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Bob Koehler wrote:

> *Double clicking on the file is supposed to use the resource fork to
> find and open the proper application. I don't know the details, but
> I always assumed that had something to do with how the viruses were
> rampant on our Macs years ago.*

Nop. Double clicking on a file does not open its resource. It looks in the file header for the file type as well as application code (each 4 bytes) and then looks up the application "directory" to find which executable is responsible for this file.

An application would have to specifically load some specific (code) resource from a data file and execute it. It would never execute by itself.

Now, if the user downloaded an "APPL" type file (application), and double clicked on it, then, of course, it would execute.