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DAL Server for MVS/VTAM

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TOPIC -----

I'm about to purchase DAL for VTAM. Is the following information correct?

- 1) TCP/IP is not currently supported.
- 2) SNA support is available via Netway 2000, Avatar, and MacIrma, but not via SNA•ps.
- 3) There are no extra pieces needed on the IBM (in addition to DAL). I have experience with a few other products that require LU6.2. DAL for VTAM does not require LU6.2. DAL for VTAM doesn't run under CICS.

DISCUSSION -----

- 1) This is correct. DAL 1.3 only supports MacTCP connection to IBM host systems running VM.
- 2) The following connections are available using the 3270 display station (LU2) communications protocols:
 - MacDFT Coax/Twinax, TokenTalk NB Card, or Serial NB Card
 - Netway 1000/2000
 - MacMainFrame
 - MacIrma

Additionally, with SNA•ps, you can define a connection using the APPC display station (LU6.2) communications protocol. Use this connection if your Macintosh connects to an IBM mainframe through a LocalTalk or Ethernet network which has access to a SNA•ps 1.0.1 gateway.

- 3) Correct. CICS 1.7 or later is optional, and is required only if you are using the CICS Passthru program to access the VTAM server.

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