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TOPIC -----

I have a PowerBook, which I use to fax documents. Some phone systems have a different kind of dial tone, so I make a manual connection and the Fax software works. Is there another way to send a fax and ignore the dial tone?

DISCUSSION -----

Normally you could enter an X1 modem command either manually or through a modem script to tell the modem to ignore dial tone, but with the Fax Sender software that isn't possible. One workaround is to enter a comma as the first character of the phone number (that is, ",408-555-1212"). A comma is intended to insert a pause in the dialing sequence, but one of the side effects is that everything after the comma is blind dialed, ignoring dial tone. It's an odd but effective way to use the modem when it doesn't recognize dial tone.

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