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Serial NB Card: Use with Multiple Modems (5/96)

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TOPIC -----

I want to connect multiple modems to my Macintosh. I know that I can do this with the Serial NB Card, but is there software to support it?

DISCUSSION -----

Apple Remote Access Multiport Server uses the Serial NB card to connect 4 modems for Remote Access connections. The Multiport Server software can support additional Serial NB cards expanding the modem ports even further. The limit will depend on the number of NuBus slots in your Macintosh.

For a non-ARA solution, Apple has software for the Serial NB Card, however, most often its the applications that do not support multiple modems. They use only one port of the card.

You could use any telecommunications application that can operate in the background under MultiFinder. MicroPhone II version 3.0 lets several copies run under MultiFinder. The three issues involved are:

- Background operation
- The ability to work with NuBus-based serial ports
- Each copy is using a separate serial port

The publisher of MicroPhone II, Software Ventures, suggests checking with their technical support group when trying to use NuBus serial cards. This is a good suggestion for any telecommunications application that may be used in this situation--not every application currently provides support for NuBus serial cards.

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