AppleTalk Network: Remote Dial-In Access from MS-DOS

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TOPIC ---

I want to add a remote on-campus PC-compatible to our AppleTalk network, via a
Northern Telecom SL-1. We're planning to install a Liaison router on the
LocalTalk side. Is there an MS-DOS-based, asynchronous, dial-up Liaison client
product available for the PC (like the Macintosh version)?

DISCUSSION --

With DOS Dial-In (a Shiva product) a remote PC can dial into a LocalTalk
network and access files on a TOPS server or print to a LaserWriter. You will
need the following at the remote site:

- PC with a COM port

- a modem (9600 bps recommended)

- DOS Dial-In software

- TOPS/DOS 3.0 software (FlashCard not needed)

On the network you need:

- a Macintosh or PC running with a TOPS volume published and either

  - a Shiva TeleBridge or EtherGate with the same make and model modem; or

  - IF you are using a V.32 Hayes-compatible modem on PC, a Shiva NetModem V.32

As of October, 1990, DOS Dial-In supports TOPS file-sharing only. AppleShare
will be added very shortly. You can currently access E-mail with DOS Dial-In
as well. You should use QuickMail, Microsoft Mail, or InBox. You need to use
the TOPS drivers on the remote PC to use these mail packages with DOS Dial-In.

Solana also has a product, "PC NetAccess," through which MS-DOS
computers can dial-in to an AppleTalk network via their R-Servers.

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