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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Mail Service Access Modules of Apple Open Collaborative Environment (AOCE).

DISCUSSION -----

Just as Catalog Service Access Modules provide access to external catalog services, Mail Service Access Modules provide access to messaging services. With the appropriate Mail Service Access Module, a PowerTalk user will be able to exchange messages with users on a variety of platforms and message delivery systems. Mail Service Access Modules will be provided by third parties.

At the time PowerTalk ships, some of the Mail Service Access Modules that will be available are: SMTP, Microsoft Mail, FAX, voice mail, QuickMail, and pager. This is partial list with many other MSAMs under development and available shortly after product ship.

There are two different types of Mail Service Access Modules: personal and server-based. A personal Mail Service Access Module resides on the local user's workstation. A server-based Mail Service Access Module resides on a PowerShare Mail Server. Letters sent through the server-based Mail Service Access Module are sent first to the PowerShare server and then out through the Mail Service Access Module.

This is a different situation from Catalog Service Access Modules where Catalog Service Access Modules could reside only on the local workstation.

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