Open Transport 1.0.8: For More Information Q & A (3/96)

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This article is a series of questions and answers on getting more information on
Open Transport 1.0.8.

Open Transport 1.1 is now available, and Apple recommends upgrading to it. Also
refer to Open Transport 1.1 Reference Questions and Answers Tech Info Library
articles for the most recent information.

DISCUSSION --

Question: How can interested parties get more information on Open Transport?

Answer: Documentation for Open Transport is publicly available by anonymous ftp
on the Internet at ftp://seeding.apple.com/opentransport/. There you will find
release notes, general information (including the latest version of this Q&A),
and developer notes from the SDK.

Question: How can interested customers apply to receive pre-release copies of
Open Transport for implementation testing?

Answer: The Open Transport Early Access program was announced in March 1995.
Based on the overwhelming customer response this program is now enrolled to
capacity -- no further applications can be accepted or approved. Alternatively,
you should contact your local Apple Computer support representative concerning
locally supported seeding programs.

The final Open Transport 1.1 software will be available in the near future.

Question: How can interested developers apply to receive pre-release copies of
Open Transport for development and testing?

Answer: The Open Transport developer seeding program has reached over 5,000
developers to date. As the final code for Open Transport 1.1 is nearing
completion, Apple will move to make the Open Transport Software Developers Kit
(SDK) widely available through electronic information services, including select
sites on the Internet. The Open Transport SDK will also be included on the next

issue of the Mac OS SDK, available from APDA.

No further pre-release seeding of the Open Transport 1.1 SDK is planned at this time. Following the shipment of version 1.1, a new seeding program is planned for future versions of Open Transport. Details of additional seeding programs will be announced at a later date.

Question: How can developers get support while developing Open Transport applications?

Answer: Open Transport is a strategic and supported technology. Apple Developer Support services have engineering specialists fully trained on Open Transport development and debugging. Access to these engineers is just one of the benefits of the Apple Developer Partner's program.

For more information on Apple's Developer Support services, including information on how to register as an Apple Developer Partner, contact the Macintosh Developer Services Information Line at US 1-408-974-4897.

For developers who are not a part of one of Apple's Developer Support services programs, the Open Transport engineering team has established an email address for general feedback: opentpt@applelink.apple.com. This address is not for technical support, however, nor can all inquiries can be acknowledged.

Question: Are there general reference sources on XTI, STREAMs and DLPI?

Answer: Sources of information that are applicable to XTI and STREAMs include:

- OSF/1 Operating System: Network Applications Programmer's Guide; Open Software Foundation, Prentice Hall, ISBN 0-13-640145-7
- UNIX Network Programming; W. Richard Stevens, Prentice Hall, ISBN 0-13-949876-1
- UNIX System V Release 4: Programmer's Guide: STREAMs; Unix Press (A Prentice Hall title), ISBN - 0-13-020660-1
- Programming UNIX SVR4.2: Network Programming Interfaces; UNIX Press (A Prentice Hall title), ISBN 0-13-017641-9
- X/Open CAE Specification: X/Open Transport Interface (XTI); X/Open Company, Ltd. (XO/CAE/91/600) ISBN 1-872630-29-4
- Transport Provider Interface Specification, rev 1.5 (92/12/10); UNIX International, OSI Special Interest Group
- Data Link Provider Interface Specification, rev 2.0.0 (91/08/20); UNIX International, OSI Work Group

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