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LocalTalk PC Card: How to Run TOPS on It

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TOPIC -----

I have a problem with TOPS on my LocalTalk PC Card; I can't get it to start. I have talked with TOPS, and they told me to load Apple's driver in CONFIG.SYS. I am using TOPS 2.1 and AppleShare PC 1.2. What driver should I load in the CONFIG.SYS file to run TOPS on my LocalTalk PC Card?

DISCUSSION -----

We believe that the file you are talking about is the ATALK.EXE file. This program is installed when you run the AppleShare PC Installer program, and when run, loads the LocalTalk PC Card driver into memory. We suggest that the best way to get all of the files installed in the right order and place is to run the Installer program. It places a line in the AUTOEXEC.BAT file that loads the LocalTalk PC Card driver at startup. Complete instructions on how to install all of the AppleShare PC program are in the "AppleShare PC User's Guide" on pages 7 through 14.

If you want to modify the AUTOEXEC.BAT file to load the ATALK.EXE file, it is important to get the order in which you execute the AppleShare PC installation files correct. The order of the six basic files is:

- 1) ATALK
- 2) ASHARE
- 3) MINSSES
- 4) REDIR
- 5) ANET AUTO
- 6) DA/R

Instructions for this are on pages 184 and 185 of the "AppleShare PC User's Guide."

You also might have to change the "Lastdrive" command in CONFIG.SYS. This command specifies the maximum number of drives that DOS recognizes. The default highest drive is E. To specify a greater number of drives, give the highest drive a letter you are likely to use. For example, "LASTDRIVE = F" gives you six possible drives. This is the only change that you may need to make to the CONFIG.SYS file.

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