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TOPIC ---

We would like to run PATHWORKS on our VAX systems. However, we are
entirely based on TCP/IP and don't run DECnet at all. We are using TCP
Connect II on Macintosh computers.

The other difficulty is that we don't use DEC's TCP/IP, but rather,
Wollongong's TCP/IP.

Will this work?

DISCUSSION --

PATHWORKS for Macintosh is a Digital product. It is sold and supported by
Digital. The official line from Digital is that they only support their
version of TCP/IP.

You won't be able to get all the components to work if you don't allow
DECnet protocols, since most of them rely on DECnet. The most common thing
people use TCP/IP for is MacX and DECwindows; if you use another package,
you need to make some adjustments for this to work. For instance, you will
have to log on to the VAX via Telenet, and under VMS, create a display for
DECwindows with the $ SET DISPLAY command. You will have to know what
parameter to specify for /TRANSPORT because the keyword TCPIP is reserved
for the Digital TCP package. After you successfully create the display,
you may use the $ SPAWN or $ RUN/DETACH command to execute the DECwindows
client over the display.

The bottom line is that you will have to work with both Digital and
Wollongong to get the correct syntax for different operations. If you are
very interested in running PATHWORKS in this environment, we suggest you

discuss the situation with the Digital Account Rep for an official Digital solution.

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