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## DAL Server for VAX/VMS: Details and System Requirements

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### TOPIC -----

This article gives the product details, language specifications, and system requirement for using Data Access Language (DAL) Server for VAX/VMS.

### DISCUSSION -----

#### Product Details

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- Database Support
  - Informix version 2.1 (or later)
  - Ingres version 6.1 (or later)
  - Oracle version 5.1.22 (or later)
  - Oracle version 6.0
  - Rdb/SQL version 3.1 (or later)
  - Sybase SQL Server version 3.0 (or later)
  
- Client Support
  - Uniform support for any application developed with DAL Developer's Toolkit for the Macintosh using a supported network
  
- Network Support
  - Asynchronous direct and dial-up connections
  - Support for the AppleTalk network system (requires AppleTalk for VMS version 2.0.6 or later for Phase I and version 2.1 for Phase II), which is supplied with DAL Server for VAX/VMS.
  
- Asynchronous Communications
  - Transmission speed: 300 to 19,200 baud
  - Character length: 7 or 8 data bits; 1 or 2 stop bits
  - Parity: odd, even, or none
  - Handshake
    - XON/XOFF and none
    - Modem and direct connections
    - Log-on sequence specification
  - Protocol
    - Error-correcting (16-bit CRC)

- Data compression
- Binary data transparency
  
- Resource Usage
  - 1MB of disk storage
  - Proper usage verified by test program
  - One sharable, reentrant 200K-300K process shared by all attached Macintosh applications

#### Language Specifications

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DAL is a complete language for describing connectivity tasks. DAL consists of these statement groups:

- Host Connection Statements  
These establish and terminate a connection to a host system in the network, providing concurrent access to multiple hosts running DAL Servers.
  
- Data Manipulation Statements  
These offer complete ANSI standard level 1, SQL-based data access to host databases.
  
- Program Structure Statements  
These support testing, looping, and procedure calls within a DAL program.
  
- Output Statements  
These generate output messages from the DAL program. The Client application processes these messages.

#### System Requirements

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To use the DAL Server for VAX/VMS, you need the following:

- Host environment: VAX/VMS version 5.1 (or later)
  - Macintosh computer clients running DAL-compatible applications
  - One or more of the supported database management systems
  - The appropriate networking hardware and software
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