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Macintosh: How To Transfer CP/M Text Files

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TOPIC -----

There are two ways to move documents from a CP/M machine to a Macintosh. The first is to put the documents in text-only format and send them through the serial port. The second is to use a "disk translator" program.

DISCUSSION -----

- Serial Port Transfer

To send documents from a CP/M system to a Macintosh, first save the files from the application that originated them as text-only documents on the CP/M system. Next, transfer the files through the serial port to a Macintosh using a terminal emulator. The computers can be connected via modem or direct cables. Transferred text files are easily opened by most Macintosh applications.

- Disk Translator Programs

There are several products on the market for the IBM and for CP/M machines that read and write different disk formats. One such program is Media Master for the IBM. This program lets you insert a non-IBM-format disk, like Kaypro, SuperBrain, Osborne, or other, into the IBM and save it to IBM format. Once the information is in IBM format, you can use Apple File Exchange, Apple PC Exchange or any other DOS-to-Mac transfer utility to read the information on the Macintosh. The Apple FDHD SuperDrive allows direct transfer of the data from an IBM 3.5-inch disk.

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