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Network Assistant: Using the Network Performance Report (8/96)

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TOPIC -----

This article comes from the Apple Network Administrator Toolkit (ANAT) manual and describes how the information from the Network Performance Report can be used.

DISCUSSION -----

The Network Performance Report includes information that you can use to evaluate the performance of your network. Here are some suggestions for using the Network Performance Report:

- The number of routers between your workstation and another workstation can affect the time the packets take to return. When you evaluate the times for a workstation, you should compare them to the times for a workstation in the same area of the network or with the same number of intervening routers.
- If the number of routers is not what you expect, there may be a problem with your network.
- If the maximum time for a packet to return from a workstation is significantly greater than the times for other workstations in the same area of your network, there may be a problem with the workstation.
- If a single workstation has a large number of lost packets, there may be a problem with the network connection to that workstation.
- If several workstations in the same area of the network have a large number of lost packets, there may be a network connection problem or a problem with an intervening router or bridge.

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