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FTP Servers for the Macintosh

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TOPIC -----

Is there a product that supports an FTP server on the Macintosh that runs in the background? We have a requirement to send files from TCP/IP equipped VAX and UNIX machines to a Macintosh in the background. Does the Apple Comm Toolbox support this? Does the Comm toolbox support socket-level programming? What other products support socket-level programming?

DISCUSSION -----

The CommToolBox does not provide support for socket-style programming while using MacTCP. There are currently no commercial products that provide a socket-style interface for MacTCP.

There are two commercial products that provide an FTP server for the Macintosh. They are:

- Advanced Software's TCPack. It supports Telnet and ftp (client and server) protocols.
- InterCon's TCP/Connect II. It supports Telnet, snmp, SLIP, nntp, POP2, finger, smtp, and ftp (client and server) protocols.

There is a non-commercial (public domain) product that provides an FTP server for the Macintosh. That is NCSA Telnet from the University of Illinois at Champaign. It supports telnet and ftp (client and server) protocols.

The University of Toronto has a MacTCP-based socket library. This is a public-domain, non-supported product.

Novell also provides a socket-level interface to their TCP/IP product (LAN workplace). This product is not based on MacTCP, but on their own TCP/IP implementation.

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