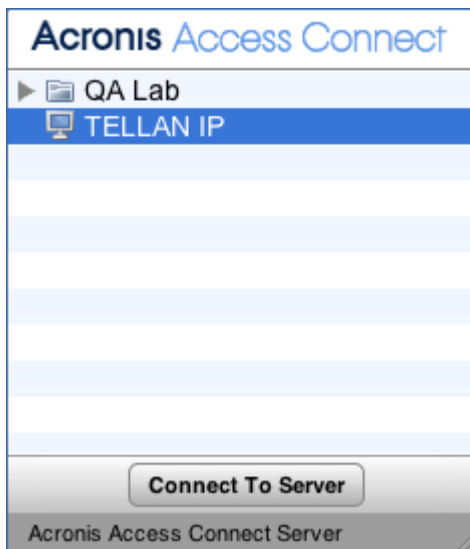
The Files Connect Zidget is a Dashboard widget that helps you easily locate Files Connect file servers and printers on your network.



The Zidget can display file servers and printers either in groups, without groups, or a combination of both, depending on how your systems administrator has configured Files Connect. In the example above, the first listing "**Support**" is a group. You can expand the group by selecting "**Support**" and either clicking the **Open Location** button or double clicking the group.



Expanding the group will reveal any file servers, printers, and subgroups located within in it. Your systems administrator may choose to use these groups to organize resources by location, department, purpose, etc.



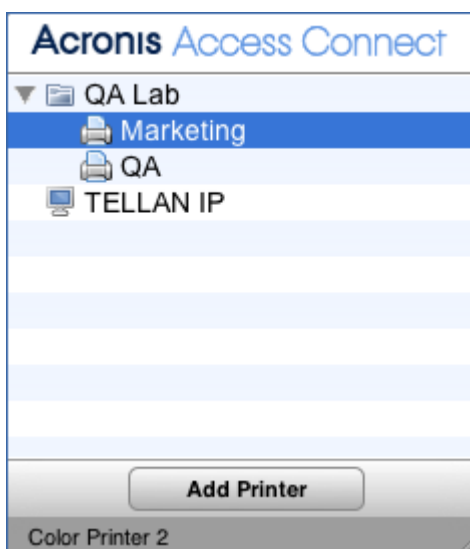
To connect to a file server, you can double click it or simply select it and click the **Connect To Server** button. Your Dashboard will immediately minimize and you will be presented with the Mac OS X server login dialog.

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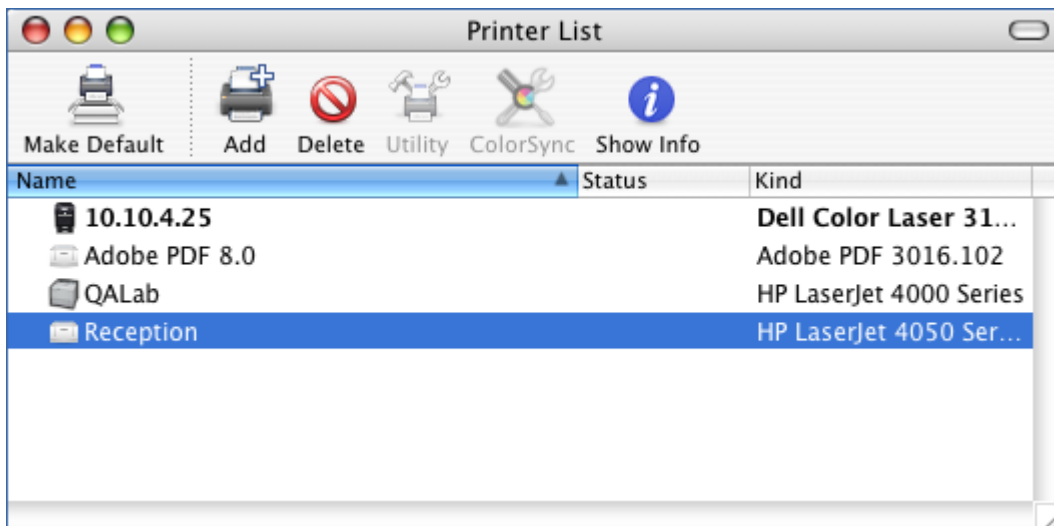
#### Note

When you select a group, file server, or printer, the status bar at the bottom of the Zidget will display an optional description created by your systems administrator.

