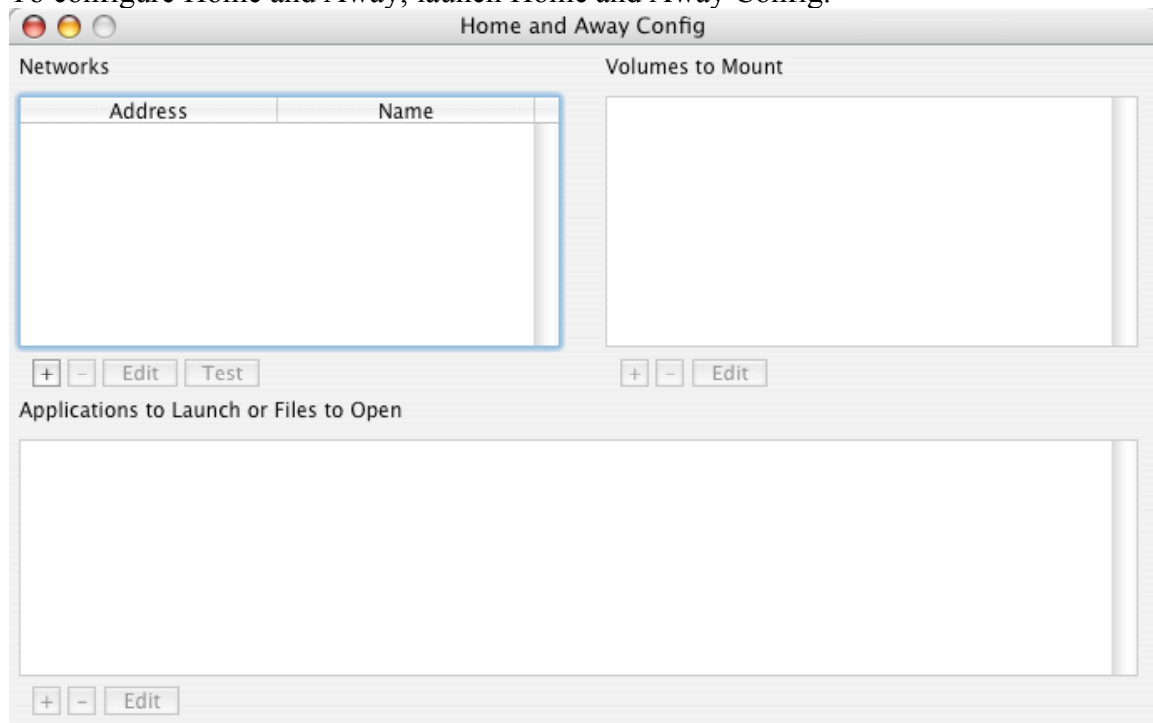# Home and Away

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If you take your laptop back and forth to work (or anywhere else), you may find that, depending where you are, you want certain volumes to mount and certain applications to launch. Home and Away can automate this task for you by allowing you to set up different networks. The network you are connected to will determine which volumes are mounted and which applications are launched. Even if you don't have a laptop, Home and Away can still provide an easy way to mount volumes and launch several applications on login.

Installation

Copy the Home and Away folder to any place you desire on your hard drive. If you want Home and Away to launch at login, open up the System Preferences and select Accounts. Click on your account. Then click on the Startup Items tab and click on the plus (+) button. Navigate to the Home and Away folder and select Home and Away Launcher.
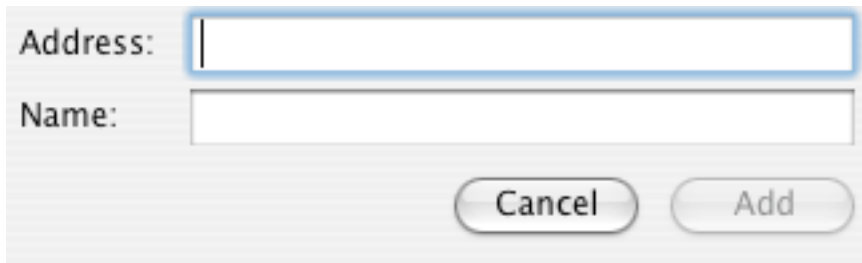
Configuration

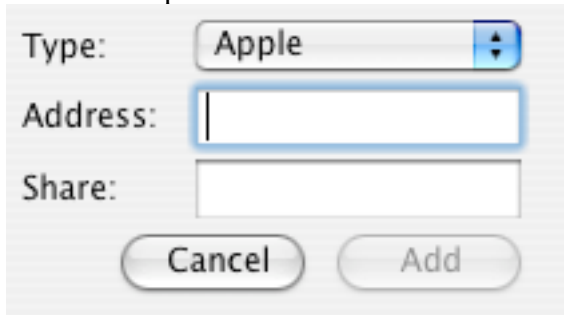To configure Home and Away, launch Home and Away Config.

Adding a Network

The first thing you will want to do is add a network. To do so, click on the plus button below the Networks list box.

Address: [   ]
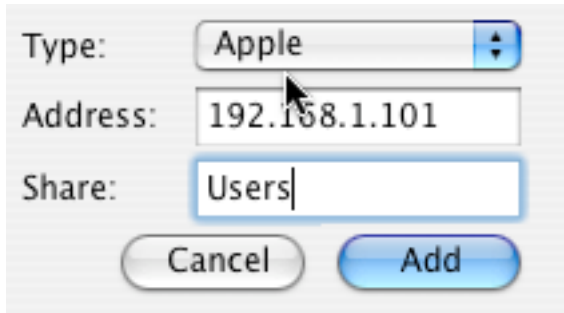
Name: [   ]

(Cancel) (Add)

Enter the IP address of the network and its name. Please note that, in order for Home and Away to work properly, the IP address should be an internal IP (i.e. 192.168.x.x). Click on Add.

Adding a Volume to Mount

To add a volume to mount, first select the network from the Networks list box. Then click on the plus button below the Volumes to Mount list box.

Type: [Apple ▲▼]

Address: [   ]

Share: [   ]

(Cancel) (Add)

Select the type of volume (Apple, Windows, FTP, or HTTP) from the popup menu. Enter the address of the volume and the name of the share. For example:

Type: [Apple ▲▼]

Address: [192.168.1.101]

Share: [Users]

(Cancel) (Add)

Adding Applications to Launch or Files to Open

To add an application to launch or file to open, first select the network from the Networks list box. Then click on the plus button below the Applications to Launch or Files to Open list box. A standard open file dialog box will appear. Just navigate to the application or file you wish and click Open.

Saving Your Changes

When you quit Home and Away Config, your changes will be automatically saved.

Testing Your Configuration

To test your configuration, click on the Test Configuration button in the lower right corner. This will launch Home and Away Launcher.

Other Items

You will notice that there is a minus button and an Edit button under each list box. The minus button will delete the selected entry and the Edit button will edit the selected entry. You will also notice a Test button under the Networks list box. This will test the selected network for connectivity.

If you have any questions, ideas, or problems, send an email to
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