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DAL, DAM, and System 7

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TOPIC -----

From a recent press release:

"Information Builders, Inc. (IBI) ... will develop System 7.0 Data Access Manager support for its EDA/SQL client."

How do we differentiate DAL and DAM? Are Macintosh DAL-compatible applications written to work with DAL, or DAM, or both? Will ClearAccess, DataPrism, Excel, WingZ, 1-2-3, and so on work with this DAM-compatible product -- or will they only work directly with DAL?

DISCUSSION -----

The DAL client runs under the Data Access Manager of System 7 as a database extension. The DAM API and the DAL API have differences in implementation. Install DAL resources into System 7 in a similar fashion to the System 6, and operate outside the control of DAM. With this type of installation, all DAL written applications such as ClearAccess, Excel, Wings, and so on, would run on a System 7 computer.

The application is written to use the API desired by the writer. If DAM is chosen then the API calls below, to DAL, are hidden from the application and DAL is installed the same as if it were to be accessed directly. That is, one system installation can support both DAM and DAL applications simultaneously.

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