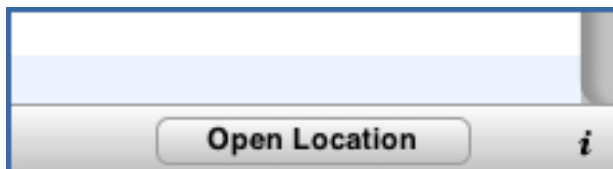
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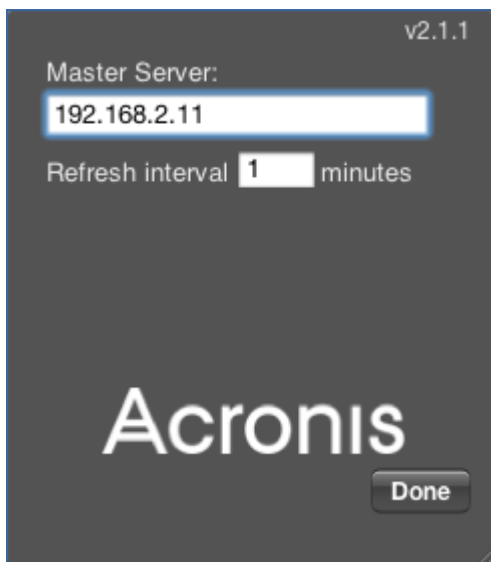
To add a printer, you can double click it or simply select it and click the **Add Printer** button. Your Dashboard will remain visible but you will receive a **Printer Added** confirmation in the status bar at the bottom of the Zidget.



The printer will be available for use immediately and will be shown in the Mac OS X Printer Setup Utility.



Your Zidget must be configured to access information about file servers and printers from a specific server on your network. This server name was most likely preconfigured by your systems administrator. If you find that you have to change this setting, click the "i" button at the bottom right of the Zidget to access the configuration options. The **Primary Server** setting can be modified here.



## Known issues

Below, you will find a list of all known software or configurations that can result in some loss of Files Connect functionality.

- If you have more than one Active Directory server, and Files Connect is installed on your domain controller, you will encounter AD replication issues by doing the Network Reshare and Kerberos authentication steps.
- Users are unable to input a password for protected volumes on computers running Mac OS X 10.11 and higher. This is an issue in Mac OS X 10.11 and higher.
- Volumes with volume passwords set in Files Connect cannot be mounted via Finder.app, and prevent browsing the server on which they are located.

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### Note

The volume password is distinct from the password that a user needs to access the server.

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- Files Connect can send messages to AFP connected clients but OS X 10.9 and above no longer natively display these server messages.
- In versions older than 10.6.3 the Filename Policy Violation Report depends on a catalog index, which doesn't exist for reshare volumes.
- The Files Connect service can't be sharing data at the same time as a DFS Replication job is run on that data. If it is, there is a risk of corrupting data.
- Print accounting is not supported on 64 bit operating systems.
- The print service does not support bi-directional communication. If Files Connect cannot find an unidirectional print driver, you will be unable to use Files Connect printing.
- Expanding local drives while they are being shared via Files Connect is not supported. The recommended procedure is to remove all affected Files Connect volumes from Files Connect, expand the desired drive(s) and re-add the volumes in Files Connect.
- When using Files Connect Network Reshare feature to share a DFS namespace, attempting to move folders from one root folder to another will result in an error.

## What's New

For information on current and past releases, please refer to [Acronis Files Connect Release History](#).