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TOPIC -----

A/UX 3.0 Macintosh partition doesn't show on the desktop when logged in as anything but the root. I went into the startup shell, as it says to do in the TIL article, and the password check option was already off. When we rebooted A/UX and logged in as a user we still couldn't see the Macintosh partition.

Is there somewhere else that might be storing this bit or is there some preferences file we could throw away?

DISCUSSION -----

The problem might be the existence of the /etc/auxstartuprc file in the system.

According to the manual pages of auxstartuprc(4), "whether the /etc/auxstartuprc file is empty or not, and whether A/UX Startup has Password checking disabled or not, the EXISTENCE of /etc/auxstartuprc causes the A/UX Finder to suppress the display of a desktop icon for the Macintosh volume residing on the root disk, for normal users except the 'root' account."

If the /etc/auxstartuprc exists and is EMPTY, and Password checking in A/UX Startup is disabled, the /etc/auxstartuprc file will automatically be removed by A/UX Startup. If the Password checking is enabled, the empty /etc/auxstartuprc file will be re-created.

Note that a non-empty /etc/auxstartuprc file will never be removed by A/UX Startup even if the Password checking is disabled.

If you don't need a secure A/UX Startup, and you give any user total access

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to A/UX Startup and the Macintosh volume on the root disk, do the following:

- Disable Password checking
- Remove /etc/auxstartuprc, or rename it

See auxstartuprc (4) NOTES for more information.

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