Macintosh: Network Fax Modems (9/93)

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TOPIC ---

Is there a network fax modem for the Macintosh?

DISCUSSION --

There are three products that may serve your needs.
These include:

• Xecom's QuadPort Network Modem family
• Ricoh's DX-1
• Microsoft's FaxGate

QuadPort Network Modem Family from Xecom

These are four channel NuBus data and fax/data modem server products
for the Macintosh II family.

The QuadPort Network server product line provides centralized,
high-density, telecommunications resources inside a Macintosh II
computer. Users can share as many as 24 modems or fax/data modems in
AppleTalk, EtherTalk, or TokenTalk network environments.

DX-1 from Ricoh

Ricoh's DX-1 lets Macintosh and many laptop computers communicate with
local and remote Group 3 fax machines. Under it, a local fax machine
can serve as a computer printer and scanner.

When DX-1 software runs from a computer on a network, users can
transmit faxes from computer to computer on the network, without the
use of fax boards or fax modems. It can serve as a fax traffic
director at a hub unit, automatically saving received documents to
disk or switching them to a local fax for printing or storage in fax
memory.

FaxGate from Microsoft

With FaxGate and BackFax, a single fax modem and phone line can serve

the fax needs of all users on a Microsoft Mail or QuickMail network.
Memos prepared with either LAN-based mail system can be routed to
recipients at fax machines around the world in addition to, or instead
of, recipients on the local network.

Note: BackFax software is no longer available. Fax Pro for Macintosh
from Delrina Technologies replaces BackFax.

To locate a vendor's address and phone numbers, use the vendor name as
a search string.

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