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## MacX: X-Client Access For Macintosh Software (2/93)

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TOPIC -----

Does MacX implement local X-Client access for Macintosh software such as MacWrite or Word? That is, can a person run MacWrite as an X-client (on a MacX Server) so that they can have access to it from another Macintosh?

Pieces involved: MacX Server with MacWrite. A Macintosh hooked up to the Server that wants to run MacX from the server.

DISCUSSION -----

There seems to be some confusion as to what MacX allows you to do. The MacX 1.2 product is a full X Window System, Version 11, Release 4 server that is compatible with Macintosh system software version 7.1. You can also use MacX 1.2 on a Macintosh computer running system software version 6.0.5 or later.

MacX will allow xclients to display on a Macintosh, not a Macintosh application to display on another X Window server.

Please note that in the X Window System, the "Server" is the display where the windows are viewed and the "client" is the program being displayed.

To do what you want to do, you need a program that will turn a Macintosh into an X Window client. Two such programs are available:

- XGator, by Cayman Systems, Inc.
- XPort, by Perfect Products

Both products require a dedicated Macintosh for each X Window Server where you want the Macintosh Desktop Available. Both programs display the Macintosh Desktop inside an X Window. You then have remote access to the Macintosh where the program is running as if you were sitting in front of it. (This is very similar to what the program Timbuktu does in the Macintosh environment.) Please keep in mind that the performance will be very dependent on the type of Macintosh being used to run the XPort or XGator program, the network traffic, and the X Window server where the

Macintosh Desktop is being displayed.

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

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