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TOPIC ---

This article describes what Native means when referring to Native Power Macintosh applications.

DISCUSSION ---

First for some definitions.

• Native application, is an application whose executable code is in the instruction set architecture of the CPU.

• PowerPC Native application, is an application that contains code only for a PowerPC microprocessor.

• 680x0 Native application, is an application that contains code only for a 680x0 microprocessor.

Since the Power Macintosh provides 68LC040 emulation for application compatibility, native or native application came to mean executable code, both system routines and third-party software, which runs on the hardware CPU, a PowerPC 601 microprocessor. It distinguishes between software running in emulation, and software running on the hardware.

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