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TOPIC -----

I want connect a Macintosh directly to an IBM 3174/3274/3276 TCU using Type A coax cabling.

The communication protocol required is IBM 3270 D.S. with support for CUT and DFT modes. There must be file transfer facilities which interfaces with FT/TSO on the IBM host. The software must also be compatible with SAG's Natural/Connection software.

I'm interested in trying MacDFT with Coax/Twinax card, but I need to know if MacDFT is compatible with SAG's Natural/Connection software.

DISCUSSION -----

Software AG does distribute a "Natural Connection for the Macintosh" (and for OS/2, and for MS-DOS). It requires a minimum of a Macintosh Plus, with 1MB of RAM and 2 floppies. Their Macintosh application consumes from 348K of RAM (B/W) to 640K (color) or more depending upon the font selected. For color or MultiFinder support you must use Macintosh System Software 6.0.4 or later. The host Natural software must be version 1.2 or 2.1.

The hardware supported include the Apple Coax/Twinax card, DCA's MacIrma, and Avatar's MacMainFrame. AppleTalk support is provided via the Netway 1000 or 2000. The host and client software also supports dialup connectivity.

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