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TOPIC -----

My PCI-based Power Macintosh computer has two Ethernet ports. Can I use both of them at the same time or does one port takes priority if I have two active connections?

DISCUSSION -----

The Power Macintosh 7200, 7500, 7600, 8500, and 9500 series computers have a built-in Ethernet port (comprised of one Ethernet controller chip) which accepts either a 10baseT cable or the Apple Ethernet (AAUI) adapter for thicknet or thinnet cables. The Ethernet port has two connectors but operates only one of them at a time. If devices are plugged into both connectors, the system defaults to the 10baseT connection.

Note: This information is taken from the Power Macintosh 7500/8500 Developer Notes.

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