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RMS and DATATRIEVE: Macintosh File Access

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TOPIC -----

Are you aware of a product for the Macintosh that allows direct access to RMS flat files? I am looking for programs that also support DATATRIEVE.

Also, is DATATRIEVE -- which was supported under CDD (Common Data Dictionary) -- supported under CDD+?

DISCUSSION -----

1) We are not aware of a product for the Macintosh that provides an interface to a flat file system such as RMS. Although the capability does exist in the Data Access Language (formerly CL/1) architecture, it would require development efforts on the host, since no such host services have been developed to our knowledge.

One option would be to develop your own environment on the host using MacWorkStation. Since the interface to the RMS file system is provided through VMS run time libraries, you could write a MacWorkStation application that accessed those libraries and presented them on the Macintosh. However, this would restrict the presentation on the Macintosh to MacWorkStation, and you would have to use Copy and Paste to transfer the information to other applications.

2) We are not aware of any product for the Macintosh that supports VAX DATATRIEVE. Please note the VAX DATATRIEVE is a query and report system and is a uniform access method for data stored by RMS, VAX Rdb, and VAX DBMS files; it does not have its own file architecture. Programmable softkeys such as ones provided by PacerLink can be used to program DATATRIEVE commands. If you are looking for products to access RMS files, then the answer is the same as in (1) above.

3) According to DEC's Pre-purchase Technical Assistance, VAX DATATRIEVE version 5.0 will work with VAX Common Data Dictionary/Plus (VAX CDD/Plus version 4.2) and VAX CDD as long as you run VAX/VMS 5.2 or 5.3.

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