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VAX to Mac Special Character Translation On The Fly (9/93)

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TOPIC -----

Is there a way to automatic translate text files created on a VAX with edit/edt, characters like "áéíóúñÑ", to be correctly read on a Macintosh? The configuration is a VAX with PATHWORKS v 1.1, with file transfer being done by copying the text files from a VAXshare volume mounted on the Macintosh desktop.

I know that it can be done via a small program (HyperCard?) looking for the special characters and replacing them for the Macintosh equivalent ones, but this is not as automatic as I want or need. Also I have seen that Mac340 emulation contains a Kermit based file transfer that allows this automatic translation, but this is also not acceptable, because the file transfer should be done via AppleTalk, and using Mac340 (or similar) means extra costs.

DISCUSSION -----

Digital engineering told us that the only parts of PATHWORKS that currently handle this are NetCopy and FAL in DECnet for Macintosh, and Mail for Macintosh. DECnet allows you to select character translations for the transfer of TEXT files, and Mail does for mail messages. Digital does not have any specific plans to enhance this in the future.

We are also not aware of any other third party software that allows this kind of translation on the fly.

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