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Quadra 840AV: Unusual Ethernet Address (10/94)

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TOPIC ---

By Option-clicking on the Ethernet icon in the MacTCP Control Panel, I am
getting the Ethernet hardware address of my Quadra 840AV. The address I get back
is nothing like everyone else's which starts with 08.

Is this number correct, or invalid? It seems exceptionally high. If this number
is invalid, what should I do?

DISCUSSION --

Apple provides a mechanism that allows the physical Ethernet address of a card
or system to be different than the physical Ethernet address built in to the
Ethernet card or Macintosh logic board.

The "aa 00 04" is registered for use by DECnet nodes. TSSnet from Thursby
Software Systems changes the physical Ethernet address by adding an 'eadr'
resource to the System file. Inside this resource is 6 bytes that make the
physical address that is to be used.

If the customer is not using DECNet software and wants to change back to the
real physical Ethernet address, they can remove the 'eadr' resource from the
System file or delete the System Folder and reinstall.

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