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## MacTCP: Gateway Address; TokenTalk Support

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TOPIC -----

Here are two MacTCP questions:

- 1) What is the "gateway address" box? I know that this is not the address box for a DDP/IP gateway (like a FastPath) for providing server-based addressing. The MacTCP Admin manual mentions that this "gateway address" has something to do with network access when full RIP support is not available.
- 2) I've seen that MacTCP works with "TokenTalk" (not native TCP support for Token Ring). Is this an "officially supported" configuration?

DISCUSSION -----

- 1) The MacTCP Control Panel setting for the "gateway address" does not have any function in relation to the DDP/IP gateway used for TCP/IP encapsulation in AppleTalk. The "gateway address" is used when MacTCP is talking native TCP/IP over Ethernet. If your network does not have a RIP (Route Information Protocol) process running on a router connected to the network, the default gateway address is used to locate routes to "smart" gateways, which might be connected to much larger outside networks, like the Internet. Most BSD UNIX systems are capable of running a RIP process.
  - 2) Yes, we support running TCP/IP encapsulated in AppleTalk over Ethernet, Token Ring, or LocalTalk. The physical media does not play a large part in the ability of an encapsulating protocol to function properly.
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