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## Shiva NetSerial: Capable of NetComm Hunt Group

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### TOPIC -----

I have an AppleTalk network (40 workstations, two servers, bridge, etc.). I need to add about 10 shareable serial ports to bridge into an existing Wang system.

Ideally, I'd like to find some device like a comm-port server; something with up to ten ports that would manage the allocation of the ports. I have considered using ten Shiva NetSerials, but I don't like the "trial and error" method of finding an available NetSerial.

Does anyone make a device like this? Apparently there is something like this in the Novell world, where a PC is dedicated to be a comm server, and manages all shared-port access. Any ideas?

### DISCUSSION -----

From your description, it sounds as if you desire a network communication "hunt group"-type service, where if the first communication server is busy, it will hunt automatically for the next available communication server.

You can do this right now with the Shiva NetSerials. Simply choose all of NetSerials you wish have in your "hunt group" via the Chooser, and your call will be routed through whichever NetSerial is available. And of course, because the NetSerial is an independent (after initial configuration) network device, you won't need to dedicate a computer to manage it.

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