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Apple LAN Utility 1.0b4e1: ReadMe File (10/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article contains the Read Me file included with the Apple LAN Utility 1.0b4e1 posted online. This update adds support for the PCI-based Power Macintosh 7200, 7500 and 8500 computers.

DISCUSSION -----

Apple LAN Utility version 1.0b4e1

The Apple LAN Utility is provided to perform the following tasks for Apple LAN interfaces:

- 1) Obtain the burned-in address without connecting to a network.
- 2) Override the burned-in address with a locally-administered address (this is mostly done in SNA and DECNet environments).
- 3) Set the speed for token ring interfaces that are software selectable.

The utility is intended to handle all Apple ethernet and token ring interfaces, whether built-in or on cards. When run, the utility opens one window per interface present in the machine, describing what its configuration will be the next time that interface is activated. This utility makes no attempt to alter the current operation of an active interface.

To make any changes to an interface, it is necessary to choose "Allow Changes" from the Edit menu. This was provided to minimize the chance of accidentally overriding a burned-in address.

To remove a locally-administered address, either clear the entry or set it to 12 zeroes.

The utility can save a tab-delimited text file describing the machine's configuration. The file has the following format:

- Line 1: The Macintosh model, machine name and user name
- Line 2: Title strings
- Lines 3 - n: One line per interface with bus/slot, interface name, burned-in address, local address and speed

The addresses are given in hexadecimal and are quoted to allow the file to be

imported into a spreadsheet if desired.

Although the text file is rather ugly when viewed in TeachText/SimpleText, it can be made to look better when viewed in a word processor or spreadsheet program by adjusting the tabs or cell sizes appropriately.

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Release Notes

Version 1.0b4 includes the following changes:

Support was added for newer PCI-based Power Macintoshes - the 7200, 7500 and 8500.

Version 1.0b3 includes the following changes:

Support was added for the Power Macintosh 9500.

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