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## SNA•ps Gateway: Can't Be Used With Token Ring NB/c Card (9/94)

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TOPIC -----

Can I use the Apple Token Ring NB/c card with SNA•ps Gateway, SNA•ps 5250, or SNA•ps 3270 software?

DISCUSSION -----

No. The Apple Token Ring NB/c card is not MCP (Macintosh Coprocessor Platform) compliant. In other words, this card does not have an on-board microprocessor. The SNA•ps Gateway, SNA•ps 5250 and SNA•ps 3270 software require a coprocessor on the communications card.

The reason a coprocessor is needed is that the SNA•ps gateway software is actually downloaded onto the communications card. The card then handles all the processing necessary to establish and maintain an SNA connection with the IBM host computer.

You can run the SNA•ps 5250 GC or SNA•ps 3270 GC (gateway client) software on a Macintosh with the Token Ring NB/c card. The SNA•ps client software communicates with the SNA•ps gateway using AppleTalk protocols, which the Token Ring NB/c card supports.

The full size Apple 4/16 Token Ring NB card and Serial NB card (which are required to run the SNA•ps gateway software) will not fit inside the Centris/Quadra 610, Quadra 660AV, or Power Macintosh 6100. Therefore, these Macintosh models cannot be used as SNA•ps gateways.

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