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TOPIC -----

This article describes how the PowerTalk Key Chain protects access to the services available through Catalogs and Mailbox icons. The PowerTalk Key Chain provides users with one stop access to a variety of collaboration services.

DISCUSSION -----

In today's electronically connected world, a user may receive incoming messages from an overwhelming number of sources. It is not uncommon for employees to have accounts on a network mail system (for example, AppleLink, Internet, or other company mail system), a LAN mail system (for example, QuickMail), and voice mail. Logging into multiple message services can be time consuming as well as confusing.

The PowerTalk Key Chain makes it possible to access all of these services while remembering only one Access Code to access all of the other catalog and messaging services they may use.

The first time AOCE services are accessed after installation, the user will be prompted to enter an Access Code for the PowerTalk Key Chain.

The PowerTalk Key Chain protects access to other messaging and catalog services available through PowerTalk. In order to access services protected by PowerTalk, the user must enter the correct Access Code.

Unlike the Catalogs or In Tray icons, the PowerTalk Key Chain icon can be moved from the desktop. Once the PowerTalk Key Chain has been created, the user can move it to anywhere on the local disk.

Once the PowerTalk Key Chain has been configured, the user can configure access to other services into the PowerTalk Key Chain.

For example, the PowerTalk Key Chain can be configured to give a user access to messaging services available through both Direct AppleTalk mail and a PowerShare Mail Server. The Key Chain can also have a key for an AppleShare file server. The user has to configure access to the services once. After the initial configuration is complete, the user only has to remember the access code to their PowerTalk Key Chain to access all services linked to keys in the PowerTalk Key Chain.

- Changing The PowerTalk Key Chain Name

To change the name of the PowerTalk Key Chain, click the PowerTalk Key Chain icon in the upper right hand corner of the PowerTalk Key Chain window.

The user then has the option of entering either a new PowerTalk Key Chain name or a new Access Code.

- Automatically Locking The PowerTalk Key Chain

The PowerTalk Key Chain must be unlocked each time the Macintosh computer boots. This prevents unauthorized use of the services protected by the PowerTalk Key Chain.

The AOCE PowerTalk Key Chain will also lock itself after a period of inactivity. The timeout period can be controlled using the AOCE Setup control panel. By default, the automatic locking feature is turned off. To enable it, enter a number in the AOCE Setup control panel dialog box.

If a user is going to be away from their Macintosh computer for a period of time and would like to prevent someone else from accessing the services protected by the PowerTalk Key Chain, it is possible to lock the PowerTalk Key Chain. To do this, select Lock Key Chain from the Special menu. Once the PowerTalk Key Chain has been locked, PowerTalk services will not be available on this Macintosh computer until the user provides the correct access code to unlock the PowerTalk Key Chain.

- Access Code Requirements

The Access Code must be greater than six characters in length. Apple recommends that access codes include symbols or numbers as well as letters.

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